



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE**  
**04/08/2025**

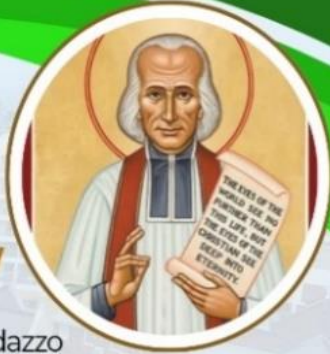


**JUBILEE OF PRIESTS**


**St Mary's Catholic Church, Manly**

To celebrate the Jubilee of Priests, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invites you to join him for an evening of prayer and fellowship. This will be a unique opportunity to meet priests from our diocese.

**5:00 pm Keynote talk**  
**6:00 pm Mass of St John Vianney**  
**7:00 pm Dinner in parish hall**



**REGISTER**



or email us: [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

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## Parking at Weekend Masses: A Message of Welcome, Safety, and Courtesy

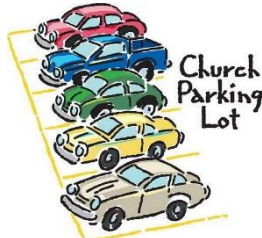
Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

It is a great blessing to see so many people gathering each weekend to celebrate Mass together at Manly. Whether you are a long-time member of our parish or visiting for the first time, your presence is a gift to our community, and we want you to feel truly welcomed and at home here.

As our numbers grow, we are aware that parking can sometimes be a challenge, especially at the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses. With this in mind, we would like to gently share a few reminders—rooted in both pastoral care and our shared responsibility for one another's safety.

### Keeping It Safe and Accessible

Please do **not double park or block other vehicles**. While it might seem like a quick solution, doing so can seriously hinder access—particularly in emergencies. If an ambulance or emergency service needs to reach someone and the driveway is blocked, it could delay urgent care. For this reason, **the driveway must remain completely clear at all times**.



### Making Use of Nearby Parking

If the parish car park is full, we warmly encourage you to take advantage of the Council car parks, all of which offer 2 hours of free parking:

- **Manly National Carpark** – Central Avenue
- **Pacific Waves Carpark** – Central Avenue
- **Whistler Street Carpark** – Whistler Street

These are just a short walk away and a helpful way to ease congestion here on parish grounds.

### For the 8:30am Mass Community

If you are attending the 8:30am Mass, please aim to move your car before 10:15am, especially if you are heading to morning tea or a gathering afterward. This helps free up space for those arriving for the 10:30am Mass.

### A Spirit of Hospitality

We never want someone to turn away from Sunday Mass because they could not find a place to park. Let us continue to make our parish a place of welcome and generosity, not only inside the church, but even in the way we share our car park. Every thoughtful decision helps someone else feel at ease and at home.

Thank you for your kindness, your cooperation, and the way you care for our shared community. We are grateful for each of you. *Fr Chima.*

## LET US PRAY FOR

20th July 2025

**Recently Deceased:** Wayne Storey; David Zemek;  
Carl Alexander Wescott

**Anniversary:** Yolanda La Cava; Christin Schaller;  
John Donnelly

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** “*Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage*” Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O’Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Rena Curll; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Peter Hoang Ngoc Thai; John Santos; Garry Kirkman; James Douglas; Fiona Hipkiss

### Dates to remember...

- **Spiritual Conversations Group** Thursday 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



### Sacrament of confession/reconciliation

is available in Manly every  
Saturday from 10am to 11am and  
Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY

**ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm**

**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and  
reconciliation will be available**

6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

**“Hours of Mercy” every First Wednesday from 6:00 pm to midnight**, we will hold a special time of grace and prayer. The evening will begin with **Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. This extended time of prayer allows us to deepen our relationship with God and receive the gift of **Plenary Indulgences**.



### Morning Prayer

During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are all invited to a deeper spiritual renewal, embracing prayer as a way to grow in faith and trust in God’s providence and love. As part of this journey, Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) will be prayed at 8:45am,

Tuesday to Friday, before Mass, at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly. This ancient prayer of the Church unites us in praise and reflection through Scripture and psalms, drawing us into the rhythm of daily prayer with the universal Church.

