



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th August 2025**



## **A Shrine Gathering for the Jubilee of Priests**

On Monday, our parish joyfully welcomed Bishop Anthony, clergy from across the Diocese, and members of the faithful to celebrate the Feast of St John Vianney—patron of priests—within the context of the Jubilee of Priesthood.

The day began with a deeply prayerful gathering of priests at Cerretti Chapel, the former St Patrick's Seminary, for Adoration and Reconciliation. This was a moment of quiet communion and renewal in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Anthony.

The celebration continued in our parish church of Mary Immaculate and St Athanasius, where an inspiring reflection was offered by Dr Peter Holmes, who spoke meaningfully on the gift of our *common priesthood*. This was followed by a reverent and joyful Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony, drawing us into deeper thanksgiving for the gift of ordained ministry and the call of all the baptised.

Afterwards, many stayed to share in supper and fellowship in the parish hall, which was a beautiful expression of communion and joy.

A heartfelt thank you to Chris Lee and the team from the Office for Clergy and Parish Life for their generous support, and to our wonderful parish social group, whose hospitality and service so beautifully reflected the love of Christ in our midst. I also extend my sincere thanks to our parish choir, whose music enriched our celebration and lifted our hearts in praise, and to all who contributed in countless ways to make the day such a grace-filled and memorable occasion.

The celebration reminded us that the gift of priesthood—both ministerial and baptismal—is at the heart of our Christian life. May St John Vianney continue to inspire all of us to live our vocations with faith, joy, and love.

Fr Chima



## **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

You are reminded that the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

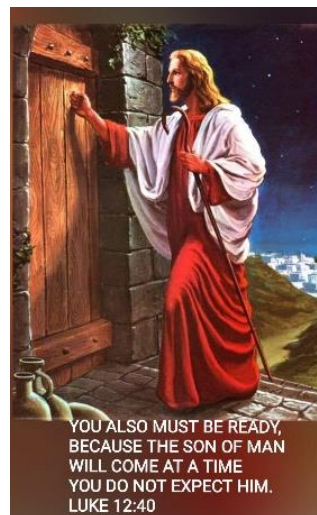
### **Manly Masses**

9.15am & 6pm

### **Freshwater Mass**

9.15am

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**



Three short parables about the treasures of the reign of God are the central images of today's Gospel:

Death comes to us like a "thief" in the night, Jesus tells his listeners; therefore, we must always be ready to meet the Lord and enter his "kingdom" with "belts tightened" and through works of charity. The first generations of Christians read this parable as an indication that Christ would return in their lifetimes, in the middle of the great Paschal night.

Jesus frequently speaks of the coming reign of his Father as a wedding feast to which all of the faithful are invited. Luke includes the image in his Gospel, as well, with an interesting twist: Those who have embraced the spirit of servanthood taught by Jesus the Master will be served by the Master himself at his table in heaven. Jesus targets the parable to the leaders of the Jewish establishment who have used their positions to advance their own prestige and wealth at the expense of the people they were appointed to serve. While God casts out the exploiters from his kingdom, the faithful leader-servants will be served by the Messiah himself at God's great banquet.

The third parable is Luke's version of Jesus' story of the watchful steward who faithfully conducts the responsibilities entrusted to him by his master. This life on earth is a time that has been entrusted to us by God be about the business of preparing for the life of the world to come.

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## Anniversary:

**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...

- **SMM Class Mass** Thursday 14 August
- **Assumption of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation**  
Friday 15 August 9:15am and 6pm Manly
- **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 5 – The Socio-economic Question

In part five of our reflection on the **vocation and mission of the lay faithful**, we consider what Pope John Paul II referred to as the **"socio-economic question"** (Christifideles Laici, 43). Last week, we reflected on human work and the organisation of labour—how work is a fundamental dimension of human existence, ennobled by the labours of Christ during His earthly life. Through work, we are called to collaborate with God in cultivating and perfecting creation for our needs and the needs of others.

Human work, therefore, is an essential aspect of economic life. **Economic activity** refers to the **development of wealth**, both in quantity and in quality, ordered to the **integral development** (i.e. wholistic) of the individual and of society (Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church [CSDC], 334). In this regard, the Church upholds the **right to private property**, while also affirming that the means to social development lie not in "class struggle," but in **collaboration** that protects the **rights and dignity of the poor and weak**, and reminds the rich of their obligations toward them (CSDC, 89).

One of the **fundamental principles** of the Church's social doctrine is the **universal destination of goods** (Christifideles Laici, 43). This principle does not contradict the right to private property; rather, it affirms that **God created the world for all of humanity**. Thus, the earth's goods are destined for the development of all peoples (Gaudium et Spes, 25). Individual persons, companies, and nations must therefore consider the broader impact of how they use resources—not only for their own benefit, but in **service of the common good** (CSDC, 178).

Regarding **economic systems**, the Church's social doctrine does not endorse any particular model, as determining such specifics falls outside her competence. However, economic systems are **not morally neutral**. The Church reserves the right to critique unjust or immoral economic ideologies and practices. For example, in *Rerum Novarum*, the Church condemned **atheistic communism** as incompatible with the Christian understanding of humanity and creation. Similarly, in regard to **free-market capitalism**, the Church warns against systems that lack **strong legal and regulatory frameworks**. Without these, economic activity may be driven by **greed and exploitation** — rather than **stewardship** — and may cease to serve the common good. Instead, it must be governed by the principles of **subsidiarity and solidarity**, especially with the poor and the weak. In this respect, the State—as well as private individuals, businesses, and non-profit organisations—all have a role in promoting an economy that unites efficiency with solidarity (CSDC, 335–361).

