

# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## First Sunday of Advent - 29th November 2020

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased that many of you have registered to attend one of our Christmas Masses . You will see on page 3 of this bulletin the Mass times for Manly and Freshwater. Once you have decided the Mass you and your family wish to attend **you must book straight away** as numbers are limited. This weekend at all Masses there will also be a sign on sheet where you can book into the Christmas Mass you wish to attend.



**This Sunday's Gospel** -The beginning of the Christian year begins at the end of time: the promised return of Christ at the end of time. In this brief

Gospel parable of the master's return, Jesus articulates the Advent themes of waiting, watchfulness and readiness. Jesus calls us to realize our responsibilities in the present as we dare to look forward to the promise of the future.

Advent is a call to pay attention: to pay attention to the voice of God, the hand of God, the love of God in every joy and sorrow, in every pain and trauma, in every victory and setback before us. Jesus urges us to "watch" this Advent to behold the beauty and wonder and grace of God's presence in every moment of our lives.

The coming of Christ and his presence among us – as **one** of us – give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned by our merciful Father in heaven.

Advent confronts us with the preciousness and limits of time: that our lives are an Advent, a prelude, to the life of God to come. While confronting us with the reality that our lives and finite and fragile, these Sundays of Advent also assure us of the mercy of God, who is with us amid all the struggles and challenges of our everyday Advent journey to the dwelling place of God.

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**Blessing of the Advent Wreath -** Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendour of Christ, who is rer and ever.

Lord, for ever and ever.

**Reflection Week 1** Hope is the flower that blooms from the ground of faith. And so, with joy we keep the tradition of ages past as we encircle our Advent wreath with prayerful expectation. This flame sings out that the reign of God, that pure light, is dawning. May this Advent season be a beginning that bring us a new birth of hope in the ancient promise of our God.

## Light Candle No 1/ Hymn Refrain

**Priest:** The kingdom of God has already begun among us. We ask God's pardon for the times our actions have not reflected that.

Priest: O Lord you are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name,

Priest: We, the tribes of your inheritance await your return.

Priest: Abba Father, we are the clay, you are the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

## Priest: Let us Pray. Opening Prayer/Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November** – Artificial Intelligence – we pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Live Streaming of Mass

Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparish Sunday 8:30am Mass

All: Come Emmanuel.

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#### LET US PRAY FOR

#### Recently Deceased: Myra Green

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:**, Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Kathleen Hudson; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Jacqui Dawson; Ken Waller

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## During November, only the names of recently deceased will be published in the bulletin.

| November/December 2020             | Year A                                 |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Mon 30/11 St Andrew                | Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22                |  |  |  |
| Tue 1/12 – 1st week of Advent      | ls 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24                |  |  |  |
| Wed 2/12 – 1st week of Advent      | ls 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37                |  |  |  |
| Thurs 3/12 – St Francis Xavier     | Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27               |  |  |  |
| Fri 4/12 – 1st week of Advent      | ls 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31                |  |  |  |
| Sat 5/12 – 1st week of Advent      | ls 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,6-8    |  |  |  |
| Sun 6/12 – Second Sunday of Advent |  |  |  |  |
|                                    | Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8 |  |  |  |



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## PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

## Parish facebook:

facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

## Parish website:

bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

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



**St Vincent de Paul Notice during COVID-19** For assistance with food, clothing or other emergencies please call St Vincent de Paul Northern Beaches Regional Office 9905 0424. If you wish to donate

clothing it will be accepted at the SVDP Shop Brookvale, Roger Street, between 10am – 3pm.



If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the Church.

**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



## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. 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.



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

As we begin another liturgical year, we focus on the coming of Christ.

We wait for his coming in our own lives; we wait for his coming at

Christmas; and we await his second coming.

In the **First Reading**, the exiles, freshly returned from Babylon, plead with God to return to them to help them rebuild their land. They are weary with waiting for him.

The **Psalm** too pleads with God, 'the shepherd of Israel', to come once again to help, protect and show his power.

In the opening words of his letter to the Corinthians, Paul thanks God for all the graces they have received. He is confident that God will keep them faithful while they wait for the Lord Jesus Christ to be fully revealed (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus clearly warns his disciples to stay awake, to be on their guard, to be like the doorkeeper ... ever alert, because he does not know when his master will return. Let us enter this new season with confidence, knowing that the Lord will give us, and our world, the graces we need, because 'God is faithful'. *Pathways to God 2020* 



## Christmas Masses

Due to Covid 19 restrictions our Christmas celebrations will be a little different with smaller numbers permitted to attend our services. Below

are the Mass times and you will see that we have extra Masses at both Churches.