Prayer books will be provided, and all are welcome to join



### CAN’T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 582



## The Mission of the Lay Faithful Part 2 - Call for Re-Evangelisation

Last week, we began reflecting more deeply on **the mission of the lay faithful**, particularly on how they are called to **engage in all areas of social, cultural, economic, and political life**, animating these spheres with Christian values. This week, we turn to how the Church envisions this engagement, highlighting some contemporary challenges that require urgent attention.

One of the central themes of **Christifideles Laici** is the call to **“re-evangelisation.”** This refers to a **renewed missionary mandate** directed toward countries and societies where Christianity once thrived but where communities of faith now struggle due to the rise of secularism, atheism, and widespread religious indifference. This problem is most acutely felt in developed nations—such as Australia and other Western countries—where materialism and consumerism, often the by-products of wealth and affluence, have led many to live **“as if God did not exist”** (CL, 34).

In this context, re-evangelisation requires the lay faithful to help build **ecclesial communities with a missionary outlook**—actively reaching out to those who no longer believe, or who no longer live out the faith they received at baptism. This begins with a personal commitment by the laity to **ongoing formation and catechesis**, not only for themselves but also for their children. As parents, and by virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, they hold the primary responsibility for educating their children in the faith and Christian life.

However, this task of catechising is not the sole **prerogative of parents but of the whole church community**, due to the fact that parents and guardians often need the support of the whole community in educating and instructing the youth (and each other) in the virtues of faith and religion, especially by those in the community **gifted with the charism of teaching and catechising**. The synod fathers recognised this contribution, affirming that the work of catechists “carries great importance in animating ecclesial communities” (CL, 34).

Another dimension of **re-evangelisation** entrusted to the lay faithful is **fostering positive relationships with people of other religions**—those with whom they work and interact daily in an increasingly pluralistic society. These interactions must be guided by principles of **dialogue rooted in love and mutual respect**, aiming to promote **unity and friendship** among all people (CL, 35). The foundation for this approach lies in the Christian doctrine of the **Imago Dei**—that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God, regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity, and thus possesses **inherent personal dignity** (CSDC, 108; cf. Gn 1:27).

It is this respect for human dignity that obliges the lay faithful to **defend and promote authentic human rights** in every sphere of life, including advocating for the **religious dimension of the human person** and ensuring that all people are free to **exercise their faith** in society without fear or coercion (CL, 38).

Alfred Soliman Seminarian

### BROKEN BAY NEWS

Manly Freshwater Parish is featured in the June Edition. Pick up your free copy this weekend.

- Fr Marek pages 8 – 9
- A Pilgrimage of Hope – page 34
- Fr Chima – page 35







## Jubilee Shrine of Hope Mary Immaculate Church Manly

During 2025 Jubilee at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly you are able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence. An Indulgence is beautiful expression of God's mercy referring to the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven through Confession.

To obtain the Indulgence we must:

- Visit any Jubilee site and spend suitable time in Eucharistic Adoration and meditation
- Go to Confession
- Receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the Pope's Intentions
- Be Free from attachment of Sin

There are 3 other Churches in the Diocese which form the Diocese Pilgrimage. **Pilgrim Passports** can be found at the entrance to the Church. Please stamp your passport at the Shrine of St John Vianney.

### Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope

*Inspired by the Life and Witness of St. John Vianney*

Heavenly Father, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we thank You for the gift of our parish, Manly Freshwater, chosen as a shrine of hope for priests and vocations. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, the faithful shepherd of souls, renew in us a deep love for the priesthood and a commitment to fostering holy vocations in our community.

Lord, may this parish be a beacon of hope, where priests find strength and renewal, where Your faithful discover peace and encouragement, and where hearts are inspired to answer Your call with courage and joy.

Teach us, through the example of St. John Vianney, to love prayer deeply, to serve with humility, and to bring Your mercy and hope to those who seek You.

