



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd August 2020

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well. Bishop Anthony's letter in this weekend's bulletin on page 6 reminds us to take extra care during these uncertain times. It's encouraging to see many of you coming along to Mass on Sunday. While the 8:30am, 10:30am and 6pm Masses are well attended, the 6pm Vigil at Manly and the 5pm Vigil and 9am Masses at Freshwater still have plenty of seats available.

Today's gospel, the loaves and fishes is very familiar to us but there is still much for us to reflect upon. *Fr David Taylor*



Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself . . . Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. Matthew 14: 13-21

The multiplication of the loaves and fish is the only one of Jesus' miracles recorded in all four Gospels. The early Christian community especially cherished this story because they saw this wonder as anticipating the Eucharist and the final banquet in the kingdom of God. This miracle also has strong roots in the First Testament: For the peoples of both the First and New Testament, the image of a great banquet was an important visualization of the reign of God: the gifts of the land were unmistakable signs of their God's great Providence; the Messiah's coming was often portrayed as a great banquet with choice food and wines; the miracle of the loaves and fishes is a clear affirmation in God's providence. Just as the merciful God feeds the wandering Israelites with manna in the desert, Jesus, "his heart moved with pity", feeds the crowds who have come to hear him.

In Matthew's account, Jesus acts out of his great compassion on the crowds. First, he challenges the disciples to give what they have – five loaves and two fish. Then he performs the four-fold action that prefigures the Eucharist: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks and gives the bread and fish to the assembled multitude, making of them a community of the Lord's banquet.

Given the many demands on our time and the expectations of work and school, we need to make time for that "out of that way": quiet deserts and sacred time where and when we can escape the clamor of the marketplace and the tyranny of our calendars to experience the peace of being alone with God, to listen to the voice of God in the quiet of our hearts, to know the joy of doing simple, humble things for others.

More astounding than Jesus' feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' transforming them into a community, a community who becomes one in their need, one in the bread they share, one in the love of Christ who has brought them together. Christ calls us to become a Eucharistic people: to **become** the Eucharist we have received.

We, too, can perform wonders in our own time and place by imitating the four "Eucharistic verbs" of Jesus: to **take** humbly and generously from what we have been given by God, to **bless** by offering it to others in God's love, to **break** from our own needs and interests for the sake of others, to **give** with joy-filled gratitude to the God who has blessed us with so much

The bread of the Eucharist, which we share together in charity and faith, is a prelude to the great banquet of the next world to which our loving Father invites us.

The "fragments" that disciples gather are not to be lost; they are part of the miracle. We are all part of the body of Christ: there are no useless scraps, no wasted fragments: every one of us is a child of God, part of the body of Christ that is blessed, broken and shared at this table. We are only whole when every piece, ever fragment, is gathered. *Connections Mediaworks 2020*



We're COVID Safe



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August

The Maritime World We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



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

Mary Immaculate Church
6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church
cnr Johnson & Oliver St,
Freshwater NSW 2096

Administration Office: 9977 5822 (Parish Office)
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

www.bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

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
Acting Principal: Fiona Dignan

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

Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

August 2020

	Year A
Mon 3/8 – St Dominic	Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36
Tue 4/8 – St John Vianney	Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22; Mt 15:1-2,10-14
Wed 5/8 – 18th week in Ord Time	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
Thurs 6/8 – Transfiguration of the Lord	Dan 7:9-10,13-14; Mt 17:1-9
Fri 7/8 – 18th week in Ord Time	Nahum 2:1,3,3:1-3,6-7; Mt 16:24-28
Sat 8/8 – St Mary of the Cross	1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34
Sun 9/8 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kg 19:9,11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

LET US PRAY FOR

2nd August 2020

Recently Deceased: Millie Martin

Anniversary: Monica Browett; Robyn Fenn;
Ginnie Gioconda Rossini; Penelope Hoyer;
George Reynolds; Molly Gilligan; Norma Plunkett;
Ana Lim Sia; Virginia Rodriguez

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 Squirrell; Judith McKenzie;
Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret
Burrige; John Beninati; Jill Carmichael; Stephen
Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams;
Gerry Wybrandt; Mary Meppam; Kathleen Hudson;
Amy Farrow



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

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

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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

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

WELCOMERS AT MANLY AND 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.

READERS needed at Freshwater at 5pm Vigil Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 if you are able to assist in any of the above ministries.



Update Your Email Address

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU

Each week the bulletin is emailed out to parishioners with any updates regarding changes to Covid Restrictions. If you are not receiving the bulletin it may be that we don't have your email address or that it has changed. So we can update our data system please email your details to manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

CWF Tax Receipt for 2019-2020



If you would like a Tax Receipt for CWF donations, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



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 DO NOT 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

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



PLEASE PLACE 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.



