

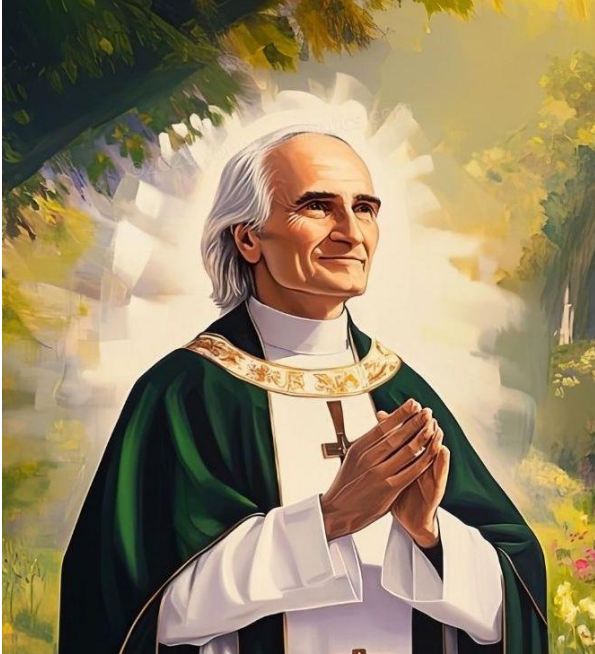


# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd August 2025**

**St John Mary Vianney Feast Day – 4 August (1786 – 1859)**



Known as the Cure d'Ars, is the patron saint of parish priests. Born in France during the turbulence of the French Revolution, he faced great struggles in his studies due to limited academic ability. However, his deep love for Jesus and unwavering perseverance led to his ordination in 1815.

Assigned to the small, spiritually lazy village of Ars, Fr Vianney transformed the whole town through his profound holiness, tireless preaching, and deep devotion to the Eucharist and Our Lady. He became renowned for his ability to read hearts, offer wise counsel, and administer hearing confessions for up to 16 hours a day!

His life of prayer, penance, and simplicity inspired countless conversions. His incorrupt (miraculously spared from decay) heart remains a sign of his enduring love of God. As patron of priests, his intercession continues to support vocations and clergy worldwide. **St John Vianney, Pray For Us!**

## **Celebrating the Gift of the Priesthood – Monday, 4 August**

As we have shared in recent weeks, our parish—designated as a Shrine for Vocations—will host a special celebration on Monday, 4 August, the Memorial of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.



**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**

6 Raglan St, Manly

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

**REGISTER**



or email us: manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

We are honoured to welcome Bishop Anthony, along with many priests from across our diocese and members of the faithful, who will gather with our community to celebrate the gift of our common priesthood, both ministerial and baptismal.

This important event takes place in the context of the Jubilee for Priests, and we invite all parishioners to join us in prayer, thanksgiving, and joyful solidarity as we mark this occasion of grace and renewal in the life of our Church.

Let us continue to pray for our priests and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. *Fr Chima*

## LET US PRAY FOR

3rd August 2025

**Recently Deceased:** Les Carr

**Anniversary:** Robyn Fenn; Monica Browett; Margaret Santos

**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...

- **Jubilee of Priests** Monday 4 Aug – talk 5pm, Mass 6pm
- **Adoration till Midnight** Wednesday 6 Aug
- **SMM Class Mass** Thursday 7 Aug 9:15am
- **Mary MacKillop Feast Day** Friday 8 Aug
- **SJB Class Mass** Friday 8 Aug 9:15am
- **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**.

## 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)



### 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 4 – Work and Labour

So far, we've touched on a number of themes on the vocation and mission of the lay faithful, including on their secular character and spirituality; their mission to engage in the social, economic, cultural and political spheres; and on the themes of solidarity with all peoples based on the truth that every human being is created in the image of God. This week we will explore themes around **work and labour**.

The Church teaches that **work is a fundamental dimension of human existence** (*Laborem Exercens*, 4). As such, work is **both a duty and a right**, and it is the means by which human beings are called to **collaborate with God** in honouring the gifts and talents that He has inscribed in our nature, for our benefit and for the benefit of others, and the development of society (*Gaudium et Spes*, 67).

Human **work is a good thing!** It precedes the fall of Adam and Eve, which means it is not a punishment or curse, but has since become toilsome because of original sin (cf. Gen 4:12). Nevertheless, God's original plan for human beings has not changed. We are still **called to cultivate and care for creation, bringing it to perfection** (cf. Gen 3:17,19; CSDC, 256). Indeed, God works, and is still working, and rests on the seventh day (cf. Gen 2:2-3; Jn 5:17). And during His earthly ministry Jesus spent most of His life in manual work, even in His parables rebuking those who hide their talents in the ground instead of being faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to them (cf. Mt 25:14-30; 24:46). Through His own work in Nazareth prior to His public ministry, **Jesus dignifies and ennobles human labour** (*Gaudium et Spes*, 67). In this way also, human work actually becomes a participation in Jesus Christ's work of redemption when it is performed with **diligence, honesty and a with Christian Spirit**, it can be offered to God in the same way that Jesus offered His work to the Father for the salvation of all (CL, 43).