We entrust Manly Freshwater Parish and this Jubilee Year of Hope to Your loving care, confident that You will guide us to renewal and bless us with abundant vocations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Jubilee Year 2025** [bbjubilee.com.au](http://bbjubilee.com.au)

"We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to welcoming everyone with open arms—everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love." *Pope Leo XIV*  
8 May 2025



### .Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For formation in discernment.

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



If you require a **Tax Receipt** for Pastoral Works Broken Bay donations, please contact the parish office 9977 5822



## SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS GROUP

**Do you know someone thinking about becoming Catholic?**

A group has been established for those who are not baptised, or not fully initiated into the Church, and are **interested in exploring the Catholic faith**. This is *not* a general prayer group or ongoing formation class, but a space specifically for those **discerning entry into the Church**.

The group is informal and begins with conversation, a short reflection from Fr Sam, and time for open questions. It's the first step before the formal RCIA program kicks off in September.

The group meets on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm** at **St Mary's Parish Office**.

If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic, feel free to get in touch with **Fr Sam** at [sam.french@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:sam.french@bbcatholic.org.au)



### PILGRIMS TO THE SHRINE

On Tuesday we had 2 Dominican Sisters along with 5 young women who did a pilgrimage walk from Lidcombe to the St Vianney Shrine in Manly. They watched a video, had afternoon tea and spent time in prayer in the church before the relic.



### Piety Store - Manly



**Movie of the month** - Bravery under fire - Fr Willie Doyle SJ

A remarkable documentary on a military chaplain who has inspired thousands to call for his canonization and tell of his bravery under fire. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month** - Contraception - Cracking the myths - Prof Janet E Smith -A groundbreaking expose on the effect the contraceptive culture has on our relationships with God, romantic relationships and marriage. Backed by statistics and supported by decades of research. Only \$5 @ the piety store.

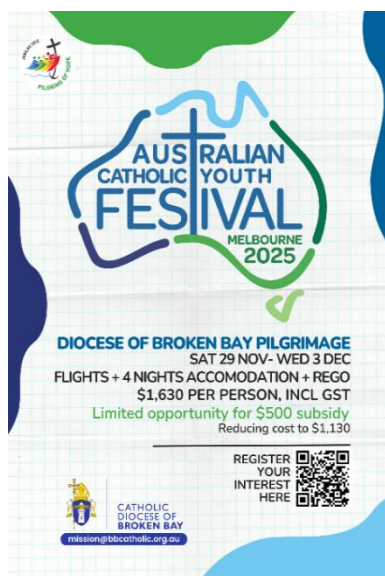


## IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE AT ST LEO'S WAITARA

From 10–13 July, the Christ Light Centre in Waitara was alive with energy and faith as the Diocese of Broken Bay hosted the Ignite Conference. Over 1,000 young people gathered to encounter Christ in powerful rallies, engaging talks and workshops, and moments of deep prayer through Adoration and Confession.

The Holy Spirit moved powerfully throughout the event, and many shared amazing testimonies of lives transformed by God's love and mercy. It was a time of renewal, connection, and inspiration for all who attended.

Our parish was proudly represented by 10 young adults, who returned with hearts on fire and stories of faith reignited. Please continue to pray for them and for all young people to grow in their relationship with Christ.



### Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025 Diocese of Broken Bay Pilgrimage on Sat 29 Nov – Wed 3 Dec

Calling all young people in Broken Bay. Join us in Melbourne, along with young Catholics from across Australia for a renewed, personal encounter with Jesus, at the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). Flights,

accommodation and registration \$1,630 per person. Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy. To register your interest, [click here](#).



On Tuesday morning we had the BIG TREE trimmed.



## Welcome to Our Parish!

If you are new to the Parish or are not currently registered, we warmly welcome you and ask that you complete a Parish Census form. This will assist us to connect with you and your family and advise you of any of our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate or emailed to the Parish Office [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

### PARISH MORNING TEAS



**MANLY:** First Sunday after the 8:30am Mass and every 3rd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass hosted by the Tongan Community.

**FRESHWATER:** every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the parish hall.

*Join us for morning tea and a chat.  
All welcome and bring a friend*



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



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am.

