



Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater

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Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,

Freshwater NSW 2096

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

Liturgy of the Word and

Holy Communion

Manly: Monday 9:15am

Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Baptisms: by appointment only

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th August 2019



Today's readings are about material things and our attitude towards them. Are they at the centre of our lives? The texts also suggest that what we are is more important than what we have. Qoheleth, 'the Preacher', who wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes 300 years before Christ, gives a pessimistic view of the world. Is it worth working hard and worrying about our wealth, since we have to leave it to others after our death? He declares: 'All is vanity!' (First Reading) The Gospel develops the same theme. The main problem with wealth is that it risks taking centre stage in our life, and displacing God from His rightful position. What really matters is making ourselves rich in the sight of God.

The question today is between being rich in the sight of the world and being rich in the sight of God.

The opposites of these obstacles are simplicity, integrity, and humility. Humility is acceptance in who we are – children of God, brothers and sisters to each other, and accepting ourselves just as we are. We need nothing outside of ourselves to make us feel good about ourselves. This too is simplicity.

What we have is a gift, given to us for the good of the world, the community, the neighbourhood, not just for the good of the self.

And in the end, what matters is that we are judged on love not on wealth. Or if we have had wealth, we will be judged on what we did with it. Do we live like him? Be rich in following God – in mercy, love, forgiveness and justice.

Pathways to God | Fr Donal Neary sj 2019

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of
our Priests and Parish Community.

The 1st Collection is for the financial
support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance
& running costs of our Parish Community.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: Families, Schools of Human Growth That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek

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

August

Yr C 2019

Mon 5/8 – 18th week in Ordinary Time Num 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21
 Tue 6/8 – The Transfiguration of the Lord Dan 7:9-10,13-14; Lk 9:28-36
 Wed 7/8 – 18th week in Ordinary Time
 Num 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35; Mt 15:21-28
 Thurs 8/8 – St Mary of the Cross 1 Kg 17:8-16; Col 3:12-17; Mt 6:25-34
 Fri 9/8 – 18th week in Ordinary Time Deut 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
 Sat 10/8 – St Lawrence 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
 Sun 11/8 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:32-48

LET US PRAY FOR

4th August 2019

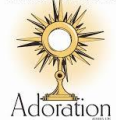
Recently Deceased: Madeleine Anderson; Ursula Skupien; Dominic Borg; David Brown

Anniversary: Robyn Fenn; Monica Browett; Geoffrey Formica

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Sofia Musso (child); Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Terry Pfafflin; Joan Herringe

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

Eucharistic



Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. 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.

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

Please TURN OFF your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

The St Vincent de Paul Clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **Changes to weekday masses** see bulletin notice
- **SJB Yr 2 & Yr 3 Class Mass** Wed 7th Aug @ 9:15am
- **SMM Yr 5 & Yr 6 Class Mass** Thurs 8th Aug @ 9:15am
- **Mass at Wesley Heights Nursing Home**
Fri 9th Aug @ 1:30pm
- **Reconciliation Program commences**
Sat 10th Aug & Sun 11th Aug

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass.

MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in 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.



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. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am AND Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish End Room.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Enq: Hazel Cottey 0402 052 088
 "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



The Parish Playgroup is held during school terms on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.



CONFIRMATION 2019

Confirmation is the second Sacrament of Initiation & is received by children about 7 years old (normally school year 2). Registrations are now being accepted please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

The Parish will be holding a preparation Program for Children aged 5 and over who wish to be Baptised into the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Parish on 9977 5822 for further information.

Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill.

Contact details for the local Manly MP: James Griffin
manly@parliament.nsw.gov.au / 9976 2773

Please read the Statement from Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP Archbishop of Sydney which is included in this weekend's bulletin (page 5)



Vinnies
good works

Dear Parishioners,
we would like to say a very big thank you for your support during our winter appeal. You kindly donated over \$15,000...a fantastic effort.

Thank you to our primary schools for their support in donating food etc.

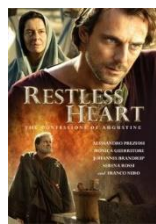
We were able to send 20 coats for the homeless to Vinnies in Goulburn, 20 to our regional office in Parkes for distribution in the country areas and some for our Youth Reach centre in Brookvale.

Vinnies also have a programme called Assist a Student. This programme helps students in struggling communities overseas to purchase text books etc. This cost \$70 per year and is tax deductible. If you would like to know more, please contact us through SVDP office at Brookvale 8622 0432.