The lay faithful are also called to be mindful of the **many challenges to do with work**, including the problem of **unemployment** or underemployment through precarious or unjust contractual agreements; the **dehumanisation of work**, where workers are treated merely as a means of production and neglecting their dignity and human value; **exploitation of workers**, including migrant workers and child labour, through inadequate wages, lack of benefits, etc; **denial of the right of workers** to unionise and engage in collective bargaining and in decision making processes; a **disregard for work-life balance** that affects family and social life; **exclusion or discrimination** in the workplace based on individual's gender, identity or background; **technology that marginalises workers** and does not serve the common good; etc (CSDC, 255-322).

Next week we will look at what the Church teaches regarding economic principles, and the role that businesses and government policies have in creating just economic systems.

May **St Joseph, patron of workers** (Feast on 1 May) inspire us to serve others through our work as he so faithfully served and provided for Jesus and Mary whilst under his care. Amen. *Alfred Soliman Seminarian*

### 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://manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)

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.



# JOIN US FOR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

6 August from 6pm to midnight  
beginning with Holy Mass

6.00 - 6.35 pm : Holy Mass  
6.40 - 7.30pm: Exposition and usual Adoration  
7.30 - 8.00 pm : Rosary with Lectio Divina Group  
8.00 - 8.30 pm: Silent Adoration  
8.30 - 9.00 pm: Rosary to the Holy Spirit with Larissa  
9.00 - 9.15 pm: Silent Adoration  
9.15 - 10.00 pm: Praise and Worship in Spanish with Spanish Prayer Group  
10.00 - 10.15 pm: Silent Adoration  
10.15 - 10.45 pm: Divine Mercy in my Soul with Michael  
10.45 - 11.00pm Silent Adoration  
11.00 - 11.45 pm : Vocations and Young Adults with Fr Sam  
11.45 - 12.00 pm: Benediction  
Confession will be available at every full hour from 7pm to 11pm  
Light refreshment available from 7pm to 11.30pm at the Prayer Room in the Parish Office



## SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS GROUP

Do you know someone  
thinking about becoming  
Catholic?

A new group is starting up 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 Centre**.

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).

## SHRINE OF HOPE FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE  
2025

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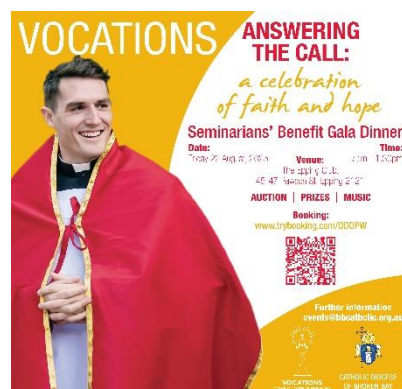
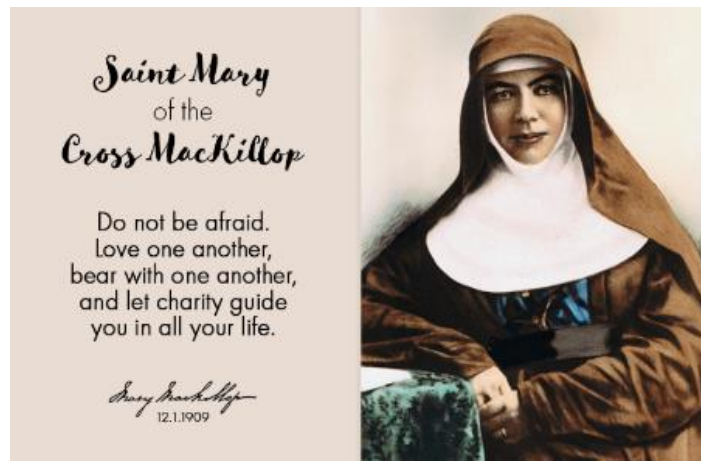


FOR MORE INFORMATION  
SCAN THE QR CODE



**Fr Chima**  
celebrated his  
**14th Anniversary of the  
Priesthood**  
on Wednesday 30th July.  
Please keep him in your  
prayers.

## Feast Day of Mary MacKillop Friday 8th August



## Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner

Friday 22 Aug at 7pm  
The Epping Club (45-47  
Rawson St, Epping)

Individual tickets are available for \$120 per person which includes welcome drinks and canapes, a three-course dinner including beverages, auctions, raffles, and music.

Bookings can be made at [www.trybooking.com/DDOPW](http://www.trybooking.com/DDOPW)

## CatholicCare Homelessness Appeal

Both Catholic Schools and Parishes will fundraise to support our homelessness services across the Diocese including:

- Dom's Place
- Mary Mac's Place
- Street sleeping outreach support
- Transitional accommodation and casework support
- Women's refuge
- Young parents homelessness services ... and more.





## 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](https://www.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."