### YOUTH GROUP



**1st and 3rd Sunday** of the Month following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm).

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group. Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: [manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com)

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COMMUNITY

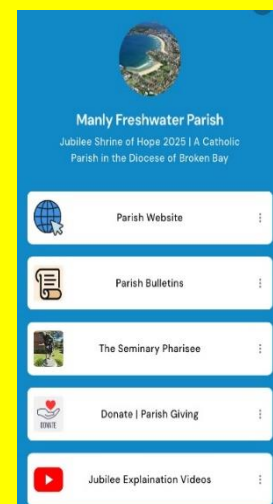
Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant  
Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish  
message: (6 Raglan St)  
Fr Marek at 0422532173  
or Cam at 0432895304

## Manly Freshwater Parish

### QR Code

You can view Fr Sam's 90 second Jubilee YouTube video by scanning the QR Code.

Other parish information can also be found.



### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 – Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:  
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm  
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



### Children's Liturgy

is held on the **1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass**

**Children's Activity pages** available at the entrance of the Churches.

**Children's Mass books** are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the Mass.

Mass booklets can be purchased from the Piety Store for \$10.00



### FAMILIES OF MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

- Tell us about your family!
- When did your family come to Manly-Freshwater parish?

Pick up a family information sheet at the entrance of the Church and once completed with a family photo please return it to the parish office. This information will be included in the parish's history and published next year.



Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the

Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash, there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

**PILOT PROGRAM** –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this.

The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

### SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS

**FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...**

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
5. **Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**
  - **Parish Giving (2nd collection)** Funds the running of the Parish



Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

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- **Clergy Giving (1st collection)**

Supports our Priests

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### HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email

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### DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically

### Planned giving envelopes

are now available at the back of the church to collect.



Is God calling you to make a difference in vocations ministry?

Serra vocations mass and dinner meeting

Thursday 24 July 2025

At sacred heart church Pymble

Commencing with mass at 6.30 pm

Our mass celebrant will be Father Bill Stevens who will be assisted by Deacon Paul Simmons. Father Bill will be our guest speaker and his topic will be "The Blessed virgin Mary".

Everyone is welcome, so please come and see.

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email [annayytleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annayytleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.



### Two Retreat Days:

Saturday 18 and 22 October

**Time:** 9am to 4pm each day

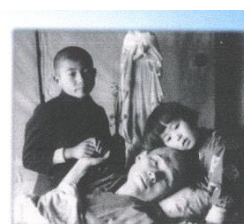
**Where:** Peter Canisius House, 102 Mona Vale Road, Pymble (see pictures below of the grounds, bushland, dining, and meeting facilities)  
**Price:** \$385 for both retreat days.

### BOOKINGS CLOSE FRI 3 OCT

<https://jisa.org.au/retreat/re-framing-hope-retreat-days/>

Presenters: Guy Yeomans (experienced Ignatian Spiritual Director), Professor Phil Siddall (Medical Specialist), and Rebecca McCabe (Physiotherapist).

### NAGASAKI PEACE DAY IN SYDNEY



Prayer and Mass for Peace – *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God (Mt 5:9)*

The Japanese Catholic Community of Sydney invites you to join in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing

of Nagasaki and praying for world peace through the celebration of Mass

Saturday 9th August 11am – 2pm at Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall Hunters Hill.

Registration for catering by 2nd August.

Contact Michi – [jpcathsyd@outlook.com](mailto:jpcathsyd@outlook.com)

*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 MANLY community.*

### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

**Parish website:** [bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](https://bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater)

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

### First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10 (JB)

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5 (JB)

**R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. R.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

He who keeps his pledge come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

### Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been

revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

cf Luke 8:15 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 10:38-42 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



### Gospel Reflection

We are all like Martha in our own anxiety over making all the pieces fit; we obsess about the details and peripherals at the expense of the important and lasting. "The better part" embraced by Mary transcends the pragmatic and practical concerns of the everyday and sees the hand of God in all things; the "better part" is to realize


the gratitude all of creation owes its loving Creator for the gift of life.

With so many agendas demanding our time and attention, Jesus calls us to consciously choose and seek out "the better part": to make a place in our lives for the joy and love of family and friends that is the presence of God.

It is a motto of Benedictine monasteries around the world: "Let all be received here as would Christ" (**The Rule of St. Benedict**, chapter 53). Like Abraham's welcome of the three strangers (today's first reading from Genesis 18) and the welcome Martha, Mary and Lazarus extend to Jesus in Bethany, hospitality is not only a holy responsibility but also a joyful opportunity to welcome and serve Jesus in the persons those who come to our tables.

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