Clothing bags are available in the foyer of the Church at Manly or in the Piety Store at Freshwater and can be returned next time you come to mass.

Thank you to Fr David and Fr Paul for their continual support. *God Bless... Bruce Whittet & Mick O'Farrell*

PIETY STORE



Movie of the month "Restless Heart"

This is an epic film on St Augustine of Hippo. A very influential man whose writings shaped Western Europe, Catholicism and are still highly regarded. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass and the dramatic changes that occur within his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. Set in the 5th century, the stories of 2 other great Saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed. Only \$10! @ the piety store.

CD of the month

"Relativism and her 3 ugly sisters" – Fr Mitch Pacwa

Have you noticed how polarized western democracies are becoming? How people's feelings are becoming more important than the truth? Or how what was once considered to be "good" is now declared "evil and vice versa? Fr Mitch Pacwa provides very interesting insights into the Trojan horses of our times and how a society which does not acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6) is destined to repeat history. Interested to learn more? @ the piety store only \$5.

Fr David Taylor will be on leave from Monday 5th Aug & return Saturday 5th Oct.

The Augustinian Community at Brookvale will be celebrating the weekend Masses at Manly & Freshwater during Fr David's leave.

Please keep Fr Paul Kim in your prayers as he watches over our parish.

CHANGES TO 9:15am WEEK DAY MASSES DURING FR DAVID'S LEAVE

FRESHWATER – Mass on Wednesdays

Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

MANLY – Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesdays

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

The Presentation Mass will be held next weekend 10th/11th August and is the commencement of the Confirmation Program. The children will be presented to the Parish and will receive their Session books and their passports.



Please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822 for Registration information.



Pope Francis @Pontifex.

The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

This year 2019/2020 the quota for our parish is \$48,387.



The Charitable Works Fund is 100% tax deductible and supports the following five beneficiaries:

- **CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program** – where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – creating and updating the curriculum and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.
- **St Lucy's School** – for primary school students with disabilities.
- **St Edmund's School** – for secondary school students with disabilities.
- **Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.

A Reminder: If you or a loved one is admitted to hospital, please ensure that you write **Catholic** as your religion on admissions paperwork so that you can receive Catholic services during your stay.



FR PAUL'S YOU TUBE

Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading.

You can view it through YouTube – search frpaulkim (one word with no space).



HELP A CHILD FEEL SAFE, HAPPY & SECURE

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me ... Matthew 25:35

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family.

We believe all children deserve a safe home, and by providing one we can help them build their self-esteem and develop the skills they need to succeed in life.

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. This just might be you ...

If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now.

CatholicCare Foster Care P: (02) 4320 7700

E: fostercare@catholiccaredbb.org.au

W: catholiccaredbb.org.au/fostercare



L'Arche NSW invites you to an exclusive Film Night event - Jean Vanier the founder of L'Arche passed away on the 7th May this year. L'Arche NSW warmly invites you to a "one off" screening of the most recent beautiful film on the L'Arche story, "Summer in the Forest".

The movie, will be screened at Hoyts Cinema's Warringah Mall Wednesday 7pm 21 August 2019. This is a fundraiser event and tickets are only available at fanforce.com/screenings.

"Summer in the Forest" has been described as a moving documentary which takes an insightful look at the blessing that L'Arche has been in the lives of many. Through the stories of five members with a disability and with some of the most recent footage of Jean Vanier, the film makes an important spiritual point about the true nature of happiness. Real fulfillment, it suggests, is not to be found in money or power, but in relationships built on love, respect, humor and human dignity. Jean Vanier is quick to point out, that shared living is not always easy, "it's no utopia", he says "it's hope".

PETITION TO AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT FOR THE LEGISLATION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDM

Petition form on clipboard at Church entrance.

St John the Baptist School News...

At St John the Baptist, we always Care for our Environment. In fact, this is one of our School PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) Rules. Last Friday 26th July, our school Environment Team leaders, along with student representatives from Kindergarten to Year Six, helped celebrate National Tree Day by planting new shrubs and plants in our church garden. These plants will contribute to beautifying our church grounds as well as helping to maintain the natural habitats for small creatures such as lizards and insects. *Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)*



St Mary's School News...

Not sure if you are aware but there is a beautiful botanic garden in the heart of Manly (Ivanhoe Park) near the Oval and it is used regularly by all the year groups at St Mary's School. It's a really popular spot for the students!