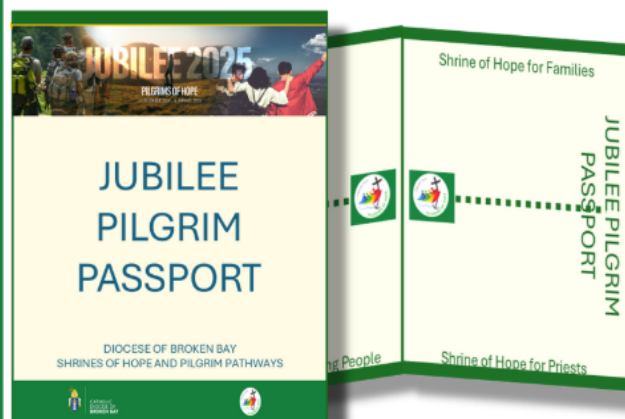
*Pope Leo XIV 8 May 2025*



**Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For mutual coexistence** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**AUGUST MINISTRY ROSTER IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

## HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR PILGRIMAGE PASSPORT?



If you have all 4 Pilgrimage Site stamps on your Pilgrim Passport, don't forget to show your completed passport to your Parish Secretary. Your name will be recorded and a certificate of completion that will be signed by the Bishop will be arranged for you.

Check out how your parish is doing at:

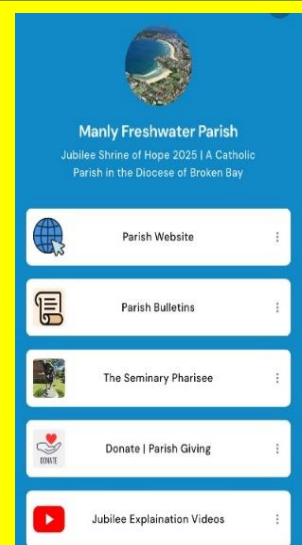
<https://www.bbjubilee.com.au/pilgrimage-to-shrine/jubilee-pilgrimage-completion-leaderboard/>

### 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.



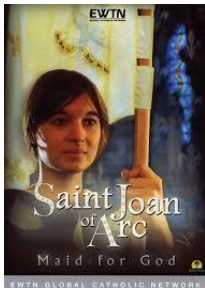
### FAMILIES OF MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH



- 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





## PIETY STORE

**Movie of the month:** St Joan of Arc – Maid of God. An interesting docu-drama to correct the narrative on one of the world's most famous Saints and her divine call from God which changed the history of France.  
Only \$10 at the piety store.

**CD of the month:** The dead sea scrolls – shedding new light on the scriptures and the Church – Dr John Bergsma. One of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time. The Essenes were a Jewish sect which have been linked to John the Baptist and the Jewish background to Jesus ministry. Only \$5 at the piety store.



**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



## 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.

## 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 Center. 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

## PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Children's Liturgy: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 10:30am Mass
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Meeting Room
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7:30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am; Wed 6pm – 7pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Spanish Prayer Group: 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- 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



## 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)

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater\\_catholicyou](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyou)

# JOIN OUR NORTHERN BEACHES



## YOUNG ADULTS

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



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  
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

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

Supports our Priests

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



### 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

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

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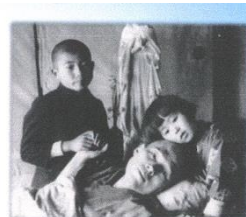
Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.



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](#)

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

### 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)



### Jubilee of Catechists Reflection Day with Bishop Anthony

We are delighted to invite SRE catechists of Broken Bay to a Reflection Day with Bishop Anthony, to celebrate the Jubilee of Catechists. Come along to the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills on Friday 26 September from 10am-12.30pm to reflect on your ministry, receive encouragement, and gain new inspiration for your work. Morning tea and lunch provided. Spaces are limited so don't delay.

To register, please email [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au) or call 02 8379 1643.



Children are welcome to this wonderful place called the Atrium of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to spend time with God.

Where: cnr Kirk & Archer Sts Chatswood

More info: Angela Hague or Rose Aung Thein.  
[www.cgsaust.org.au](http://www.cgsaust.org.au)



## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

### First Reading *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 (JB)*

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. R.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R.

### Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 5:3 (JB)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Luke 12:13-21 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

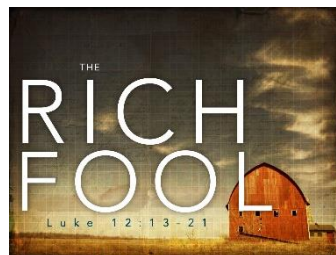
*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to. Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Rabbis were often asked to arbitrate conflicts within families and communities. In today's Gospel, Jesus has been

approached to settle such an argument over an inheritance. Jesus responds not by taking sides but by addressing the greed that has brought both sides to near blows. He tells the parable of the rich man who, in the midst of his good fortune, loses his sense of what is really important. Possessions create the illusion that we can control our lives; the drive for gain makes us oblivious to the needs and dreams of others. The "foolish" rich man in today's Gospel sadly discovers that wealth in the reign of God has nothing to do with stock portfolios, bank accounts or the social register. [connectionsmediaworks.com](http://connectionsmediaworks.com)




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