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 is held each Monday at 9am in the Parish Hall. All Welcome

Leap into Learning play-based sessions will be held at our Playgroup over the next 5 weeks. We invite you to come along with your child to our session designed to help your child with their own learning as they work alongside teachers and yourself within an engaging and creative space.

<p>Session 1 Mon 3 Aug 9:00am to 10:00am</p>	<p>Book Loving Bears – Literacy: Read and Retelling <i>Joining with other children as we listen to stories, play with rhyming sounds and explore lots of books.</i></p>
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

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

Reflection... In today's readings, we celebrate the great love of God, who not only gives us life, but desires to sustain and nourish us generously too.

In the **First Reading**, it is God himself who urgently pleads with his troubled, scattered people to listen. Through his prophet, he issues an invitation to a sacred meal. God offers 'water' for thirsty souls; 'corn, wine and milk' will also be made freely available for hungry hearts, without charge.

In the **Psalm**, one traditionally sung at meals, we praise the God who cares for all his creatures, supplying them with nourishment.

Paul writes in very stirring language, assuring us of the ever-present love and power of Jesus Christ. Divine love gives us grace and encouragement to live life to the fullest, even with and through the unavoidable trials and sufferings of life. This is the Christian gospel, the Good News! (**Second Reading**).

Jesus's response to the people is one of compassion (**Gospel**). He heals the sick and feeds the hungry, and there is still plenty of food left over to share. Jesus feeds the crowd in a way that foresees the food and drink he will offer us in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this week for courage to take the risk of really hearing what God is saying to us; what sacred nourishment he is freely offering us. May we put ourselves into his hands, asking that he will deepen his life in us and in our anxious, unjust world.

Pathways to God 2020

MANLY

	Ministry	8th – 9th August
		19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	TBC
	Readers	Jean Halcrow
	Music	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Carole O'Donnell
8:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody
10:30am Mass	Server	Ron Gravolin
	Readers	Janie Fonua
	Music	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Michael & Kim McGrath Paul & Nicola Pervan
6pm Mass	Server	Ivana Covic Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Sandie Cornish Dean Gale
	Music	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Bill Tango
	Welcomers	Marianna Gale Gerard McMahon

FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 2 - 8th – 9th August
5pm Vigil	Server	Ian Press
	Readers	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
	Server	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Toni Walsh Patricia Brown
9am Mass	Music	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margie Gruca
	Altar Society	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza
	Welcomers	Assistance Required

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 Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- 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



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

OUT OF THE *Ordinary*

NOTICE – THE FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

On the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop
Saturday August 8th 2020,
Mary MacKillop Place will be **CLOSED**.

MASS IN THE MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL CHAPEL WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 10AM AUGUST 8th FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF PRAYER AT THE TOMB

The details will be posted on the website
marymackillopplace.org.au

This decision has been made in the light of the outbreak of COVID-19 in Melbourne, the increasing number of cases in Sydney and the unpredictability of the spread of the virus, particularly where large groups gather in a confined space like the Chapel. With the usual number of pilgrims visiting on the Feast Day up to 5000, it is important that we act responsibly in the interests of community health and take every precaution to avoid any spread of the virus.

PRAYER REFLECTIONS suitable for prayer at home will also be posted on the website for three days August 6th, 7th and 8th. The Chapel is open for private prayer only from 9.00am – 1.00pm Monday to Friday. It remains closed on Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

Mary MacKillop knew what it was like to face unknown and unpredictable times in her life. May she companion us as we live through this pandemic which is affecting all aspects of our family, work and community life. I thank you for your cooperation in accepting these unprecedented changes and leave you with Mary MacKillop's words – ***God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark. 1899***

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2020 is now being offered as an online program for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four prerecorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Begins Saturday, 15 August 2020.

The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. **Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. **Cost:** FREE Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Shout a Mate a \$6 Plate To mark Homeless Persons Week last year, CatholicCare Broken Bay launched their Shout a Mate a \$6 Plate campaign in support of Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy which is open to anyone who is homeless, needing a helping hand or is lonely.

They are currently sitting at just over \$15,000 of a \$30,000 target! Mary Mac's costs over \$150,000 a year to run. Over 20,000 meals a year are provided a year to those in need and they rely 100% on community support.

Every \$6 donation goes straight to providing much needed meals and resources to the most vulnerable in our local communities – and every donation is 100% tax-deductible. Please help us mark Homeless Persons Week (2 – 8 August) and provide a hot meal to those in need. www.shoutamateaplate.org.au

National Vocations Awareness Week

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NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
August 2 - 9, 2020

Lord of the Harvest,
Bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. ~Pope Francis

VOCATIONS OFFICE: VOCATIONS.MINISTRY@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU
20 BOUNDARY ROAD PENNANT HILLS 2120 PH: 0418522449

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy. In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.

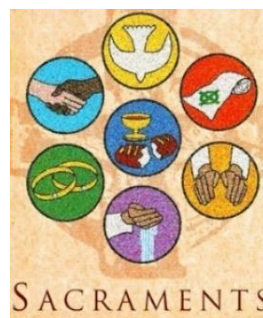
Call forth from our community of the Church generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.

