



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th July 2020

Dear Friends

Winter greetings!!!

I was delighted last weekend to see so many more of you coming along to Mass at Freshwater and at Manly, young and old alike. Please remember to exercise extra care with social distancing and hand washing during these uncertain times; if you are feeling unwell in any way please do not come into the Church.

This Sunday at 8:30am Mass we welcome with great joy Farrel, Amelia, Helena and Paul who will be welcomed into full Communion with the Catholic Church and will be Confirmed by me. Bishop Anthony has granted me delegation to Confirm them.

All parishes in the Diocese have received important news regarding the future of our parish Sacramental Program. Please read this on page 3 of today's bulletin.

We are familiar with the expression "from little things big things grow". We recall that Jesus fed the 5000 with a few loaves and fishes. In today's gospel Jesus uses the image of mustard seeds and yeast to remind us that our faith has simple beginnings but can achieve great things if we are willing to share it with others.



ILLUMINATIONS BY MIKE MOYERS

Fr David Taylor

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed . . . the smallest of all seeds, yet when full grown is the largest of plants . . .

***"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."* Matthew 13: 24-43**

The seeds of maths and Shakespeare

Learning to read back in the first grade began with a series of cards or posters: A is for apple, B is for ball, C is for cookie (or celery), D is for dog — and we worked so hard to learn those sounds: *a*-pple, *b*-all, *c*-ookie, *d*-dog. Once we learned to make the right sound to the right letter, we were able to sound out combinations of letters that formed words. And we were reading! A wonderful new world of story and expression and learning was now open to us. Think about how far you've come since 'See John run' was the height of great literature.

And then there were numbers. First, we had to recognize that the numerals one through ten represented specific amounts of apples, cookies, pennies. Then we moved on, with the help of pie tins and pizza slices, to fractions. The next time you marvel at balancing your monthly accounts, stop and remember that it all began with ten apples. *...Continued on page 6*



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for July – Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Facebook– [manlyfreshwaterparish](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish) Sunday 8:30am Mass

Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor
Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim
Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati & Paula Martin
Pastoral Coordinator: Michelle Ellis

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Presbytery: 9977 2100

After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

Weekend Masses:

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses:

Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: by appointment only

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath

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St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699 Principal: Judy Slattery

St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 Principal: Chris Browne

Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie



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PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

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YouTube: Manlyfreshwaterparish

Or bit.ly/2EIGEu7 or frpaulkim

(one word with no space). You can view the YouTube videos thru the parish facebook, click on the link

Parish website:

bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing.

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community



St Vincent de Paul Notice during COVID-19 lockdown

For assistance with food, clothing or other emergencies please call St Vincent de Paul Northern Beaches Regional Office 9905 0424.

If you would like to donate nonperishable food, it can be dropped off at 684 Pittwater Road, Brookvale– rear entrance (off the carpark)

If you wish to donate clothing it will be accepted at the SVDP Shop Brookvale, Rogers Street, between 9am – 3pm.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 800pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

July 2020

Year A

Mon 20/7 – 16th week in Ord Time	Micah 6:1-4,6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tue 21/7 – 16th week in Ord Time	Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wed 22/7 – St Mary Magdalene	Songs 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Thurs 23/7 – 16th week in Ord Time	Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Fri 24/7 – 16th week in Ord Time	Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Sat 25/7 – St James	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Sun 26/7 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kg 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

LET US PRAY FOR

19th July 2020

Recently Deceased: Emma Crawford

Anniversary: George Reynolds; Molly Gilligan; Les Connors; Joseph Panetta

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Eugenia Cavazzoni, Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Vanessa Squirrel; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; John Beninati; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Christin Simpson; Mary Meppam



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the Church.

Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion Commences Next Weekend with The Presentation Mass



First Holy Communion will be held over the weekend of 22nd & 23rd August. This year due to COVID 19 restrictions we will be changing the way we do our preparation program. We ask that the Parents prepare the children using the Preparation Booklet supplied by the Diocese.

As part of the program we ask that the Children and the Parents come along to Mass for 4 weeks prior to the First Holy Communion weekend. Following each of the Masses the Children will receive a sticker for their Passports and they will require 4 stickers to confirm they have completed the program and are ready to make their First Holy Communion.

The Presentation Mass will be held at all Masses over the **weekend of 25th and 26th July**. For further information contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

Welcome Back to Masses - There is no longer a limit to how many people can gather in our Churches, but we are still required to implement the Government requirement of 4sqm social distancing and the collection of attendees information. For Sunday and vigil Masses we will be preparing an ongoing list for those who regularly attend a specific Mass. A Welcomer at the Mass will mark off your name. If you are not on the list the Welcomer will take your name and contact details.

Please observe the following Guidelines.

PLEASE KEEP 4sqm APART FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING



PLEASE SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE



PLEASE SIGN THE CHURCH VISITATION SHEET



PLEASE SIT ONLY ON THE GREEN DOT (FAMILIES MAY SIT TOGETHER)



Changes to the Sacramental Program

Last week Parishes in the Diocese received a letter from Bishop Anthony regarding the changes to the Sacramental Program and especially to the celebration of Confirmation in 2020 in light of the Covid 19 restrictions.

