



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

*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th August 2019*



Today's readings focus on our readiness for the Kingdom of God. We are to be ready when the Lord comes. In the First Reading from the book of Wisdom, the people recall that it was at night that the Exodus to the promised land began. They were watchful and ready when the Lord called them. These are the qualities the Lord is expecting from his disciples in the Gospel passage we read today. They, too, are ready for action, ready to meet the Lord when he knocks at their door, even in the middle of the night. The Psalm is a song of confidence in God. It reflects on the concern the Lord has shown for his people over the generations. In trust and hope our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Second Reading from Hebrews reminds us that faith is essential. It sustained Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Sarah, who all believed in the promises made to them. It is faith which enables them to keep watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Jesus' address to his disciples reveals the tender nature of their relationship. Jesus assures the disciples that his teaching, regardless of how demanding it may seem, has their best interests at heart. He announces that the reign of God is theirs; he then exhorts them to live lives that demonstrate their citizenship in that realm. Jesus does not denounce material possessions as such, but only the amassing of such goods, for trust in riches can stand in the way of trust in God. He links the return of the householder with the coming of the Son of Man. The entire teaching ends with an explanation saying everyone will be held accountable for their own actions. Those to whom much has been given will be accountable for much; those to whom more has been given will be accountable for more.

In following Christ, we too are asked to follow a path which is often at odds with the values of the world in which we live. We are to be Christ's instruments of love and peace as he reaches out to those most in need.

Pathways to God | Liturgyhelp: D Bergant | Sean Goan 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 Ambrosio; 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

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Mon 12/8 – 19th week in Ordinary Time Deut 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
Tue 13/8 – 19th week in Ordinary Time Deut 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed 14/8 – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Deut 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
Thurs 15/8 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Apoc 11:19,12:1-6,10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56
Fri 16/8 – 19th week in Ordinary Time Joshua 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
Sat 17/8 – 19th week in Ordinary Time Joshua 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
Sun 18/8 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

LET US PRAY FOR

11th August 2019

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Ai Chu Lim; Rodolfo Lusung; Virginia Rodriguzz; Suzanne Yuchengco; Sean McDermott

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; 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.



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...

- **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation** Thurs 15th Aug – Mass at 9:15am at both Churches with primary schools attending. Evening Mass at 7pm in Manly
- **Changes to weekday masses** see bulletin notice
- **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 Cottee 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.



Pope Francis @Pontifex.

In the Transfiguration, Jesus shows us the glory of the Resurrection: a glimpse of heaven on earth.

Changes to 9:15am week day Masses next week

FRESHWATER – Mass on Wednesday and Thursday
Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesday & Friday

MANLY – Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesday

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

Fr David Ranson sent a letter on Monday 5/8/19 to all Members of the NSW Parliament in the territory of the Diocese of Broken Bay with regards to the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 (see below).

Dear Member,

Given that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 will be debated in the NSW Parliament in the coming days, I wish to convey to you my strongest personal opposition to the proposed legislation in its current form. In so doing, I wish to record also the formal objection of the Catholic community of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

The decriminalisation of abortion is one matter. The social factors in which the practice of abortion flourishes are complex and require our careful attention. The response to these requires a great deal of consideration in light of the often difficult circumstances in which the decision for an abortion is made. However, the killing of life, with the liberal possibility allowed for in the proposed legislation, cannot make us a more human society. If with legal sanction we kill those who are most vulnerable, either at the beginning or at the end of their life, we rob ourselves of our human dignity which is best demonstrated in a quality of care exercised even in the face of life's demand and challenge. Such an option represents a gross failure of social imagination and public moral leadership.

The widening of the scope of the practice of abortion, which the proposed legislation suggests, is unacceptable. A woman certainly has rights of her own body, as does a man. But both also have responsibility to protect the body of the separate life entrusted to them. That independent life is not of such little value that it can be arbitrarily extinguished often with the price of silent, life-long trauma of women who feel pressured to terminate their pregnancy and the life of the child they carry. Rights can never be promoted without responsibility. And what greater responsibility do we have than to care for life?

In raising this objection, I implore the NSW Government to commit both to increasing those social services that will genuinely assist women who find themselves with an unwanted pregnancy, and to raising sustained awareness about such services. Our own Catholic social service agencies are present and ready to assist in this enterprise.

I urge you to vote in such a way that the rights of all are genuinely protected.

With my sincere good wishes,

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Diocesan Administrator Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay



“Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady”

Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday 15th August

Mass at Manly &
Freshwater @ 9:15am

Evening Mass at
Manly at 7pm



Our Parish Confirmation Program commences this weekend Parish Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation

Priest: In baptism God called each one of us by name and welcomed us into the family of the Church. Today we invite the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be presented to our faith community for blessing. Would the children preparing for Confirmation please come forward.

