



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater



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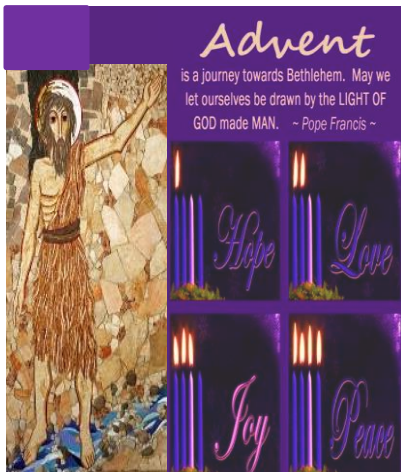
begins this weekend. Our giving tree is available if you would like to make up a hamper for a needy family. There will also be envelopes on the pews if you wish to help that way.

Freshwater will have a giving basket for donations.

We really appreciate all the support that you have given our conferences over the years.

Please keep all the needy families in your prayers. *God bless...Bruce and Mick*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 1st December 2019



Priest: Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. We open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives and our homes.

The candles on our Advent wreath will remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and

to lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom. *He stretches out his hand towards the wreath.*

Priest: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples; he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; he is the Saviour of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. People Amen.

Lights the first candle on the wreath (purple)

You came as our redeemer to announce glad tidings of salvation. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord Have Mercy.

You come as shepherd to gather and feed us. Christ have mercy.

You will come as judge to establish a new heaven and earth. Lord have mercy.

Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor

Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim

Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati
Paula Martin

Pastoral Coordinator: Michelle Ellis

Administration Office:

Mon – Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fri: 9am – 4pm

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

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After Hours Urgent Sick Calls:

0499 910 010

Presbytery: 9977 2100

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

www.bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

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

Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,
Freshwater NSW 2096

Baptisms: by appointment only

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

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 December The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

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
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Principal: Chris Browne
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Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

November 2019

Mon 2/12 – 1st week of Advent	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tue 3/12 – St Francis Xavier	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wed 4/12 – 1st week of Advent	Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37
Thurs 5/12 – 1st week of Advent	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27
Fri 6/12 – 1st week of Advent	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Sat 7/12 – St Ambrose	Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,6-8
Sun 8/12 – 2nd Sunday of Advent	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Year A

LET US PRAY FOR 1st December 2019

Recently Deceased: Anne Bicknell

Anniversary: Isaac McInnes; Claudio Gonzalez, Sam Mamona; Rody Sia

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Fiona Sweeting; Louise Allara


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...

- **RCIA** Tues 3rd Dec @ 7pm
- **Stella Maris** end of year mass Tues 3 Dec @9.15am
- **St Marys School Mass** Fri 6th Dec @ 5.15
- **Finance Committee Meeting** Tues 3 Dec @ 6.30 pm

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.



Visitors to the area are more than welcome.

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.



AND Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish End Room.

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. 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

Pope Francis @ Pontifex



Peace is no more than an empty word unless it is founded on truth, built up in justice, animated and perfected by charity, and attained in freedom.



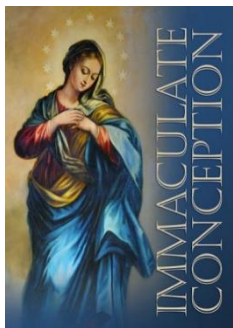
FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE

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).**

Prayer in time of Bush Fire and Drought

Hear our prayers, O God,
 for the effort to quench the fires
 that rage in our land;
 and, sustaining our spirits,
 keep us graciously from all harm and give success
 to the work of our hands.

Look upon our parched land and bestow upon it abundant rain, that pastures, fields and paddocks may by your goodness thrive once more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



8 DECEMBER

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

Parish Feast Day Celebration

10.30am Mass at Manly followed by Lunch under the Big Tree in the School yard.

RSVP by 4 December to 9977 5822
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Christmas Mass Times



MANLY

24th December

6:00pm – Children's Mass

8:30pm - Tongan Choir (Carols from 8pm)

11:00pm - Parish Choir (Carols from 10:30pm)

25th December - 8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm

FRESHWATER

24th December

5:00pm - Children's Mass (Carols from 4:30pm)

7:00pm – Congregational Singing (Carols from 6:30pm)

25th December – 9:00am



RECONCILIATION

Parish Reconciliation

Communal 2nd Rite Celebration will be held

Thursday 19th December at 7pm
at St Mary's Church, Manly.