The **lay faithful** are called to use their **entrepreneurial gifts and talents** to generate **creative and meaningful work** that dignifies human labour and contributes to society's economic wellbeing. At the same time, they must confront the risks and injustices that threaten economic activity today: **globalisation's** effects on human rights and solidarity; the **widening gap between rich and poor**; unequal **access to technology**; **protectionist policies** that hinder development; **predatory financial systems** that exploit the vulnerable; and **unregulated markets** that favour speculation over productive work.

May **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** inspire and assist the lay faithful in ensuring that economic activity is always ordered toward the common good and the service of human dignity. Amen.  
*Alfred Soliman Seminarian*

*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.*





## SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS GROUP

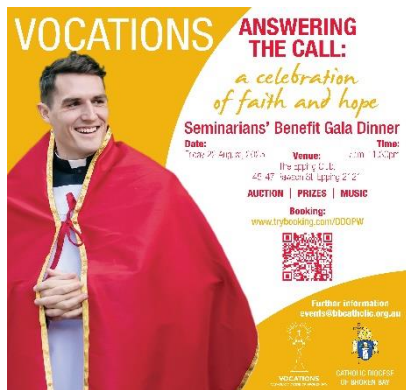
Do you know someone thinking about becoming Catholic?

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).



**Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner**  
Friday 22 Aug at 7pm  
The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping)

Tables of ten \$100 per person or individual tickets \$120 per person, 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)

## PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

**Parish website:** [bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](http://bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater)

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)

## 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 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.

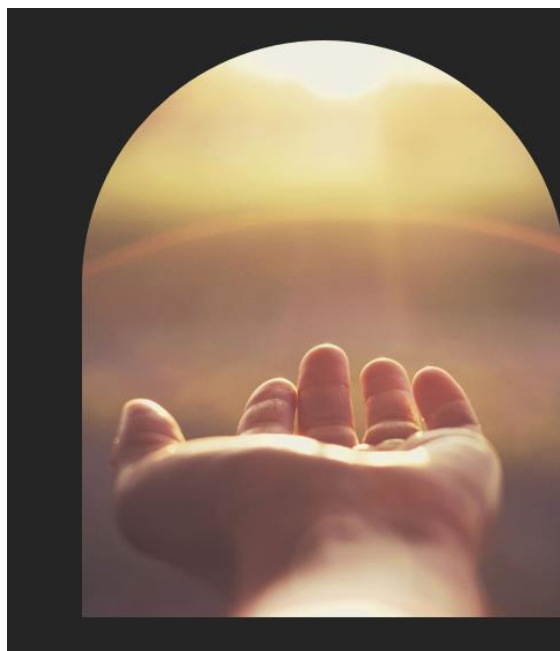
To register, please email [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au) or call 02 8379 1643.



## 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



## Our Spiritual Journey

A Faith Formation Series on Prayer and the Spiritual Life (7 Weeks)

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## 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](http://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*



### ST CECILA'S SCHOOL STAFF BALGOWLAH

The staff came on a pilgrimage to the Shrine. Alfred did a presentation and talk

and then they moved into the Church for prayer and reflection.

## Caritas Australia invites us to pray for the people of Gaza.

### Light a candle for Gaza

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.



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If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

### 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.



### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL FRESHWATER PILGRIMAGE

We welcomed the students and staff from St John's Freshwater on Wednesday. They walked from Freshwater to Manly and had

morning tea at the beach, Mass with Fr Chima, presentation by Alfred then lunch before heading back to school.

*"The opportunity for our entire school to venerate the relic of St John Vianney within such a sacred and peaceful space was deeply moving. It was truly a powerful experience for our students and staff to come together in faith and prayer, and your generosity in hosting us made this pilgrimage all the more meaningful."*

*We are especially grateful for the time and effort involved in preparing for our visit, the videos that followed our Mass helped to consolidate the students' knowledge, and for making space for us in such a reverent and respectful way. The students came away with a deeper understanding of vocation, hope, and community — a testament to the spirit of welcome and hospitality shown by you both."*

*Naomi Kennett REC*



## JUBILEE OF PRIESTS 4th August 2025



### 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.



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

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](#)



### THE SHRINE OF HOPE FOR FAMILIES IN GOSFORD

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH - JPI CENTRE  
[ 58 VICTORIA ST, GOSFORD NSW 2250 ]

### The Shrine of Hope for Families – Domestic Church Family Retreat

St Patrick's Parish Gosford invites you to 2-Day Retreat 30-31 August 2025. \$150 per person, Children Free (accommodation optional). Activities for children provided. RSVP 23/8/25. Bookings & info visit

[www.trybooking.com/ddhcw](http://www.trybooking.com/ddhcw)



### 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.





**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

## 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

## 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!

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## 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.



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.
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  - **Parish Giving (2nd collection)**  
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Supports our Priests  
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral  
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## 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)

## DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

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

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

### First Reading

Wisdom 18:6-9 (JB)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22 (JB)

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R.

### Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42, 44 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 12:32-48 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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





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