Bishop Anthony advised that having considered the matter fully and subsequent to his discussions last week with the Council of Priest he wishes to bring to you the following forward:

1. He is committed to the order of the Sacraments of Initiation being Baptism – Confirmation – Eucharist.
2. As Bishop he is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation and does not wish this to be compromised by widespread delegation of the faculty.
3. Given the uncertainty of how restrictions for gatherings may be eased in the future and given the constraints of time before November after which it would not be desirable to celebrate the Sacrament, **he will not celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at all for 2020.**
4. Feedback that Bishop Anthony has received about the celebration of Confirmation indicates to him that the practice of celebrating it with those who reached the age of 7 (typically those in Year 2 of school) is too early for a truly meaningful reception of the Sacrament. Therefore, He wishes to use the circumstance afforded us negatively, the pandemic, to place our practice of Sacramental preparation, positively, on a new footing going forward.
5. This will result in Confirmation in the future ordinarily being celebrated with those who have reached the age of 8, and who are typically in Year 3. Reconciliation and Eucharist will therefore be celebrated with those who are aged 9 and are in Year 4.
6. Consequently, through 2021 - 2022, the foundation of a programme of Sacramental Preparation for children who are 8 and older will have been established across all parishes in the Diocese

Bishop Anthony regards this as the best and most sustainable way forward to address both the suspension of the celebration of Confirmation for the rest of this year, and engage the unique opportunity with which we are now presented to bring the Sacramental Preparation Programme into the future on a different footing for children who are older and more able to appreciate the significance of their Christian Initiation.



New time for Online Mass will be streamed on **Facebook during the 8.30am Mass.**

PRIVATE PRAYER Churches will be open for private prayer. Parishioners and visitors are asked to 'sign in' each time they visit on the sheet provided or advise the Parish Office. Please follow social distancing rules, and use hand sanitiser on arrival and departure.



Parish Collections and Donations

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have continued to support the Parish financially.

One of the health restrictions on our re-opened Churches is that we **no longer use collection plates during Mass.**

To help you to make your offering you can use one of the following options:

1. Use the **tap and go machines** at the Church entrance
2. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (1st collection and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
3. Continue to use direct debit with your **credit cards**
4. Making **deposits directly into the Parish 1st and 2nd collection accounts** (details in the bulletin).



DIRECT DEPOSIT

Parish Bank Account – 2nd collection funds the running of the Parish

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Please include your name or envelope number as reference

Parish Bank Account – 1st collection Support of our Priests

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Acc# 13958002
BSB: 062 784

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

GROUPS MEETING AGAIN

Our Meeting rooms are now able to be used again, with strict guidelines from the Government. Please contact the Parish Office if your group wishes to resume meetings.

Each person in your meeting, must sign in with name and phone number, as per Government requirements. Only 20 people are permitted to attend.



Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.



Playgroup at Manly will recommence on Monday 27th July at 9am in the Parish Hall.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Is held at Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am returning term 3
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

MANLY ROSTER

Mass Times	Ministry	17th Sun Ordinary Time - Week 3 25th – 26th July
6pm Vigil Mass	Snr Server	Freya Zemek
	Readers	Bill Tango
	Music	CD's
	AV Screens	
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Lynn Parkes
8:30am Mass	Flowers	Liz de Ambrosio
	Snr Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
10:30am Mass	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud Assistance Required
	Snr Server	Ron Gravalin
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Music	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
6pm Mass	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan
	Snr Server	Ivica Covic
	Readers	Dean Gale Sandie Cornish
	Music	Simon & Youth
	AV Screens	Youth
	Welcomers	Marianna Gale Gerard McMahon

FRESHWATER ROSTER

5pm Vigil	Snr Server	Ian Press
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield
	Music	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	Amanda Whitfield
9am Mass	Snr Server	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Joshua & Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margie Gruca
	Altar Society	Patricia & Solo Brown
	Welcomers	Assistance Required



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo

Bishop of Broken Bay

14 July 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week I reflected upon how Jesus is the foundation of our mission as a community of the Church, especially in his respect, protection, and care for the children, the vulnerable, and indeed all people. These are a description of our “core values”: respect, care, and protection of others. They are always Christ-centred and people oriented.

As a community of the faithful, an essential element of our vocation requires that we are to be vigilant in living these values. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, we are blessed to have a dedicated team whose mission is to assist us via ongoing formation and education regarding the safety of our children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

For my part, as your bishop, I meet regularly with the Director of the Office for Safeguarding. Together we discuss how as individuals and as a community we will ensure that our standards meet best practice procedures, which are correct and most effective. The work of our Safeguarding team allows me to have oversight of child related activities in our parishes, schools and works of mercy; screening and training procedures; visiting clergy audits; and Redress compliance.