Christmas, December & January rosters Servers, snr & jnr, Readers, Eucharist Ministers

If you are available to assist over the Christmas/December/January period, please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822. If you are away and are normally on the monthly roster please also advise the office.

Readers Training Session Fr David will hold a training session this Sunday 1st December at Manly, 4.30pm to 5.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a reader please come along.

Christmas Blessing Letterbox Drop



This Christmas we are calling for **volunteers to deliver a Christmas Blessing Card** to every home in the parish, wishing all a Joyful Christmas and letting them know about our Christmas services.

If you are able to letter box drop in your street or unit block please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822.

Craft Group Stall

Next Sunday Morning at Manly the Parish Craft Group will be holding a stall selling of goods that they have made during the year. There will also some Christmas Cookies on sale. The processed will go towards a new laptop for the Church at Manly.



The Craft Group will be celebrating the Christmas Season with a **Morning Tea** this Tuesday 3 December



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



Each year the Parish hosts a Luncheon on Christmas Day for those in our community who will be spending Christmas alone.

If you are able to assist with any of the following please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

- Easy carve Ham
- Plum Puddings
- Fresh Fruit
- Chocolates and sweets

Christmas Day Lunch Gifts Each year at our Christmas Luncheon we give each of our guests a Christmas parcel made of an assortment of gifts.

- Socks, caps, pens, deodorants, t-shirts, hair brushes
- If you would like to make a cash donation it would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers needed to assist with:

- **Setup of the Hall** – Sunday 22 @ 11.30am
- **Co-ordinator Setup of the Hall** – Sunday 22
- **Co-ordinator for the Clean Up** from 1:30pm

If you would like to know about what's involved please call the Parish Office on 9977

Manly and Freshwater Roster 7th – 8th December 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am
Acolytes	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin
Servers	Bernie Lawler		Iona & Teresa
Readers	Carmel Lawler	Ritz Bruzzese	Jane Fonua Jean Halcrow
Ministers of Communion	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Kim McGrath Assistance Req
Music	Bianca Zatz	tbc	Parish Choir
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Marika Jones
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Maria Condomitti
Flowers/ Altar Society	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell		
Morning Tea		Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Filipino Group
Children's Lit		Claire Shefford	

Ministry	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Richard Heasman Ron Gravolin	Ian Press	Francis Raymond
Readers	Mark Sing Flora Spiteri	Assistance Req	Toni Walsh
Ministers of Communion	Paula Martin	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh
Music	Sam Shaw	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Assistance Req	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	Stephen Crowley		
Piety Shop	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society		Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	
Morning Tea			Storey Family
Children's Lit			Rena Curl

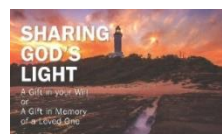
150th Anniversary 8th December 1869



On 8th December 2019 our parish begins the celebrations of the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the first weatherboard Church in what was then Manly Beach Parish, dedicated to Mary Immaculate. We will continue our Anniversary celebrations throughout 2020. We welcome your celebration suggestions and your participation.

Kindest regards Fr David Taylor PP

Leaving a Legacy



Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Manly Freshwater Parish? Once you have provided for your loved ones in your Will, you may like to consider leaving a meaningful and profound gift to our Parish. There are many ways to leave a legacy to the Church and your Parish community by including a specific gift or a percentage of your estate in your Will.

To learn more please contact Fr David in the Parish office on 9977 5822 for information on bequests and legacy giving. Thank you for your consideration.

PIETY SHOP MANLY

Christmas has come to the piety shop!!!

Come in and take a look at-

- This year's beautiful St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and other Christmas ideas are now available.
- For all of you who love to be organised....*Prepare for the next decade the!!!*
- The 2020 Divine Mercy & Colombian calendars
- 2020 Daily Mass Book have arrived.
- **St Teresa Crosses** - limited stock available.
- New **Rosary Beads from Fatima & Rome.**



Movie of the month "The Star" A fun, creative and imaginary animation based on how the animals in the Nativity scene played a key role in bringing about the arrival of the King of the Universe. Only \$10 @ the piety store

CD of the month "Prepare the way of the King" – Dr Scott Hahn & "The true meaning of Christmas" – Fulton Sheen

Wishing to go deeper into the Christmas mystery this Advent? These CD's unpack some interesting yet glossed over details on the importance of this celebration of Universal significance.