Let us pray: O God Creator of us all, look upon these children and welcome them. By baptism they belong to you. Through their families and the parish of Manly Freshwater may they experience the joy of being part of our Catholic community. Help them to remember the words of your faithful love: “I have called you by your name. You are mine.” We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Dear Parents, your children are being prepared to be full members of our Christian community. In the name of God's holy Church, I ask you are your children sincere in wanting to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Parents: Yes, they are.

Priest: Are they trying to live as faithful friends of Jesus?

Parents: Yes, they are.

Priest: Children, your parents tell us that you wish to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of the Confirmation. We now ask you; do **you** wish to receive, these gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Children: Yes, we do!

Priest: Members of this parish community will you pray for these children and their families as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Community: Yes, we will

Blessing:

Priest: God of love bless + your children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation with your abundant gifts.

We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL

The 2019/2020 quota for our parish is \$48,387. The quota for this August Appeal is \$16,129.

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.

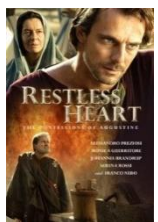


FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE

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).

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.

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.



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".

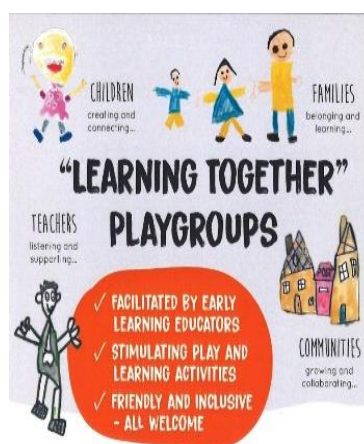
St John the Baptist School News...It's been

another busy week at SJB! Last Thursday and Friday our Year Six school leaders set off on their annual Canberra Overnight Excursion. Canberra's weather did not disappoint with it feeling much more like Spring than Winter! The students had a wonderful time, visiting Canberra's sites and learning about the Parliamentary system as well as visiting the Australian War Memorial and Questacon (always a favourite).

A huge congratulation to Zara Kasprovicz (Year 6) who represented NSW in the Swimming Nationals held in Melbourne last week and achieved the following results:
1st Place 12yrs 50m Freestyle
2nd Place Senior Medley Relay
2nd Place 12yrs 100m Freestyle
3rd Place Senior Freestyle Relay



Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)



St John the Baptist Primary School, Freshwater

Meet in the school hall (7 Johnson St, Freshwater). Morning tea provided. All sessions: 9am – 10:30am
Mon 12/8, Tues 27/8 and Wed 11/9 For more info phone school office 9939 6699 or sjbf@dbb.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Primary School, Manly

Meet in the school hall (Whistler St, Manly) Morning tea provided. All sessions: 9am – 10:30am
Weekly playgroup is on every Monday in Hall 9am – 10:30am. Extra sessions run by teachers are on Wednesdays in Term 3 – 28/8, 4/9, 11/9, 18/9 & 25/9
For more info phone school office – 9977 2225 or smm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

All pre-school children, families & carers are welcome – no RSVP required

Manly and Freshwater Roster 17th - 18th August 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Ron Gravalin	Ivica Covic	TBA	TBA
Servers				Ivana Covic		
Readers	Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas	Vuna Tuifua Katalina Taefotu	Paul Novak Dean Gale	Family Mass	Luke Campbell Pam Brown
Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	Judy O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Jan Dorsen	Richard Heasman Pam Rawson	Family Mass	Toni Walsh
Music	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	David Hala	Mark Bateman		
Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Jan Dorsen	Anne Gaughan	Lynette & Sophie Duffy		
Flowers/Altar Society	Merle Zemek				Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	
Morning Tea		Lynn Parkes	Tongan Group			Raymond Family
Children's Lit		Fiona S				Assistance Required

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**





Always be ready and keep your lamps burning



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Below are some things we can do that will help us to always be ready for Jesus.

PRAY

What are some things we can pray for?

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Write a prayer about one of them.

Dear God,

. Amen.

CARE FOR OTHERS

Draw a picture of yourself caring for someone you know

ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

When do we need to say "I'm sorry" to others or God?



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19th 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, 8-12 (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.

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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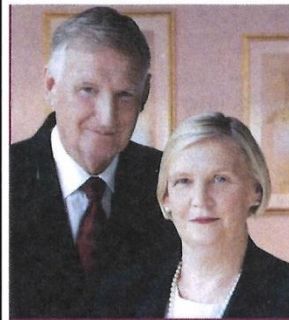
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