I am grateful for this work as it allows full transparency and accountability and it is supported by external processes in collaboration with the Office of the Children’s Guardian. It is helpful to recognise this good work while at the same time recognising the need not to become complacent.

Within the Diocese, there is one Office for Safeguarding because we are one community of the Church. The Office includes three different teams for Chancery, Catholic Schools Office, and CatholicCare, which are under the direction of the Diocesan Director. Our Diocesan [website](#) has a dedicated page for the Safeguarding Office’s work and activities. On that page, you will find links to training and education, policies, resources and research.

Our Gospel values drive all this good work. It is important for me to ensure that our community of the Church is vigilant and that we have robust external processes to assist us in our mission to proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all.

Blessings on your week,

+Anthony

REFLECTION...

This Sunday we are reminded of God’s merciful love. We are always in need of forgiveness, and the readings today assure us both of God’s mercy and compassion and the promise of assistance. The Holy Spirit is given freely, to help us in our weakness.

Today’s **First Reading** reaffirms that God’s mighty strength is demonstrated through fair judgement. And, because God is lenient and kind to us, we are called to treat others in the same way.

The **Psalm** continues the theme of God’s quality of mercy. God is full of compassion, abounding in love and truth. God is forgiveness.

St Paul tells us that when we need help in this regard, the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. When I struggle to pray for what I need, the Spirit prays for me! (**Second Reading**).

The **Gospel** deals with the problem of evil. God’s kingdom is one of truth, justice and integrity, but it exists in an imperfect world. St Matthew tells us that God will be faithful to those who have tried to seek him in the midst of the reality of evil.

This week, with the help of the Spirit, who prays in and for us; may we receive what we need to cope with the evils of the world and with our own weaknesses, and may we find our strength in the loving mercy of God

LIVING FAITH BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Movie of the month – July Faustina – The Apostle of Divine Mercy - Only \$10

CD of the month – Did Jesus rise from the dead? Raymond de Souza This talk Only \$5 @ the piety store.

If you would like to purchase any items please call into the **Parish Office** during working hours.



Greeters at the Weekend Masses at both Freshwater & Manly

It is wonderful that we can come together again to celebrate Mass together. To ensure that we cover the Governments requirements regarding collection of information of those attending Mass we need a team of “Welcomers” to be rostered at each Mass to greet and mark off registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 for more information.



SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL 2020-Once again, we are asking you to help us with a donation. You can donate either directly to the Appeal through a bank transfer to

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Account number 10800670 and enter Manly or Freshwater on the reference line.

Alternatively, you can use a **donation envelope** available from your church and the envelopes can be left at the parish office .Finally, for those interested in a bargain or a donation of goods. The shop at 22 Roger Street Brookvale has reopened from 10am to 4pm, seven days each week. The Balgowlah and Manly shops remain closed just at present.

Mick O’Farrell (Freshwater Conference) and Bruce Whittet JP (Manly Conference)

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Remember the first time you met your spouse? Maybe it was a chance meeting with a simple Hello, a few awkward words might have been exchanged until you finally screwed up your courage to ask her out or you said yes to his tortured invitation, and somehow, in God's good time, the two of you connected — a relationship began and love blossomed.

None of us will ever forget this pandemic. It's been a time of fear and anxiety, of confusion and frustration. Many parts of our lives stopped or took strange, unexpected turns; we learned to do without, we learned to adapt and — most important of all — we learned to depend on one another. We've walked some treacherous ground these past few months and we're just starting to get our bearings again — but whatever the "new normal" will be like in the weeks and months ahead, many of us will begin our lives again with a little more gratitude, a little more patience, a little more humility.

The great events and moments of life begin with small things — from simple beginnings and basic principles life's greatest accomplishments and journeys come to be. Humanity's dreams of peace, community and justice are realized, first, in the simple, basic and small acts of goodness and generosity offered by individuals like you and me. Jesus invites us to embrace the simplicity of "mustard seed" faith: the ability to see the potential in the smallest of things and the courage and perseverance to unlock that potential. He calls us to realize the potential of the Gospel "yeast": to let the grace of God transform the flour and water of our lives into the "bread" of hope, of forgiveness, or justice, of peace.

Connections Mediaworks July 2020.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast – Matthew 13:31-33



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First Reading *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (JB)*

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. R.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. R.

Second Reading *Romans 8:26-27 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *cf Matthew 11:25 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-43 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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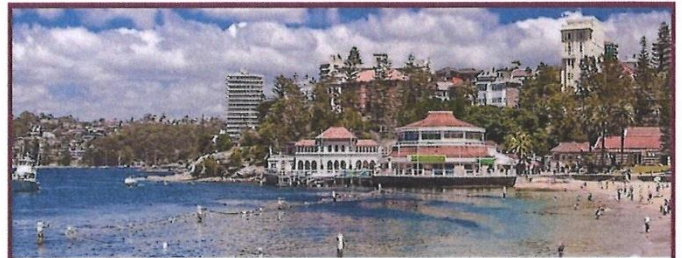
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