



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

First Sunday of Advent - 27th November 2022



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. **All: Amen.**

The Priest blesses the wreath with Holy water & lights the first candle on the wreath.

Priest Before we celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us be alert to the advent of our God and prepare the Lord's way by turning from our sins.

Pause for silence.

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

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Christ have mercy.

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

All: Lord have mercy.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

The Parish Mass on Friday 2 December will be held at 12 noon celebrated by Fr Paul Kim. Stella Maris will hold their End of Year Mass at 9.30am on that day.



First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 29th November at 7pm Freshwater

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



There are currently no collections during Mass. If you would like to make a donation, we encourage you to use the Tap and Go Machines at the entrances of the Churches. Thank you for your support.



PARISH ADVENT RETREAT SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 9:30am to 3:45pm lead by Fr John

Fr John will be leading us in a joyous way to begin Advent with talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Lunch and Fellowship.

We invite you to come along and join us. Book through the Parish Office 9977 5822



FR PAUL KIM will be visiting Manly this Friday 2 December and will celebrate the Parish Mass at 12noon at Manly.

Fr Paul Kim will be in the Diocese for a week to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the Korean Chaplaincy. He wishes to celebrate Mass for the parishioners on Friday 2nd December at 12noon at St Mary's Church, Manly followed by a light lunch.

Fr Paul looks forward to seeing as many friends as possible in Manly Freshwater at this Mass.

For catering purposes please advise the Parish Office if you are able to join us for lunch.

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

To help us plan for our Christmas Masses this year we ask that you let us know if you are available to assist in one of the ministries listed below

- Servers, Readers, Welcomers, Piety Shop
- Please advise the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

This year we will be serving an option of a sit down or take away picnic lunch. **If you would like to donate goods** for the Picnic Packs we will be including some of the following:

- Box of chocolates – these will be given as gifts to our guests
- Cans of soft drink – coke, lemonade, fanta
- Fresh Fruit
- Cash donations will be used to purchase the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls, Desserts and anything we are short of.

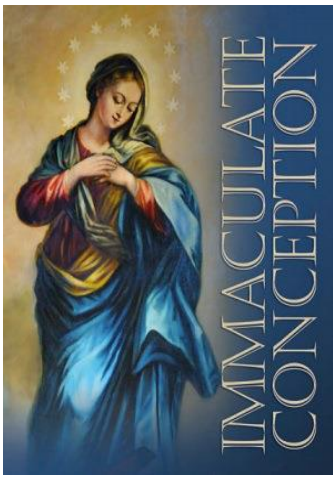
Please drop the Chocolates and Drinks into the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day or for the setup please email the Parish Office.

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Anointing Mass will be held on Friday 2nd Dec at Manly during the 12noon Mass and Freshwater at 9.15am Mass.



YOU'RE INVITED
TO OUR
Parish Feast Day
&
**Thank You
Celebration**
11 December

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

RSVP by 5 December to 9977 5822

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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. By reaching out to our community in this way, we hope to welcome and invite others to join us at our Christmas Celebrations. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822 for further information.



**VINNIES CHRISTMAS
GIVING TREE**

Next weekend (26th Nov) we will have our Christmas Giving Tree in both churches.

Freshwater will have a giving tree for family hampers and

Manly will have a store gift card tree.

If you would like to adopt a family and make up a hamper for them or help with a gift card please take one from the tree.

Our Christmas Appeal will start on the 3rd December. Envelopes will be available on the pews up to Christmas.

We cannot thank you all enough for all the support you give to Vinnies and the needy families that you help.

Bruce - Manly Conference

Mick - Freshwater Conference



**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
MORNING TEA**

Freshwater: after the 9am Mass



Our Christian Meditation Group

has recommenced and will meet each Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. The group will follow the tradition of John Main. All are welcome to the join the group.



We welcome to a final Family Mass for the year the children who will commence School at St Mary's in 2023 together with their buddies. Following the Mass there we will be a BBQ - all are welcome



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA, a parish program to prepare adults for Christian Baptism and full membership in the Church. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.



Break Open the Word for the 2023 Liturgical Year

Books are ready for collection. If you are a current Reader at Manly or Freshwater, please collect your book from the Sacristy and mark off your name on the list. If you are interested in becoming a Reader, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN
MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS
Quiet Prayer & Adoration**

6pm - 7pm

**Scripture Reflection &
Benediction 7pm - 7:30pm.
Divine Mercy Chaplet**

will be said starting at 6pm



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 5822.