There is currently a volunteer group for the gardens that has submitted a proposal for funding to assist with children's education around the gardens HOWEVER the NSW Government makes decisions on its funding via POPULAR vote...



With this in mind, we need your help and as many of the parents at St Mary's and the other surrounding schools to help.

What do you need to do? Vote now to help fund the Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden **Community Educational Resource – Manly Electorate Project** by going to <https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au>

Select Manly projects, browse the projects then vote our project as Number 1.

Ivanhoe Park Botanical Garden grant application needs community support – vote at website link above

St Mary's School Facebook

We are incredibly lucky at St Mary's to have so many opportunities to share the wonderful teaching and learning which takes place at St Mary's. One of these is our Facebook page. There are little reminders of events added regularly as well as lots of celebrating of our achievements. It's lovely being able to share our news with the whole parish. Give us a like and have fun exploring the page.



Speaking the truth in love
Eph 4:15

30 July 2019

STATEMENT FROM MOST REV. ANTHONY FISHER OP
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

This week it was announced that a private members bill would be introduced immediately into parliament that will allow abortion for any reason up until birth in NSW.

The bill has yet to be released to the public and as such there has been no public inquiry into the subject, no opportunity for residents of NSW to make their views known to their MPs and not even discussion in state Cabinet.

It seems that Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Health Minister Brad Hazzard and the architects of this bill are determined for it to pass within days with as little community discussion as possible, let alone providing those being asked to vote on it with enough information to do so in an informed manner.

The bill is a bad one. It will allow abortion right up to birth if two doctors agree.

It will require Catholic (and other) doctors and hospitals to collaborate by either taking part in the abortion or referring patients to someone who will. It is yet another attack upon the rights of people of faith.

Worst of all, it does absolutely nothing to provide alternatives for women distressed about being pregnant who often feel they have 'no other option'.

It is the dream bill of the abortion industry, which they have already pressed upon other several states; but it will leave unborn children and unsupported pregnant women even more at risk.

The Premier and others seem determined to stop us having our say. I have asked our priests and people to contact their local MPs to make their voice heard in the little time that they have been given to do so. Along with the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Dr Glenn Davies, the new Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, Archbishop Makarios and co-ordinator of Australia's Eastern Catholic Bishops, Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, I have written to the Premier seeking her urgent intervention to allow more time so a proper consultation can happen. I look forward to her response.

Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, DD BA LLB BTheol DPhil
Archbishop of Sydney

Manly and Freshwater Roster 10th – 11th August 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravalin	Ivica Covic	TBA	TBA
Servers	Bernie Lawler			Michael, Kieran, Gabriele Wan		
Readers	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Paul Walsh Rita Bruzzese	Janie Fonua	Mark Sing Flora Spiteri	Amanda Whitfield	Richard Feledy Assistance Req
Ministers of Communion	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Kim McGrath Shaun & Liana Hearn	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Angela Vumbaca	Pam Brown
Music	CD's	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Robert Marshall	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Marika Jones	Stephen Crowley		
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Maria Condomitti	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell					Lyn Hillard
Morning Tea		Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Filipino Group			Storey Family
Children's Lit		Claire Shefford				Rena Curll

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Wed 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater 1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm



ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

St Vincent de Paul require an electric wheelchair for a client. If you can assist please contact

Bruce Whittet 0422 515 716 or

Mick O'Farrell 9402 1422

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what*

the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

Celebrating Disciples of All Nations – Saturday 17 August 2019 To mark Migrant and Refugee Sunday, all are warmly invited to our Diocesan Multicultural event "Celebrating Disciples of All Nations" to be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral on Saturday 17 August 2019. The evening starts with the celebration of Mass with Presider Very Rev Dr David Ranson. We then gather to celebrate our multicultural Christian community with multicultural food and live entertainment. The program is as follows:

- 5pm–6pm Celebration of Mass at the Cathedral
- 6pm–7pm Refreshments and live entertainment

You are invited to bring a plate to share from your cultural community, and to wear multicultural dress. For more information please email faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au

TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs**, you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following



Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958001 **BSB #** 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark. ***We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish***

18th 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



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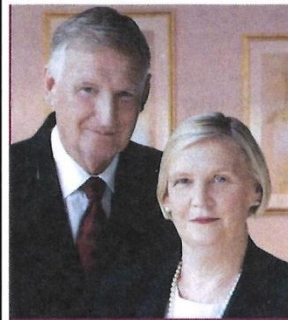
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