

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

First Sunday of Lent - 21st February 2021

The Season of Lent

Just as the seasons of the year change, so also do the seasons of the Church. We see this especially in the Liturgy of the Church. We decorate the Church in the dark colour of violet for this is a season of penance and preparation. For the same reason there are no flowers in the Church and the Alleluia and the Gloria are hidden away, saved up for the great Easter celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Fr David Taylor

Gospel Reading: Every liturgical year, the Lenten season begins in the wilderness. Mark's brief account of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness takes place immediately after Jesus' baptism. "Driven by the Spirit," Jesus' going to the desert is an act of obedience to the Father. This is a time for contemplation and discernment regarding the tremendous task before him.

The word *Satan* comes from the Hebrew word for *adversary*. Satan serves as the "adversary" of God, advocating those values that contradict and oppose the love and mercy of God. Mark's portrait of Jesus in the desert is one of a Messiah coming to terms with the paradox of the human condition.

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee proclaiming "fulfillment": God's long-awaited promised Messiah has come.

Reflection: These 40 days of Lent are the Spirit's call to us to a "desert experience," to re-connect with God, to dare to wonder if our lives are all they could and should be.

Lent calls us away from business as usual (the real motivation behind giving up one's favorite confection or past time) in order to decide, in the depths of our hearts where God speaks to each one of us, what it means to be a person of faith, what values we want our lives to stand for, what path we want our lives to take on our journey to God and Easter resurrection.

As Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness to discern what God was calling him to do with the next part of his life, Spirit calls us to our own "wilderness experience" to confront the hard choices we must make in our lives – choices between the values of God and the far lesser things of the world that can isolate us, hurt others and diminish God's creation. *connectionmeadiaworks*



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

LET US PRAY FOR

21st February 2021

Recently Deceased: Gertrude Tauer

Anniversary: Yves Xavier

Prayers for the sick in our parish:, Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Jacqui Dawson; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon

February 2021	Year B	
Mon 22/2 – The Chair of St Peter	1 Pet 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	
Tue 23/2 – 1st week of Lent	ls 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	
Wed 24/2 – 1st week of Lent	Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	
Thurs 25/2 – 1st week of Lent	Esther 14:1,3-5,12-14; Mt 7:7-12	
Fri 26/2 – 1st week of Lent	Ezek 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	
Sat 27/2 – 1st week of Lent	Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	
Sun 28/2 – Second Sunday of Lent		
Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10		

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlvfreshwaterparish 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



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



REQUIRED ASSISTANCE

More Welcomers needed for Weekend Masses - if you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office.



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.



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



The Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring 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 the Parish Room and Wednesday

mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

PIETY STORE MANLY

Movie of the month "Bakhita - from Slave to Saint". A moving and extraordinary film on the story of "St Bakhita", the patron Saint of "refugees". Set in Africa and Italy. Italian with English sub-titles. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

The real story of the Inquisition – Steve Weidenkopf. The truth will surprise you. For e.g. the inquisition began because secular authorities unqualified in theology were putting people to death for heresy. Only \$5 @ the piety store

2021 Columban & Divine Mercy Calendars reduced to \$5

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are looking for volunteers for all Masses to assist in the Pietv Store for 10 minutes before and after each weekend Mass. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 if you are interested or want more information.

Catholic Weekly

Available at the entrances of the Churches



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

5th March starting at Friday 9:30am for morning tea with the service commencing from 10am at Northern Beaches Uniting Church at 122 Condamine St, Balgolwah (3hrs parking at Stocklands' Shopping Centre across the road).

The Northern Beaches Uniting Church at Balgowlah is very excited at sharing the story of the people of Vanuatu.

One of our members lived there for 9 years and still regularly visits so we are really looking forward to making this a very special occasion for everyone.

We have lots of capacity to accommodate people with the current CoVid restrictions. The event is not just for women. It is open to men and women being now known as World Day of Prayer.

Rite of Sending/Rite of Election



An important step in the RCIA is the Rite of Sending by the parish of those preparing for Baptism and the Rite of Election by the Bishop naming those who have been sent

"the Elect" those who are accepted for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

The Rite of Sending is our parish's opportunity to express its joy in the candidates' decision and to send them forth to the celebration of election assured of the parish's care and support.

Our Catechumens, Cindy and Shane will be 'sent' from our parish at the Vigil Mass 20th February to meet Bishop Anthony and all other parishes involved in RCIA at the Cathedral on Sunday 21st February. Please keep them in your prayers on their journey to Baptism at Easter.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED **FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY**



Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent.