PIETY SHOP has a new selection of **Christmas and Advent items** on display. We have also received a **new**

range of Rosary Beads (\$10 each). Come along and have a browse.

Movie of the month: "Father Stu" Mark Wahlburg, Mel Gibson, Jackie Weaver (2022). It will make you laugh and cry. Based on a true story. Rated M. \$15

CD of the month: "Purgatory - our forgotten family" Dr Mark Miravalle. Not only is purgatory true and deeply rooted in sacred scripture and tradition. The practice of offering sacrifices and prayers for our deceased loved ones is our responsibility. \$5.

2023 Columban Art Calendar now available in the Piety Store Manly \$8 each

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am
Mass [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)



We invite you to join us at one of our Christmas Masses

Manly - 24th December

6.00pm Children's Mass

8pm Tongan Choir

10pm Parish Choir

25th December

8.30am & 10.30am

Freshwater – St John the Baptist Church

24th December

5.00pm Children's Mass and 7.00pm

25th December

9.00am Parish Choir

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Manly 15th December at 7pm

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. Planned Giving: many parishioners support the parish through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.

2. Scan to Donate using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



3. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts

• Church Bank Account

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• Pastoral Bank Account

Supports our Priests

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

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4. Tap and Go machines using your credit/debit card. **EFTPOS Terminals** which have pre-set donation amounts or select "Other Amount" and enter your desired amount to give and then tap your card.



Dates to remember...

- **Sacramental Program Meeting**
Tues 29 Nov 7pm Freshwater
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **RCIA** Tuesday 7pm Parish Centre
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **PPC Meeting** Wed 7th Dec at 5:30pm
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly**
Wednesday 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Rosary** (zoom) Thur 24 Nov 6pm
- **Men's Group** Thurs 1 Dec @ 7pm
- **Stella Maris End of Year Mass**
Fri 2 Dec @ 9:30am
- **Anointing Masses** Fri 2nd Dec Manly 12noon
Freshwater 9:15am
- **Fr Paul Kim's Parish Mass & lunch**
Fri 2 Dec 12pm followed by lunch

LET US PRAY FOR

27th November 2022

Recently Deceased: Marea Swanson; George Fell; Maria Fera

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; 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; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis

Only the names of recently deceased will be published in the bulletin during November.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:30pm Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church
Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary – Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater on 1st Friday each month at 9:15am Mass
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November: Children Who Suffer We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



Broken Bay Advent Resource

The Diocese of Broken Bay will offer an Advent Resource this year titled 'The Gifts of Christmas', written by Fr David Ranson VG. The resource focuses on the gifts of Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace, representing the four Advent candles that are lit during the season.

The booklet will be made available online in PDF format at www.bbcatholic.org.au in the leadup to Advent, which commences Sunday, 27 November. The program includes scripture, prayers, and guided reflective questions, and is able to be used individually or as part of a small group.

St Mary's School News...

What a year it has been at St Mary's! We are so fortunate to have made it through a full year, uninterrupted, and to have most school events back to normal. Last week our parents celebrated a long-awaited parent function, 2 years in the making and our Year 5 students attended camp in preparation for their leadership roles in 2023. Our Stage 3 students also participated in Surf Ed last week and enjoyed our beautiful Manly Beach in the sunshine! We have a jam-packed end to the term with our final Family Mass this Sunday where our Year 4 and 5 buddies welcome the new Kindies for 2023. Please join us for Mass on Thursday 8th Dec at 9.15am as we celebrate our Feast Day. The children will enjoy this special day by celebrating with games and activities, followed by a BBQ. Thank you to one of our beautiful parishioners, Phillipa, who so generously handmade liturgical gowns for the children to wear for liturgical movements, these will be well used! Finally, this will be my final message as REC at St Mary's as I am moving on to Assistant Principal at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Forestville. Thank you for welcoming me into your Parish and I wish you all the best for a healthy, smooth and fun filled 2023.

Warm regards Alexis Conn (REC)



St John's School News...

Fr Eliseus invited Yr 6 to stand so that Yr 5 school mates and Kindergarten Buddies could wish them well for their future high school studies. Kindergarten sang with their best singing voices in celebration.



St John the Baptist Year 6's celebrated their final class mass this week



Playgroup
@ St. John the Baptist
Primary School, Freshwater

There are only two more playgroup sessions for the year! Thursday 1st and 8th December from 9am – 10am. Come and join us for a free, fun & engaging morning!
7 Johnson St, Freshwater 9939 6699

FRESHWATER CAROLS 4th December

Come along and join in the fun at the Freshwater Carols, Freshwater Reserve on Sunday 4th Dec. Francis Raymond and his merry helpers will be manning the BBQ from 6:30pm with the Carols starting from 7:30pm.