Booking into the Mass you wish to attend will be essential and we encourage you book by calling the Office on Parish 9977 5822. bv emailing manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au or by using the sign on Christmas Mass Sheet at the Masses this weekend 28/29 November.

We will be opening the bookings up to the wider community using Trybookings from 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## Manly –

24/12 - 4.30pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm

25/12 -7.30am, 9am, 10.30am & 6pm

## Freshwater

24/12 - 5pm, 6.30pm

25/12 - 9am

Assistance Needed – if you could help next weekend 28/29 November with assisting parishioners to register their Christmas Mass preference please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



To assist us with maintaining our attendance registers you now have the option of scanning the QR code with your Phone to register your details to enter the Church at Manly. At the Church please hold your phone over the code with your camera

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and internet on and follow the link to complete your details. Sign in sheets will still be available at both Churches. There is need to

register to attend Mass each week. The limit is 189 people attending Mass at Manly and 74 people attending Mass at Freshwater.

USE OF FACE MASKS IS NOW RECOMMENDED BY THE NSW GOVERNMENT AT RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**PRIVATE PRAYER** Churches will be open for private prayer. Parishioners and visitors are asked to 'sign in' each time they visit on the sheet provided or advise the Parish Office. Please follow social distancing rules, and use hands sanitiser on arrival and departure.

Singing at Mass We will continue to have music with a cantor/s at Masses at the weekend but due to the latest recommendations from the NSW Government we ask that the Congregation refrain from singing.



### SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 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 at the entrances of the Churches.

We really appreciate all the support that you have given our conferences over the years. Please keep all the needy families in your prayers.

We are so very thankful for your generosity in our Mid-Winter Appeal where donations in both Churches amounted to \$6,070. Earlier in the year the Australian Catholic Bishops' Bushfire Appeal conducted by the Society realised \$25.2 million across Australia. At this time \$19.1 million has been distributed to over 7,000 needy and effected families and individuals with the remaining \$6.1 million being committed to recovery and rebuilding over the next six months. With Government assistance expected and indeed forecasted to drop to the former Newstart Allowance leaving individuals only \$40 to live on, we can expect a lot more local requests for assistance and your kindness, generosity and support is appreciated.

| Mick O'Farrell       | Bruce Whittet   |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| President Freshwater | President Manly |
| Conference           | Conference      |

## YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

Parish Feast Day Celebration and Celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of our First Church at Manly



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm

Bishop Anthony will be joining us to celebrate our 150th Anniversary of

the opening of our first Church (wooden) on the feast day of Mary Immaculate Tuesday 8th December 6pm.

## **Pope Francis @ Pontifex**



Even a smile that we can share with the poor is a source of love. An outstretched hand can always be enriched by the smile of those who

quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ's disciples.



## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THOSE SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE

We are happy to

advise that we have been given permission by the NSW Government to host our annual Christmas Day Lunch this year. Due to the regulations our Christmas Day will look different with only 76 guests being able to be seated for lunch in the hall. We will also have Picnic Packs available for collection throughout the day to enjoy at the beach or at home.

If you would like to donate goods for the Picnic Pack or the meal we will be including some of the following as well as the take away meal...

- Bottle or can of soft drink
- Box of chocolates
- Beach towel
- Sun cream
- Hat
- Drink Bottle/Cup •
- Ham
- Fruit



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support Parish Giving the Parish financially.

To help you to make your offering you can use one of the following options:



- 2. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection** plates (1st collection and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
- 3. Continue to use direct debit with your credit cards

To make a credit card donation via the internet please right click below to open hyperlink

https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/manlyfreshwater



**EUCHARISTIC & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR** Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



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.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in Parish Room and the Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

into Learning Leap Playgroup Mondays 9am -10am in the Hall.



## **Craft Group Christmas Market Sunday 6 December**

Come along and do your Christmas shopping at the Parish Craft Group Christmas Market on Sunday 6 December, 8.30am - 12.00 noon.

There will be beautiful handmade items, including knit and crochet toys, baby clothes, blankets, coathangers, aprons, face masks and much more.

You will be amazed by the beautiful work done by the Craft Group ladies - come along and join us for morning tea on Tuesdays, 10am in the Parish Centre.