May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth; and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation;
open their minds to a lifetime of learning;
and make them humble servants of your holy people.

For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory, in your holy Church, now and forever. AMEN.

IMPRIMATUR: ☩ Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay 24 June 2020



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Holy Communion has been postponed until Term 4 2020.

Confirmation Due to Covid-19 we have been advised by Bishop Anthony that Confirmation will not be held this year. We are awaiting on advice from Bishop Anthony as to the date that Confirmation will take place in our Parish in 2021.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo

Bishop of Broken Bay

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Over the past fortnight, we have seen an escalation of COVID cases, not just in the State of Victoria, but also in parts of Sydney. It is worrying, but not unexpected.

Some of the most vocal critics are the very same people who advocate large public gatherings and demonstrations, as well as those who seem to flaunt the physical distancing recommendations and precautionary hygiene measures.

My dear people, now is not the time to relax our vigilance as a community of the Church. The Government measures that have been in place and that we have adopted as a Diocese are for the protection and well-being of all. I would like to thank you for implementing these measures and I urge you to continue to be observant and respectful of them. As a Catholic community, it is important that we take a leading role in good citizenship.

I was reminded this week that the Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918 swiftly spread around the world and was not “under control” until 1920. While the COVID-19 Coronavirus is different to the Spanish Flu, there is much for us to learn as a community regarding how we might contribute to the safety of our society.

The Flu took a heavy toll on family life. Community wellbeing was threatened continuously over a three-year period. The economy was damaged as businesses closed, workers found themselves unemployed, and basic services such as mail delivery and garbage collection were hindered due to flu-stricken workers.

Thanks be to God, we have a much stronger health system in 2020 than in 1920. We also have access to cleaning and sanitising products that were simply not available to the masses 100 years ago. However, family life is just as vulnerable now as it was during the Spanish Flu because human lives and relationships are always vulnerable in moments of crisis. Likewise, the economy and the availability of gainful employment is currently under threat.

Being aware that members of the community are at risk or in danger is one of our major efforts at this time. Our Parishes, Catholic Schools, and CatholicCare communities are particularly well placed to be alert to risk and they are places where people feel secure. They are for many a safe harbour in the storm.

This week, I urge you to renew your efforts to ensure that you and your family remain attentive to the need for good hygiene, at home and when you are out and about. By being attentive, you will help limit the risk in the community of the Church and therefore in our neighbourhoods and social communities. I also encourage you to pray for an end to this time of trial.

“The plague that prowls in the darkness you will not fear” (Psalm 90: 5-6)

The words of the psalmist invite us to remain faithful and to take refuge in God’s unwavering love. Central to our belief as a Catholic community is that God never abandons His people in time of suffering and hardship.

My prayer this week is that God will protect you and bless you; keep you safe and defend you from all evil; and that you may persevere always in God’s love.

+Anthony

St John’s School News...



Over the past fortnight our Year Six Mission Leadership team have been busy promoting the annual **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**. We have been overwhelmed once again by the generosity of families in our community, donating much needed food and toiletry items to support those going

through hardship and facing uncertain times. Thank you to Mick O’Farrell for his enthusiasm and generosity in coordinating this initiative. It was wonderful to have Mick speak with our Stage Three students and answer their questions about how St Vincent de Paul Society and its many volunteers work to assist people in need across Australia.

[Donate to the Vinnie’s COVID-19 Winter Appeal](#)

Warm regards, Sharna Taranto (Acting R.E.C.)

St Mary’s School News...

This week we celebrated 100 days of school for our gorgeous Kindergarten students! This year has certainly been a very different start to school life for these children and we are so proud of the way they have taken to school so enthusiastically. They celebrated with fun games, activities, singing and a 100 project. They made predictions about what they would look like and what they would do in 100 years. Our Kindy teachers even dressed up as 100 year old ladies! Congratulations on your first 100 days of school Kindy! *Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)*



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First Reading *Isaiah 55:1-3 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:8-9, 15-18 (JB)*

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. R.

Second Reading *Romans 8:35, 37-39 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 14:13-21 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full, Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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

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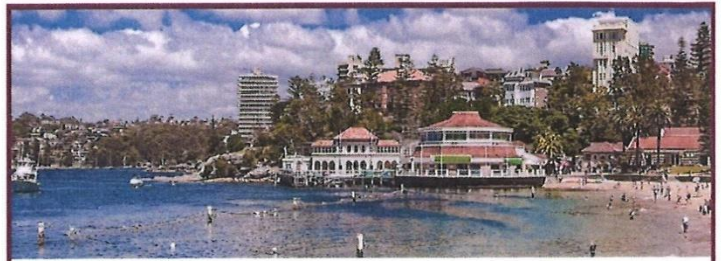
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