



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd August 2020

Dear Friends,

I pray that you are all well and adapting to our changing world.

As you know good music and singing is an important part of our parish liturgy. Unfortunately, the NSW Government has requested that there should be no congregational singing at Church Services. We will still have music with cantor/s or small singing group, all maintaining social distancing. During Mass the priest and senior server will wear a face mask when distributing Holy Communion.

I am going on 4 weeks leave next Monday and Fr Paul will be in charge and assisted by the Augustinians from Brookvale for Sunday Masses. There will be a Mass on Tuesdays at 9:15am at St John's Freshwater but there will be no other Masses Wednesday – Friday. There will be the usual 9:15am weekday Mass at Manly.

It is with some sadness that I confirm that Fr Paul's appointment to our Dioceses has come to an end and he will be returning to his Diocese of Incheon in Korea on Wednesday 18th November 2020. There will be more details later. *Fr David Taylor*



REFLECTION: In Matthew's Gospel, Peter's confession of faith is a turning point in the ministry of Jesus. Jesus will now concentrate on preparing his disciples to take on the teaching ministry and leadership of the Church he will establish.

The scene of today's Gospel, Caesarea Philippi, was the site of temples dedicated to no less than 14 different pagan gods, ranging from the Syrian god Baal to Pan, the Greek god of nature. In the middle of the city was a great white temple built by Herod and dedicated to the "divinity" of Caesar (hence the name of the city). In the midst of this marketplace of gods and temples, Jesus first indicates his plans and hopes for his church.

Jesus "sets up" Peter's declaration of faith by asking his disciples what people are saying about him. Many believed that Jesus is the reincarnation of John the Baptizer or the long-awaited return of the prophets Elijah or Jeremiah (Malachi 4: 5-6), whose return would signal the restoration of Israel. Simon Peter, however, has been given the gift of faith ("flesh and blood has not revealed this to you") and unequivocally states that Jesus is the Messiah.

Jesus blesses Simon with the new name of "rock" (Kepha in Aramaic, Petros in Greek), indicating that his faith will be the foundation for Jesus' new Church. Peter is entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of heaven (an image drawn from Isaiah 22: 15-25, today's first reading) and the mission to bring sins to consciousness and to proclaim to sinners the love and forgiveness of God.

The question Jesus poses to Peter and his disciples is asked of us every minute of every day. Every decision we make is ultimately a response to the question, Who do you say I am? Our love for family and friends, our dedication to the cause of justice, our commitment to the highest moral and ethical standards, our taking the first step toward reconciliation and forgiveness, our simplest acts of kindness and charity declare most accurately and effectively our belief in the Gospel Jesus as the Messiah and Redeemer.

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We're COVID SAFE



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August - The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Facebook – [manlyfreshwaterparish](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

Sunday 8:30am Mass

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Peter is the first of the disciples to grasp the divinity of Christ. On the faith of Peter "the rock" Christ establishes his Church. Peter becomes, then, the first stone in the foundation of the Church. We who are baptized into the faith handed down to us by Peter and the apostles become stones of Christ's new church; the faith we live and the hope we cherish in the empty tomb of Easter are the foundation of the Church of the Risen One.

The "keys of the kingdom of heaven" are entrusted by Christ not just to the institutional Church but to each one of us. Christ has given every one of us a "key" to the kingdom: the means to "unlock" the presence of God in our world by our own efforts, however small and hidden, to realize God's love in our midst. Our "keys" may be patience and understanding, a talent or skill we possess that we can use to unlock a door or open a pathway enabling us and those we love and care about realize the kingdom of heaven here and now.

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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

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
2020

23rd August

Recently Deceased: Joyce David; Des O'Brien; Joy Grundy; Margot Beckett; Maureen Casey; Sr Mary Paul OLHC

Anniversary:

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



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 would like to donate nonperishable food, it can be dropped off at 684 Pittwater Road, Brookvale- rear entrance (off the carpark)

If you wish to donate clothing it will be accepted at the SVDP Shop Brookvale, Rogers Street, between 9am – 3pm.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 800pm. 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.

August 2020

Year A

Mon 24/8 – St Bartholomew	Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51
Tue 25/8 – 21st week in Ord Time	2 Thess 2:1-3,14-17; Mt 23:23-26
Wed 26/8 – 21st week in Ord Time	2 Thess 3:6-10,16-18; Mt 23:27-32
Thurs 27/8 – St Monica	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
Fri 28/8 – St Augustine	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
Sat 29/8 – The Passion of St John the Baptist	Jer 1:17-19; Mk 6:17-29
Sun 30/8 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



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.

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



SCAN ME

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 and internet on and follow the link to complete your details.

Sign in sheets will still be available at both Churches.



Changes to the Government Covid-19 Requirements

Over the past few weeks we have introduced an ongoing Mass list which has been working very well and it has been wonderful to welcome you back with numbers attending increasing each week. This list means that you **DO NOT need to register** to attend Mass each week. **The new limit is 100 people attending Mass at Manly and 74 people attending Mass at Freshwater.**

If you are able to attend the Saturday 6pm Vigil at Manly or one of the Masses at Freshwater where the numbers are not so high, it would be appreciated.

A Welcomer at the Mass will mark off your name. If you are not on the list the Welcomer will take your name and contact details.

Please observe the following Guidelines

PLEASE KEEP 4sqm APART FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING



PLEASE SANITISE YOUR HANDS ON ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE



PLEASE SIGN THE CHURCH VISITATION SHEET



PLEASE SIT ONLY ON THE GREEN DOT (FAMILIES MAY SIT TOGETHER)



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



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO FR DAVID WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY ON TUESDAY

Fr David will be commencing his Annual Leave this week. We wish him a Happy and Safe Holiday!!!



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.



Please consider wearing a mask at Mass



Parish Collections and Donations

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

One of the health restrictions on our re-opened Churches is that we **no longer use collection plates during Mass.**

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
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**
4. Making **deposits directly into the Parish 1st and 2nd collection accounts** (details in the bulletin).



DIRECT DEPOSIT

Parish Bank Account – 2nd collection funds the running of the Parish

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Parish Bank Account – 1st collection Support of our Priests

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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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Is held at Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



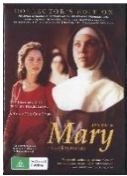
Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish.



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



Playgroup at Manly is suspended at this time due to new Covid Restrictions



DVD for the Month - MARY - The Inspiring life of St Mary MacKillop – a carefully crafted docu-drama, stunning dramatic recreations which capture the life of Mary. A battler, heroine and Australia's first and only Saint. For \$20 at the parish office & piety store



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Holy Communion has been postponed until Term 4 2020.

Confirmation Due to Covid-19 we have been advised by Bishop Anthony that Confirmation will not be held in 2020. We are awaiting on advice from Bishop Anthony as to the date that Confirmation will take place in our Parish in 2021.

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
- 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 & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

MINISTRY ROSTER

MANLY

	Ministry	29-30 August
		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Freya Zemek
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Assistance Req
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Louise Wareham
8:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud Claire Carmody
10:30am Mass	Server	Ron Gravalin
	Readers	Carmel Lawler
	Music	TBC
	AV Screens	TBC
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
6pm Mass	Server	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Dean Gale Sandie Cornish
	Music	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Bill Tango
	Welcomers	Marianna Gale Gerard McMahon

FRESHWATER

	Ministry	29-30 August
5pm Vigil	Server	Ian Press
	Readers	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
	Server	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Toni Walsh
9am Mass	Music	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margie Gruca
	Altar Society	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus
	Welcomers	Assistance Required



Update Your Email Address

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU

Each week the bulletin is emailed out to parishioners with any updates regarding changes to Covid Restrictions. If you are not receiving the bulletin it may be that we don't have your email address or that it has changed.

To enable us to update our data system please email your details to

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo

Bishop of Broken Bay

Message for 18 August 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel, which is the Good News of Jesus Christ, is not just there to be proclaimed, although that is an important action. A more important and even more difficult action is integrating the Gospel into the fibre of our very lives. If we are honest, we would find that many of us struggle with this aspect the most. The theology and the proclamation of the Word is relatively easy. What is more challenging is the living out of the Word of God and becoming a credible witness to the Gospel.

In the Gospels, Jesus spoke of a cost involved in responding to His call to become a disciple ([Lk 14:28](#)), in terms of what becoming a disciple will do to our plans, our reputations and our possessions. He told Peter that answering the call will take him to places he would rather not go ([Jn 21:18](#)). The Christian vocation would cost them their very lives. To live one's vocation can appear to be foolishness according to the wisdom of the secular world.

Why bother with such foolishness? Because when the Word of God is integrated into our lives, we undergo a transformation.

When I integrate myself with the Word of God, I do not simply "become a better person", as if the Christian faith is merely a form of therapy. A Christian immersed *in*, integrated *with*, and transformed *by* the Word of God becomes in his or her own person a living Gospel, an embodied proclamation of the glory of the Lord. A Christian who integrates the Word of God makes the Word become his or her own flesh and allows the Word to dwell within them and dwell among us once again ([Jn 1:1-18](#)). When a person lives a life transformed by the Word, what was once an abstract concept of "the Christ" turns into the living body of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Anyone who encounters a Christian who has truly been transformed by Christ will come to an encounter with the person of Jesus Himself, as it was in the Scriptural accounts all those centuries ago. The face of Christ is not an abstract concept, nor a distant memory. It is a living and breathing reality in any Christian who really abides in the Word of God. A Christian transformed by the Word of God is a living and breathing reality in the present, another incarnation in our day.

We have read in the Gospels just how powerful the incarnation and an encounter with the incarnate Word can be. In the first instance, the incarnate Word of God is someone who will attract others. The incarnate Word of God can draw others out of themselves and ignite that desire for more than what their lives currently offer but never satisfy. A person transformed by the Word of God will spark a desire in others for the same kind of transformation in their own lives, not just for themselves, but also in the lives of others.

What is the reason for this attraction? It is because a life integrated with Jesus is not a life that is less human. On the contrary, Christians who truly

reflect Jesus are living lives that are fully human. A life that is fully human is an attractive life, a cause of wonder, and a call to move beyond a life of bland mediocrity and compromise.

You can see how this is also a form of leadership. To lead one out of mediocrity, to inspire, and to instil desire to be more human in every pursuit. Instead of shoving from behind, the Christian transformed by Christ draws and attracts from the front.

Leadership here is not measured by how many people you can boss around. In the context of vocation, leadership is measured by how a person has their life transformed by the Word of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

My dear sisters and brothers do not be afraid to respond to this call to lead, to embody the beauty of Christ Jesus, and through the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the glory of the Lord.

+Anthony

St John's School News...

Pyjama Day Fundraiser Last Friday St John the Baptist Freshwater held a Pyjama Day Fundraiser in support of St Vincent de Paul. Staff and students dressed in their pyjamas and onesies and donated by way of a gold coin to support this worthy cause. The cooler temperature provided the perfect climate for our attire!



Science Week This week is National Science Week! The aim of Science Week is to promote and encourage interest in Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Technology and innovation. Our students from K-6 participated in a variety of fun in-class Science experiments and activities such as; investigating water absorption termed 'Capillary action', investigating sound waves by making harmonicas, investigating yeast through baking bread and participating in Science Quizzes to further understand the relevance of Science in their everyday life.

