



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th July 2020

Dear Friends,

Greetings and good health. Just as we were getting used to having more people at Mass on Sundays the NSW Government has had to reimpose a limit of 100 persons who can attend Churches at one time. I do not expect that this should be a huge problem for our parish community. We want you to continue coming to Mass on the weekends; you do not have to ring and book.

Currently the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Manly and the Freshwater Masses (Vigil 5pm and 9am Sunday) have plenty of spare seats. Some of you may wish to consider attending one of these Masses instead of your usual time. No need to book in, just give your name and phone number to the Welcomer please.

I must emphasize the need for all of us to observe Government health requirements; social distancing, hand sanitizing and assist with the wiping of the seats after Mass. You will notice new automatic hand sanitisers at the Church entrances, please make use of these as you enter and exit the Church. If you are feeling unwell in anyway, please stay at home. We will continue with our Sunday Mass live streaming of the 8.30am Mass.

We are now able to offer live music at all our Masses at Manly and at the 9am Mass at Freshwater. We are still working on music for the 5pm Vigil Mass.

Because of the above-mentioned restrictions, we have regrettably decided to postpone the Holy Communion Program until Term 4, 2020. *Fr David Taylor*

Reflection – The first two parables in today's Gospel – the parables of the buried treasure and the pearl – are lessons in the total attachment to Christ and detachment from the things of the world demanded of the disciple in order to make the reign of God a reality.

The parable of the dragnet is similar in theme to last week's parable of the wheat and weeds. Again, Matthew makes the point that the kingdom of God is neither an instant happening nor a static event, but a dynamic movement toward completion and fulfillment which Jesus set into motion.

The "treasures" and "pearls" of lasting value are the things of God: the love of family and friends, the support of community, the sense of fulfillment from serving and giving for the sake of others. In order to attain such treasure, we must take the risk of the speculator and "sell off" our own interests, ambitions and agendas in order to free ourselves to embrace the lasting values of the compassion, love and reconciliation of God.

The Gospel "pearl" of great price transcends logic, efficiency, and self-interest; and the Gospel "treasure" is the joy and wholeness one experiences in imitating the humble compassion and forgiveness of Christ.

In the parable of the dragnet, Jesus calls us to embrace the vision of God that seeks out the good and nurturing, the right and just in all things amid the "junk" of life. *Connections/Mediaworks*



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 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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St John the Baptist Church
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 Freshwater NSW 2096

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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 Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225 Principal: Paul McGuire

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

July/August 2020

	Year A
Mon 27/7 – 17th week in Ord Time	Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tue 28/7 – 17th week in Ord Time	Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wed 29/7 – St Martha	1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27
Thurs 30/7 – 17th week in Ord Time	Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Fri 31/7 – St Ignatius of Loyola	Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Sat 1/8 – St Alphonsus Liguori	Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12
Sun 2/8 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21

LET US PRAY FOR

26th July 2020

Recently Deceased: Christin Schaller; Brian Carroll

Anniversary: Tony Randazzo; Karla Attanasio; Leticia D'Souza; George Reynolds; Molly Gilligan;

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; Mary Meppam; Kathleen Hudson



Home Delivery – If you know someone who would like a bulletin delivered please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook:

facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

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.



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.



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

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Acc# 13958001
BSB: 062 784
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



Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion Postponed

In light of the new Covid 19 restrictions being introduced last Friday with a limit of 100 people for Religious services we have decided to **postpone the commencement of the First Holy Communion** program for the Children until term 4. Our first concern is the health and wellbeing of all the families involved in this program. We regret the inconvenience that this will no doubt cause you.

SCHOOL CLASS MASSES will not be held until further notice.



Playgroup at Manly will start back this Monday 27th July at 9am in the Parish Hall.

Welcomers Needed at the Weekend Masses at Freshwater

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.



Changes to the Government Covid-19 Requirements

NEW LIMIT OF 100 PEOPLE ATTENDING MASS

Over the past few weeks we have introduced an ongoing Mass list which has been working very well and it has been wonderful to welcome you back with numbers attending increasing each week. This list means that you don't need to register to attend Mass each week

The **new limit of 100 people attending Mass** will commence this weekend and we hope that we will be able to accommodate everyone who comes along, but our limit is 100 and the authorities are checking on this.