Freshwater: 9:45am after Mass

Manly: 7pm

Reconciliation will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Manly



ADORATION AT FRESHWATER

During the 40 days of Lent Fr John will hold 15 min Adoration at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater. This will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 9am commencing next Tuesday 23rd February followed by the 9:15am Mass.

LENTEN PROGRAMS HELD IN OUR PARISH

Youth & Young Adults Lenten Group Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre using Bishop Barron's inspired Lenten Program.

Lectio Groups will be using the Lenten Program Comfort from the Wollongong Dioceses commencing Tuesday 23rd February at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room and Wednesday 24th February at 10am in the Parish Centre. This will follow the Sunday readings during Lent.

Diocesan Lenten Program will explore Bishop Anthony's six priorities for our Diocese, and will feature reflections by Fr David Ranson, Tomasz Juszczak, Kelly Paget, Deacon Samuel French, Sr Josefa Mabini and Pina Bernard. It also features personal testimonies from local parishioners.

If you are interested in attending a parish group or a home group please contact the parish office 9977 5822.



Covid-19 Updated Requirements





masks continue to be worn in the Church at all times, please remember to bring your mask with you.



To assist us with maintaining our attendance registers you now have the option of scanning the QR code with your SCAN ME Phone to register your details to enter the

Church. Please hold your phone over the code with your camera and internet on and follow the link to complete your details. YOU DO NOT need to register to attend Mass each week. The limit is 380 people attending Mass at Manly and 150 people attending Mass at Freshwater.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 "BE MORE"

Jamila is a Rohingya

refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.



Please donate Project to Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2021

Confirmation is the second Sacrament of Initiation and is received by children about 8 years old (normally

school year 3).

We will be holding Registration and Parent's workshop evenings in March. If you wish your child to be part of the program you must attend one of the following compulsory workshops:

- Thursday 11th or Tuesday 16th March 7pm at St Mary's Church, Manly
- Wednesday 10th March at 7pm at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

For more information please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822.

> We will be holding a **Baptism INTISM** program for older children aged 7 to 10 in March. If you wish your child to

be a part of this program, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to see Fr David Taylor.



THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

St Paul's College Catechists

One of the best ways for any student to deepen their learning is to teach what they have learned to someone else. In education, this is known as reciprocal teaching. After benefitting from their own first class Religious Education at St Paul's, a group of nine students from Year 10 have put their hands up to deepen their understanding of the faith and traditions of the Church by ministering as Catechists at Harbord Public School in 2021.

"For the pastoral activity of the Church to succeed the cooperation of a great many people is needed," explained Toni Walsh, Catechist Coordinator for Manly Freshwater Parish. These young men will pass on to Year 6 students at Harbord their experience of what it means to live generously and be open about their faith.



Ashley Steele, Ben McSorley, Max Keen, Harry Larcos, Jushua Goel, Ash Leonard, Lee Rogers, Robbie Pocock, and Michael Feledv were

blessed by Fr John at a Commissioning Mass held at St John the Baptist Freshwater. Working in teams of three and assisting adult volunteers from Manly Freshwater, the students begin their service to the Church and the Parish community this week. Another great example of the variety of gifts and generosity that St Paul's students bring to our wider community.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Lent is a season of grace. Lent is closely associated with God's Covenant and with baptism, and the readings this Sunday strongly underline this.

In the **First Reading** from Genesis, God makes a Covenant with Noah's people, saved from the flood by the ark. It is a Covenant of peace, symbolized by the rainbow.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, reminds us that just as Noah is saved from the waters, so we are saved by the waters of baptism. It is a pledge made to God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The **Psalm** is a prayer that we may walk in God's ways: a suitable prayer for beginning our Lenten journey.

The account of the temptations of Christ in Mark's **Gospel** is very brief.

It is only after this experience that Jesus begins his ministry, calling people to repent and believe the Good News.

This week, we may give thanks for 'this joyful season' (as the Lenten preface calls it) – a time to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery.



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2021

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



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

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

1. Use the **tap and go machines** at the Church entrance **Now at Freshwater and Manly**



- 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**
- Parish Bank Account 2nd collection funds the running of the Parish

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Acc# 100002025 BSB: 062 784

Please include name or envelope number as reference

Parish Bank Account – 1st collection Support of our Priests

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Acc# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

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
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- 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

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.



DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

A Plenary indulgence is offered for each Wednesday in this Year of St Joseph. Pope Francis on December 8 announced a special year dedicated to St Joseph starting with the announcement and lasting through December 8 2021, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The special year marks the proclamation of St Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. More information on the Plenary indulgence next week.