If you would like to join the Carols Choir please attend the rehearsal on Wednesday November 30th 7.30-8.30pm (Balgowlah Uniting Church).



FRESHWATER CAROLS
FRESHWATER RESERVE (BEHIND SLSC)
SUNDAY 4TH DEC BBQ & DRINKS: 6.30PM - 7.30PM
CAROLS: 7.30PM - 8.45PM

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THE ADVENT WREATH is the widely recognized symbol of Advent.

The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches laid flat to symbolize eternal life. Four candles stand in the circle and each one represents one of the four Sundays of Advent. In the centre of the circle is a fifth candle (traditionally white), the Christ Candle, which is lit on Christmas Day.

The circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life.

Advent worship is like a journey through the Christmas story. Christians use the Advent candles to celebrate this period with one lit every Sunday of Advent so that during the last week before Christmas all four candles are lit. The last central candle (which represents Christ) is lit on Christmas Day.

The Advent Candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son, Jesus. The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays are:

1. **God's people** -The Candle of **Hope**.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

2. **The old testament prophets** - The Candle of **Peace**.

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

3. **John the Baptist** - The Candle of **Love**

Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

4. **Mary the mother of Jesus** - The Candle of **Joy**

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY ROSTER – DECEMBER 2022 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1 3 – 4 December '22	Week 2 10 – 11 December '22	Week 3 17 – 18 December '22	Week 4 24 – 25 December '22
		2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent	Christmas Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	TO BE CONFIRMED
	Readers	Freya Zemek	Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese	
	Music	CD'S	CD'S	CD'S	
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Mary Prager	John & Merle Zemek	John & Merle Zemek Mary Prager	
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Assistance Required	
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson	Martino Hoang	Ken Thompson	
	Readers	Jan Van Den Broek	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas	
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	
10:30am Mass	Server	Martino Hoang	Louise Wareham Teresa Hearn	Martino Hoang Bernie Lawler	
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Ron Gravolin	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	Carmel Lawler Katalina Taefotu	
	Music	Tongan Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Tongan Choir	
	AV Screens	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall	Tongan Choir	
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul Pervan Anne Gaughan	
	Morning Tea			Tongan Community	
	Piety Store	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker	Kim McGrath	
6pm Mass	Server	Silvio Porcelli	Kieran & Michael Wan	Silvio Porcelli	NO MASS
	Readers	Dean Gale Richard Heasman	Sandie Cornish	Richard Heasman Youth	
	Music	Simon Hyland	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland	
	Piety Store	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	

MINISTRY ROSTER – DECEMBER 2022 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 3 – 4 December '22	Week 2 10 – 11 December '22	Week 3 17 – 18 December '22	Week 4 24 – 25 December '22
		2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent	Christmas Time
5pm Vigil	Server	Ian Press	Ian Press	Mick O'Farrell	TO BE CONFIRMED
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield	Nella and Zara Hornikova	
	Music	CD's	CD's	CD's	
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	
	Server	Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery	Francis Raymond	
9am Mass	Readers	Patricia Brown Luke Campbell	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic	Toni Walsh Pam Brown	
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	
	Altar Society	Mary Anne Marles	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	Maria Harkness	
	Morning Teas	Andy & Beck Thiss	Tim Markwart	Angelica & Michael Rosatto	

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822

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

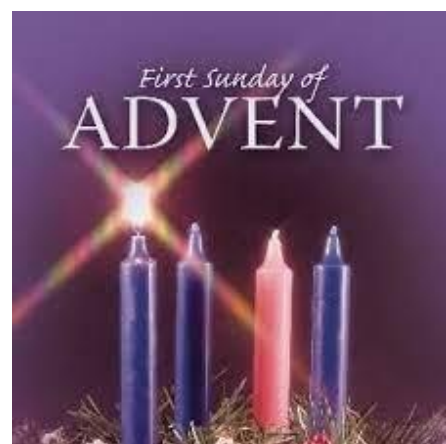
Stay awake, you must be ready.

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath;
Peter Nacard

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
Baptisms: please contact the parish office
Manly: 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater: 2nd Sunday of month
Reconciliation: **Manly** Sat 10am – 11am
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