If you are able to attend the Saturday 6pm Vigil at Manly or one of the Masses at Freshwater where the numbers are not so high it would be appreciated.

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)



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 hands sanitiser on arrival and departure.

REFLECTION...As Ordinary Time continues, we are still in the central part of Matthew's Gospel where Jesus is teaching by means of parables. Today we have four more parables to add to the four already heard over the last couple of Sundays. These parables stress in particular the great value of the kingdom.

In the **First Reading** we have the narrative of the young king Solomon asking God for the gift of wisdom, so as to discern the true value of things and rule his people with understanding.

The verses taken from the **Psalm** extol the value of God's law, a treasure that brings true happiness.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, reveals the mutuality between the faithful follower and the generosity of the Father, who will justify and glorify those he has called.

In the **Gospel** the kingdom of heaven is likened to finding a treasure and selling everything to possess it. Good and bad coexist until the time of final judgment.

Maybe this week we can pray for the grace to recognize the kingdom amongst us and around us.

Pathways to God 2020

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
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

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

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

Catholic Earthcare Australia **Plastic Free July**

"[Environmental] problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish." - LS:22
Celebrating [Plastic Free July](#), as we take the challenge of going waste-free. We'll be sharing valuable tips, some amazing organisations, news and initiatives that'll help you to go plastic-free!

St John the Baptist School News...

For the duration of Term 3 and 4 Mrs Judy Slattery will be on long service leave. Judy has decided that *life is too short* to miss out the precious early years with her grandchildren and her geographically separated family. Accordingly, she has decided to take this time away from her SJB family. Judy expressed her deepest gratitude and appreciation to the families and staff at SJB for their continuing support. We wish Judy a wonderful break.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Fiona Dignan who will be Interim Principal at St John the Baptist for the remainder of the year. Fiona joins us from the Catholic Schools Office as Education Officer in Learner Diversity. Fiona brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience having previously been principal at Aspect Vern Barnett School, Forestville.

Congratulations to the Infants and Primary finalists of the St John the Baptist Feast Day coloring and illustration competition. What wonderful artistic talent and creativity!



Kind regards Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)

St Mary's School News...



Last Friday the students of St Mary's planned to celebrate Grandparent's and Friend's Day, however, given the current situation we had to get creative!

Each child created a piece of artwork with the theme 'if my grandparent was a superhero they would be...' It certainly looks like we have some amazing superheroes in the lives of our children and we are so lucky to have you!

Check out our Facebook page to view the gorgeous artwork out children created. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Catholic-Primary-School-Manly-2129753980603674>

Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)



Most Rev Anthony
Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay
Message - 21 July 2020
My dear brothers and sisters
in Christ

This image of the Penitent Magdalene painted in 1594-1595 by the Italian Master, Caravaggio, is worth contemplating as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles, on Wednesday this week.

Caravaggio was not the first artist to depict Mary Magdalene in this manner. He makes the assumption that the woman in Luke's Gospel who washes Jesus' feet with her tears and dries them with her hair is Mary of Mandala ([Luke 7:36-50](#)). In the painting, we can see a glass bottle of oil representing the alabaster jar of perfume with which she anointed Christ's feet. Scattered on the floor next to Mary we can also see gold, pearls, and jewels that are symbols of earthly gain. Whatever the background of Mary Magdalene, what calls out to us for contemplation is not so much her past life but rather that, as the reading from the Song of Songs suggests, she found whom her heart loves ([Song of Songs 3:1-4](#)).

Only after having found Jesus in her life was Mary Magdalene able to bear witness to God's mercy and love. Traditionally this has been depicted, as this picture by Caravaggio suggests, as a penitent fallen woman. However, there is something much deeper here for our thought, and it can be found in the passage from John's Gospel ([John 20:1-2, 11-18](#)).