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO MARIE DOWNS



St Mary's School News...On Tuesday the children at St Mary's enjoyed pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday! The children brought in a donation for

Project Compassion and shared pancakes at recess. On Wednesday our Year 6 Mission Leaders and Father David led us in a very reverent Ash Wednesday Liturgy to signify the beginning of Lent. The children are learning about the importance of prayer, fasting and giving to others during Lent and made special Lenten promises in class. *Alexis Conn (REC)*

St John's School News...This week as we enter into the season of Lent, the children from Kindergarten to Year Six have been learning about the significance of Shrove Tuesday and Wednesday their Ash in classes. Bv participating in experiences such as; sharing in pancakes, preparing class prayer spaces with the colour purple, participating in class liturgies with Fr John and writing individual Lenten Promises the students are deepening and expanding their knowledge of this key season in the liturgical calendar. Sharna Taranto (REC)



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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay 16 February 2021

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Season of Lent is upon us once again as tomorrow is Ash Wednesday. Strangely, it is one

of my favourite times in our liturgical year because of the potential that is hidden within the Season. There is a simplicity to our prayer and worship during Lent that seems to unclutter life and liberate us from the grind of a fast and furious world.

While I love the dimensions of prayer and fasting, I particularly appreciate the call of Jesus who gave his disciples new а commandment of Christ, "even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34). Charity means loving as Jesus loved. In the community of the Church, we seek to be witnesses to caritas Christi - the charity of Christ. It is more than simply doing good or registering as benefactors for worthwhile projects. The foundation to our charity, especially during Lent, is the example of Christ, who laid down his life for our salvation and for the salvation of the world. No greater love has any man or woman than this (cf John 15:13).

While the mission of the Church is understood to be spiritual in nature, we also embrace all the temporal aspects of human life. This Lent, I ask how might we do this with hearts and minds filled with the charity of Christ? How might we live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people, without exception, might know and feel the loving embrace of God? As the community of the Church of Broken Bay, how can we acknowledge, respect, and love the poor, the oppressed, the marginalised, and those who find themselves burdened by adversity, vulnerability, or powerlessness?

Inspired by the Word of God and nourished by the sacraments, I invite you to join with me as together we strive to bring to bear the charity of Christ which gives authentic witness to the faith we profess. The practice of charity reveals the "new commandment" which makes known to the world the new life of the children of God.

May the power of the Holy Spirit, who reveals the charity of Christ, strengthen us in our resolve to be disciples of Jesus in the world. The charity of Christ urges us!

+Anthony



	2nd Sunday of Lent	27 - 28 February
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Freya Zemek
	Readers	Bill Tango
	Music	Josh Willard
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek
		Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Liz de Ambrosis
	Server	Louise Wareham
n Mass	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall
		Organist
8:30am	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud
30		Claire Carmody
8		Laurie & Liz de Ambrosis
	Servers	Ron Gravolin
ŝ		Bernie Lawler
las	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
~		Carmel Lawler
am	Music	Gina Marshall
30	WIUSIC	Bianca Zatz
10:30am Mass	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan
•		Anne Gaughan
	Server	Kieran & Michael Wan
6pm Mass	Readers	Dean Gale
6p Ma		Sandie Cornish
	Music	Simon & Youth
	Welcomers	Marianna Gale
		Assistance Required

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FRESHWATER

	2nd Sunday of Lent	27 - 28 February
5pm Vigil	Server	lan Press
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield
5pr	Welcomers	Amanda Whitfield
9am Mass	Server	Amorina Wright
	Readers	Josh & Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown
	Altar Society	Mary Ann Marles
	Welcomers	Assistance Required

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MEMORY? UNSURE WHERE TO TURN?

CatholicCare's Memory Innovations Centre improves quality of life, wellbeing and helps support positive brain health for seniors in our community. Our professionally run programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. The programs combine science and social activity and are run by experienced facilitators to ensure you get the best outcomes for your health and wellness. Our programs are simple, enabling people to use the strategies at home. A cozy, warm and welcoming environment awaits you at our centre in Waitara, with a team who are always on hand for a cuppa and a chat. Alternatively, you can access our programs from the comfort of your own home. Programs in art, mindfulness and relaxation, dance, exercise, navigating technology, cooking and brain training available. For more information visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mic or call (02) 9481 2659.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15 (JB)

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9 (JB)

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4 (JB)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; 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 *Principal: Alicia van der Merwe*

St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 Principal: Michael Reid

Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie