



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd July 2023



### Gospel Reflection

Matthew's Gospel has been called the "Gospel of the Kingdom," containing some 51 references to the kingdom or reign of God. Three of Jesus' "kingdom" parables make up today's Gospel:

**The parable of the wheat and the weeds:** God's kingdom will be "harvested" from among the good that exists side-by-side with the bad. Palestinian farmers were plagued by **tares** – weeds that were very difficult to distinguish from good grain. The two would often grow together and become so intertwined that it was impossible to separate them without ripping both weed and plant from the ground. Jesus teaches his impatient followers that the Lord of the harvest is more concerned with the growth of the wheat than with the elimination of the weeds. The time for separation and burning will come in God's own time; our concern should be that of our own faithfulness.

**The parable of the mustard seed:** The smallest and humblest are enabled by the Holy Spirit to do great things in the kingdom of God. From small and humble beginnings, God's kingdom will grow.

**The parable of the yeast:** A small amount of yeast mixed with three measures of flour can make enough bread to feed over a hundred. In the same way, God's reign is a powerful albeit unseen force. Matthew's Gospel was written some 50 years after Jesus' death and 15 years after the destruction of Jerusalem. By this time, it is clear to the community of Christians that Jesus is not going to be accepted by all of Israel as the Messiah. In citing these parables, the writer of Matthew encouraged the largely Jewish Christian community to see itself as the legitimate heir to God's promises to Israel. They were the "good wheat" existing side by side with the "weeds" that would destroy it, the small mustard seed that would give rise to the great and mighty tree of the Church, the small amount of yeast that would become bread for the world.

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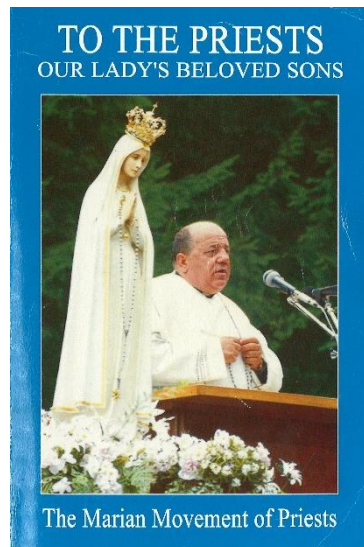
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We thank you for your generous support of the Parish throughout the year.



**PARISH GIVING** – 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.



**Fr Stefano Gobbi** was born in Dongo Italy 1930 and died in 2011. He was a member of the Company of St. Paul and held a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of the Lateran in Rome.

On May 8, 1972, while praying in the Chapel of the Apparitions at Fatima, the Mother of God impressed upon Fr Gobbi her desire that he start the Marian Movement of Priests. The movement was launched on 13th Oct

1972. It was exactly 55 years since the stupendous miracle of the sun at Fatima had underlined the importance and urgency of the message Our Lady had been commissioned to bring to earth.

**Every Tuesday at 9:45am the Cenacle of Our Lady is read in front of Our Lady's statue in Manly Church. All Welcome.**

*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.*

*We of Manly Freshwater Parish acknowledge the Kay-ee-my people, on whose ancestral lands we gather to worship today.*

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

**LET US PRAY FOR  
Recently Deceased:**

23rd July 2023

**Anniversary:** Tony Randazzo

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** Margaret Burridge; 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; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary

### PIETY STORE

**Movie of the month** "I Confess". An Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece. A deeply inspirational and suspenseful movie exploring; the truth, the cross, forgiveness and the seal of the confessional. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month** – St Ignatius and the company of Jesus – Craig Turner. The incredible true story on the founder of the Jesuits "St Ignatius of Loyola" and the legacy he left the world. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS

Quiet Prayer & Adoration 6:00pm – 7pm

**Scripture Reflection on the Eucharist & Benediction**  
7pm – 7:30pm

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be said starting at 6pm



### 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**
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### Ignite 2023

The Diocese of Broken Bay is proud to be hosting one of Australia's most powerful Catholic Conferences - Ignite - from 28 September to 1 October 2023.

Registrations for this year's conference are now open. Evangelisation Broken Bay has a number of subsidies available to support Young Adults and members of the Diocesan community to attend this year's conference. Subsidies will provide a 50% discount on the ticket price for the conference. Please consider members of your community who you feel may benefit from the support of financial subsidy.

To request a discount code, please email [Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au)

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### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

### 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 5822.



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for July – For a Eucharistic life.** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### **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*

**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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**St John the Baptist Church**

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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

**After Hours Sick Calls:** 0499 910 010

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Michael McGrath (Deputy Chair); Margaret Dent

(Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery;

Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall;

Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

**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:** please contact the parish office

*Manly:* 4th Sunday of the month

*Freshwater:* 2nd Sunday of month

**Reconciliation:** *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

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