Our December Mass on Anointing at Manly will be 4th December at 9.15am



Free Gift Bag Live Music Limited Seating due to COVID-19

Take-away available from 10:00am Free Gift Bag

It's been a tough year for many, so no matter what your circumstance, you are always welcome to come along!!



Hosted by Manly Freshwater Parish ph: 9977 5822 Walk-ins welcome, however please contact us if you would like to reserve a seat.

## **BISHOP'S MESSAGE**



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay 24 November 2020 My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Today, in our liturgical calendar, we

Today, in our liturgical calendar, we remember St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions. In 1988, Pope John Paul II canonised 117 martyrs who had died

for the faith at various times in Vietnam. It is a rather remarkable group of the faithful. Of the 117 people, 96 were Vietnamese, 11 were Spaniards, and 10 were French. Apart from the variety of nationalities, this group of martyrs comprised eight bishops, 50 priests, and 59 of Christ's lay faithful. There was also one seminarian.

I am constantly reminded by this commemoration that testimony to the faith is part and parcel to the Christian vocation. The ultimate testimony is to shed one's blood. In John's Gospel, Jesus lays out the pattern for discipleship, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:12-14) Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and the Vietnamese martyrs are a marvellous example of putting the words of Jesus into action.

Throughout our community of the Church, there are many Catholics, from Vietnam, and from other nations around the world where the freedom of Religion is under threat. Many individuals and families have suffered and have living memory of those sufferings, and yet they continue to make a vital contribution to the mission of the Church in our local community. Suffering is always a challenge, and yet these martyrs encourage us not to be engulfed by the burden of pain or hopelessness. Their example of faith is the encouragement that I believe we need in uncertain times.

This week, I would like to offer a word of gratitude to the many people in our community of the Church, who, despite their suffering offer us encouragement and hope. Martyrdom can be lived in so many ways, through many little deaths in life. Ultimately our faith helps make sense of them, and with a sense of hope in Jesus, each one of us can be inspired to offer our lives in testimony to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We take inspiration from Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, my brothers and sisters, so that we may never lose hope.

Blessings on your week, +Anthony



#### St Mary's School News...

Our senior Yr 5 students were absolutely magnificent at their **Leadership Camp** last week. After each activity, we debriefed and talked about the capabilities each required to successfully complete the



activities.. We love discussing these and hearing their maturing perception of what these mean to them. Yr 5 will

continue their development towards their Yr 6 Leadership roles over the next few weeks. This week, **Yr 6 are at their Leadership camp** as they transition to high school. They will be visited by Yr 7 & Yr 12 students from St Paul's College and Stella Maris



College, as they begin their transition into Yr 7. They can't wait to meet their 'Kindy Buddies' from 2014!! *Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)* 

#### John's School News...

At SJB, we place great value on encouraging, supporting and providing opportunities for student voice and leadership. Each year our Year 6 students are provided with a variety of leadership opportunities through their involvement in following the teams:



Mission, Creative Arts and Liturgy, Civics and Citizenship, Sport, Library and Technology. This week our Year 6

students delivered their Leadership Team presentations to our Year 5 students in preparation for them transitioning to become our new student leaders in 2021. It was a very proud moment to see the current leaders demonstrating such



enthusiasm, maturity and positivity in encouraging their fellow peers to walk the path of leadership in 2021.

Kind Regards Sharna TarantoActing R.E.C.

#### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am 10:30am
- Piety Store: call Parish Office

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- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am 11am
  - RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822 PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly 2nd Mon each month at 4:30pm & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