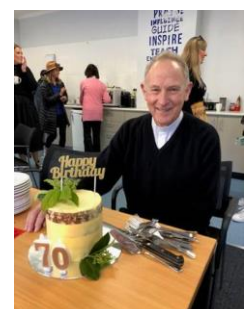


St Mary's School News...

On Monday we held our **Athletics Fun Day at Manly Oval** with beautiful blue skies and much excitement. It was brilliant to see the smiles on the faces of students and the fun they had with each other - cheering, encouraging, and supporting their friends. Thank you to our Year 6 students and Mrs Adler for preparing and running such a wonder day!



On Wednesday the Staff of St Mary's celebrated Father David's '21st' with a morning tea – Happy Birthday Father David!



OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Liturgy of Lament – Listening to the Past: Caring for the future Tuesday 1 September 2020, 7.00pm @ Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

The liturgy will also be lived streamed. To view connect at www.bbcatholic.org.au

All are invited to gather to pray together in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expressions to our sorrow.

Shout a Mate a \$6 Plate To mark Homeless Persons Week last year, CatholicCare Broken Bay launched their Shout a Mate a \$6 Plate campaign in support of Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy which is open to anyone who is homeless, needing a helping hand or is lonely.

They are currently sitting at just over \$15,000 of a \$30,000 target! Mary Mac's costs over \$150,000 a year to run. Over 20,000 meals a year are provided a year to those in need and they rely 100% on community support.

Every \$6 donation goes straight to providing much needed meals and resources to the most vulnerable in our local communities – and every donation is 100% tax-deductible. Please help us mark Homeless Persons Week (2 – 8 August) and provide a hot meal to those in need. www.shoutamateaplate.org.au

Stella Maris College

ENROLLING NOW for YEAR 7 2023

If you wish to enrol your daughter for Year 7 2023 at Stella Maris College, the Registration form needs to be received by the Registrar no later than Friday 18 September 2020.

To download a Registration form, please visit our website www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Interviews for Year 7 2023 will be conducted early in Term 1 2021.

Limited places still available for Year 7 2022.

Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020



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To express your interest in positions of responsibility including Principal, Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator, please email our recruitment team at hr@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call us on 9847 0596. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage

This virtual pilgrimage begins on 8 September, the birthday of Mary, and concludes on 7 October, the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage: A Biblical Journey through the Life of Christ with His Mother, will include over 20 Australian and international speakers offering video presentations over 4 weeks, including Tomasz Juszczak, Scott Hahn, Jason Evert, and Dr Edward Sri.

Register at: <https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/>



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First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8 (JB)

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple. R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Today's readings give thanks to God who cares for all his people.

The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading**) appears to foretell this choosing of Peter. The Lord will entrust a servant with authority, and this servant will become as a father to the nation and as a throne of glory for the kingdom.

The **Psalm** continues this theme of choice: through the Lord's faithful love for us, we are indeed chosen, and our strength increased.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) speaks of love and wisdom, the motives behind God's choice, the depths of which are impossible to comprehend. And our response to that? Simply to be grateful for that all is freely given and to trust God's choice of us.

The **Gospel** reveals a God whose choice of the very human Peter shows that the wisdom of God is indeed unfathomable. By reflecting on the way God builds on the faith of this ordinary man, our own faith can be deepened allowing us to proclaim, along with Peter, 'You are the Christ'!

Pathways to God 2020

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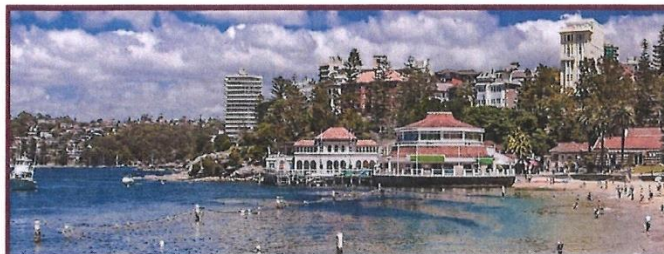
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Presbytery: 9977 2100

After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

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