We are currently seeking more Catechists & Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2020.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or
Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



Our December Mass on Anointing at Manly will be moved Friday 13th December at 9.15am

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



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
**CHRISTMAS DAY
 LUNCH**
 25 DECEMBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, 50 WHISTLER ST, MANLY
 11.30am to 2pm

It's free and non alcoholic
 So if you are spending Christmas alone please
 come along



Hosted by Manly Freshwater Parish
 9977 5822

St Mary's Manly School News

Our Year 6 students would like to thank everyone in the Parish who supported our 2019 Mission Project at last weekend's Masses. Your donations will support the Parish with their annual Christmas Day lunch. The students were overwhelmed with your generosity and are looking forward to helping the Parish make Christmas a joyful time for those people who attend the lunch.



Thank you to the Parish for their ongoing support of our Family Masses throughout 2019. We celebrated our last Family Mass for the year last weekend and the community atmosphere was fantastic. We look forward to celebrating Family Masses with you again next year. Monique Johnston, REC

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Reflection

At the start of the Church's year, we enter the season of Advent with an exhortation to 'stay awake'. We

begin a time of preparation and anticipation as we look forward to welcoming the Christ Child into the world at Christmas. Christ calls each of us today to be awake to his presence in every moment, so that we may stand ready to greet him when he comes again in glory.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus encourages his followers to live within this state of preparation and anticipation, so that they may be ready to welcome the Son of Man when he comes.

In the **First Reading**, Isaiah foretells of the Kingdom of God – the kingdom that we are called to proclaim and live out in our own lives. Using the imagery of a great mountain, he describes the presence and authority of God. People from every nation will be drawn to the Lord, and peace will reign across the world.

The **Psalms** is a pilgrim's song that would have been sung on the lips of those entering Jerusalem. This becomes our own pilgrim song as we enter Advent.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul calls us to wake up to our true reality.

We are children of light, and he encourages us to let go of everything that draws our attention away from Christ.

Throughout Advent, let us keep each other in prayer. May Christ's peace be upon us all and his light shine within our hearts, so that we too may stand ready to greet him in all whom we meet. *Pathways to God 2019*

Outside the Parish

Walk the Camino! Two Catholic Mission Pilgrimages 2020. Small group led by an experienced guide. Sr Veronica Rosier OP (0451 387 906)

www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

Nine-Day Christmas Novena Masses to be held at St Kevin's, Dee Why - 15-23 December at 7.30pm.

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux tour

For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, visit Australia in 2020 on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, saints Louis and Zélie Martin. The relics will visit the following parishes in the Diocese of Broken Bay:

- 5 March: St Ives Parish
- 6 March: The Lakes Parish
- 7 March: Hornsby Cathedral
- 8 March: Gosford Parish
- 9 March: The Entrance Parish

Find out more about this significant event as Australia prepares for the Plenary Council by visiting:
catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-thérèse-of-lisieux

*Last weekend we welcomed Bishop Anthony
Thank you to all who came along and celebrated with us.*



This Weekend we commission
Ivicia , Michael, Kieran, Ivana, Alysha, Jayden , Emily and Alex
These young people from our Parish together with Fr Paul will join
100 young people from Broken Bay Diocese and travel to the
Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth.

ACYF 2019 Prayer

Holy Spirit, Breath of God,
you come to us in the stillness
and silence of this Great South Land.

Give us the courage to open our hearts and
ears, to listen to your voice as we seek to
foster the growth of your Church in Australia.
Grant us the desire to know Jesus and say our
'Yes' to his invitation to spread the joy of the
Gospel.

We ask for the gift of hope as you guide us in
our search for purpose and meaning in our
lives.

We pray together as young people that we
may love and care for all of creation.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our
Lord, our brother and our companion, who
lives with You and the Father forever and
ever. Amen.



First Sunday of Advent – Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 2:1-5 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9 (JB)*

R .Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. R.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' R.

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. R.

Second Reading *Romans 13:11-14 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the

dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Ps 84:8 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 24:37-44 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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