|                | Ministry      | Week 1<br>5/6 December   | Week 2<br>12/14 December                                       | Week 3<br>19/20 December                                       | Week 4<br>26/27 December                                       |
|----------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| 6pm Vigil Mass | Server        | Freya Zemek  | Louise Wareham   | Louise Wareham   | Freya Zemek  |
|                | Readers       | Rita Bruzzese  | Jean Halcrow   | Rita Bruzzese<br>Jean Halcrow                                  | Bill Tango   |
|                | Music         | Josh Willard   | Josh Willard   | Josh Willard   | Josh Willard   |
|                | Welcomer<br>s | John & Merle Zemek<br>Lynne Parks                              |
|                | Flowers       | Louise Wareham   | Hazel Cottee<br>Carole O'Donnell                               | Merle Zemek  | Liz de Ambrosis  |
|                | Server        | Louise Wareham   | Louise Wareham   | Ken Thompson   | Louise Wareham   |
| Mass           | Readers       | Jan van den Brock  | Rita Bruzzese  | Patty Thomas   | Jan van den Brock  |
|                | Music         | Robert & Gina<br>Marshall<br>Organist                          | Robert & Gina<br>Marshall<br>Organist                          | Robert & Gina<br>Marshall<br>Organist                          | Robert & Gina<br>Marshall<br>Organist                          |
| 8:30am         | Welcomer<br>s | Veronica Renaud<br>Clare Carmody<br>Laurie & Liz<br>deAmbrosis |
| Mass           | Server        | Louise Wareham<br>Iona & Teresa Hearn                          | Ron Gravolin<br>Iona & Teresa Hearn                            | Ron Gravolin<br>Bernie Lawler                                  | Ron Gravolin<br>Iona & Teresa Hearn                            |
|                | Readers       | Jean Halcrow   | Janie Fonua  | Janie Fonua<br>Carmel Lawler                                   | Rita Bruzzese<br>Carmel Lawler                                 |
| 0:30am         | Music         | Bianca Zatz  | Gina Marshall<br>Bianca Zatz                                   | Bianca Zatz  | Gina Marshall<br>Bianca Zatz                                   |
|                | Welcomers     | Paul & Nicola Pervan<br>Anne Gaughan                           | Paul & Nicola Pervan   | Paul & Nicola Pervan<br>Anne Gaughan                           | Paul & Nicola Pervan<br>Anne Gaughan                           |
| 6pm Mass       | Server        | Ivana Covic  | Kieran & Michael<br>Wan  | Ivica Covic  | Kieran & Michael Wan   |
|                | Readers       | Ed Copeman<br>Paul Novak                                       | Sandie Cornish<br>Dean Gale                                    | Ed Copeman<br>Paul Novak                                       | Dean Gale<br>Sandie Cornish                                    |
|                | Music         | Simon & Youth  | TBC  | Simon & Youth  | Simon & Youth  |
|                | Welcomers     | Gerard McMahon<br>Hanaut Family                                | Marianna Gale<br>Assistance Require                            | Gerard McMahon<br>Hanaut Family                                | Marianna Gale<br>Assistance Require                            |

## MINISTRY ROSTER - DECEMBER 2020 - MANLY

## **MINISTRY ROSTER – DECEMBER 2020 – FRESHWATER**

| 5pm    | Ministry         | Week 1<br>5/6 December          | Week 2<br>12/14 December      | Week 3<br>19/20 December | Week 4<br>26/27 December |
|--------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|        | Server           | Mick O'Farrell                  | Ian Press                     | Lou Maruca               | Ian Press                |
|        | Readers          | Amanda Whitfield                | Assistance Required           | Amanda Whitfield         | Amanda Whitfield         |
|        | Welcomers        | Amanda Whitfield                | Assistance<br>Required        | Amanda Whitfield         | Amanda Whitfield         |
| Vicil  | Server           | Lou Maruca                      | Joanne Druery                 | Francis Raymond          | Amorina Wright           |
|        | Readers          | Luke Campbell<br>Patricia Brown | Toni Walsh<br>Patricia Brown  | Pam Brown                | Josh & Jasmine<br>Wright |
| SS     | Music            | Pat Brown                       | Pat Brown                     | Pat Brown                | Pat Brown                |
| n Mass | Altar<br>Society | Mary Anne Marles                | Isabella & Phillip<br>d`Souza | Mary Harkness            | Lyn Hillard              |
| 9am    | Welcomers        | Assistance Required             | Assistance<br>Required        | Assistance<br>Required   | Assistance<br>Required   |

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## **First Reading** *Isaiah* 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

# Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

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

## **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

# *R.* Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see, Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. R.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

## **Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him

that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

Mark 13:33-37 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Preparing for Advent

At www.pray.com.au the Advent Season of Creation series will look at the daily Scripture readings in the light of Pope Francis' Laudato Si'. The readings from Isaiah during Advent are full of realism about the world, a deep sense of God's presence in the natural world, and the conviction that relationship with God affects the whole of creation not just our hearts.



Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor

Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim

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Pastoral Coordinator: Michelle Ellis

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**Parish Pastoral Council:** Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath 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

**St Mary's Primary School** 9977 2225 Principal: Paul McGuire

**St John the Baptist Primary School** 9939 6699 Acting Principal: Fiona Dignan

**St Paul's Catholic College** 9977 5111 *Principal:* Chris Browne

**Stella Maris College** 9977 5144 *Principal:* Elizabeth Carnegie