Having known Jesus in both life and death, Mary seeks the fullness of knowledge in his resurrection. There are two levels at which she seeks. The first is the most obvious and we would probably sum it up as the paschal mystery – the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

However, the second is far more subtle, in that by faith, Mary demonstrates the real presence of Jesus in her own life. That is, through her living with Christ and her dying to sin, a new life is possible.

Through her belief in the risen Christ, the Paschal mystery is enacted in her life. This Good News then impelled her to go and tell the Apostles that the Lord is indeed alive! Because of this, we know her as the Apostle to the Apostles.

Each one of us, like Mary Magdalene, is invited to seek Christ in faith. Life in Christ will bring death to sin. Life in Christ is not just to be hoped for; it is something to be enacted now. Christ changes our hearts by making his home within us.

My sisters and brothers, this week be inspired by the life of Saint Mary Magdalene and by the words from the Song of Songs, to seek him whom my heart loves. Moreover, having found that love go and tell others that the Lord is indeed alive!

This is the Good News for each of us.
Happy evangelising.
+Anthony



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.

MINISTRY ROSTER – AUGUST 2020 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1 1st – 2nd August	Week 2 8th – 9th August	Week 3 15th – 16th August	Week 4 22nd – 23rd August	Week 5 29th – 30th August
		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Freya Zemek	TBC	Louise Wareham	Freya Zemek	Freya Zemek
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese	Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Wan Family	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis	Louise Wareham
8:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Patty Thomas	Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody
10:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin
	Readers	Jean Halcrow	Janie Fonua	Janie Fonua Carmel Lawler	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler	Carmel Lawler
	Music	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	TBC
	AV Screens	TBC	Robert Marshall	TBC	Robert Marshall	TBC
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gregan	Michael & Kim McGrath Paul & Nicola Pervan	Anne Gregan Michael & Kim McGrath	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gregan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gregan
6pm Mass	Server	Ivana Covic	Ivana Covic Kieran & Michael Wan	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Ed Copeman Paul Novak	Sandie Cornish Dean Gale	Ed Copeman Paul Novak	Dean Gale Sandie Cornish	Dean Gale Sandie Cornish
	Music	Simon & Youth	Josh Willard	Simon & Youth	Simon & Youth	Simon & Youth
	AV Screens	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Bill Tango		Bill Tango
	Welcomers	Gerard McMahon Hanaut Family	Marianna Gale Gerard McMahon	Hanaut Family	Marianna Gale Gerard McMahon	Marianna Gale Gerard McMahon

MINISTRY ROSTER – AUGUST 2020 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 1st – 2nd August	Week 2 8th – 9th August	Week 3 15th – 16th August	Week 4 22nd – 23rd August	Week 5 29th – 30th August
		18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5pm Vigil	Server	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press	Lou Maruca	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield	Assistance Required	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield	Assistance Required
	Music					
	AV Screens					
	Welcomers	Amanda Whitfield	Assistance Required	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield	Assistance Required
	9am Mass	Server	Lou Maruca	Joanne Druery	Francis Raymond	Amorina Wright
Readers		Luke Campbell Patricia Brown	Toni Walsh Patricia Brown	Pam Brown	Josh & Jasmine Wright	Toni Walsh
Music		Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
AV Screens		Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca
Altar Society		Mary Ann Marles	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	Maria Harkness	Lyn Hillard	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus
Welcomers		Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office

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First Reading *1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (JB)*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 (JB)

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. R.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. R.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. R.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. R.

Second Reading *Romans 8:28-30 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according

to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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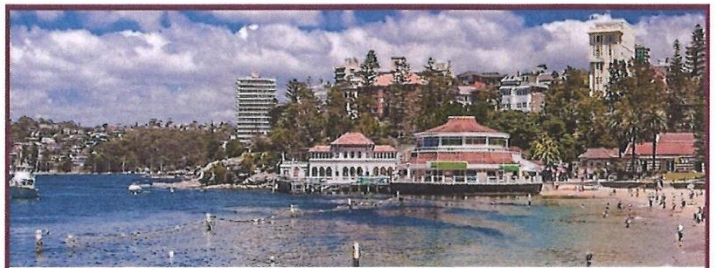
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