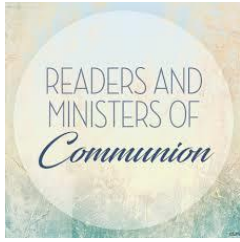




# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th August 2025**




## Formation Day for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Join us for a special Formation & Reflection Day designed to help you both proclaim the Word with

clarity and confidence and deepen your understanding of the sacred role you serve.

Whether you are already part of these ministries or have recently signed up, this is a valuable opportunity to be refreshed, encouraged, and inspired in your service.

 **Date:** Saturday, 20 September

 **Time:** 11:00am

 **Location:** Mary Immaculate Church, Manly



## CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Chima, Fr Marek & Fr Sam will be attending the Clergy Retreat next week for a few days, so the weekday Masses are as follows.

**Manly 9:15am:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

No Mass Friday

**Freshwater:** No Masses

Please keep all our priests, and all the clergy in your prayers.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the Augustinian Fathers for their assistance.



## SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS GROUP

### Do you know someone thinking about becoming Catholic?

A new group is starting up for those who are not baptised, or not fully initiated into the Church, and are **interested in exploring the Catholic faith**. This is *not* a general prayer group or ongoing formation class, but a space specifically for those **discerning entry into the Church**.

The group is informal and begins with conversation, a short reflection from Fr Sam, and time for open questions. It's the first step before the formal RCIA program kicks off in September.

The group meets on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm** at **St Mary's Parish Centre**.

If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic, feel free to get in touch with **Fr Sam** at [sam.french@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:sam.french@bbcatholic.org.au).



## Gospel Reflection

Faith is a journey to the dwelling place of God. Like Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, our faith journey is difficult and painful; doubt, despair and ridicule are among

the obstacles we must encounter.

Jesus uses three images in today's Gospel that speak of the disciple's faith journey:

- the narrow gate: The major cities of Palestine were built with walls surrounding the perimeter. Throngs of people could enter the city only through the great gates at the city's entrance. Jesus, however, calls us to enter the city of God through the "narrow gate" -- through the lonely, humble entry way of the human heart.
- the locked door: Conversion is not an instantaneous transformation in which we go from Godlessness to holiness. Our lives are a constant process of conversion, of working to become the people God has called to become.
- the feast: God's invitation to the banquet of heaven is extended to all men and women of good will, not just to those who presume themselves to be God's special elite.

## LET US PRAY FOR

24th August 2025

**Recently Deceased:** Vanda O'Donnell

### Anniversary:

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** “*Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage*” 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; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O’Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Rena Curll; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Peter Hoang Ngoc Thai; John Santos; Garry Kirkman; James Douglas; Fiona Hipkiss

### Dates to remember...

- **Spanish Prayer Group postponed to Fri 28 Aug**
- **Spiritual Conversations Group** Thursday 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



**Sacrament of confession/reconciliation** is available in Manly every Saturday from 10am to 11am and Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY

**ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm**

**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and reconciliation will be available**

6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

“**Hours of Mercy**” every **First Wednesday** from **6:00 pm to midnight**, we will hold a special time of grace and prayer. The evening will begin with **Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. This extended time of prayer allows us to deepen our relationship with God and receive the gift of **Plenary Indulgences**.

### Welcome to Our Parish!

If you are new to the Parish or are not currently registered, we warmly welcome you and ask that you complete a Parish Census form. This will assist us to connect with you and your family and advise you of any of 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 or emailed to the Parish Office - [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



### CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

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 582

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 **MANLY** community.

### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

**Parish website:** [bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](https://bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater)

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)



## The Mission of the Lay Faithful Part 7 - Promoting A Christian Culture

This week we look at the role of the lay faithful in **promoting and transmitting Christian culture**. This is one of the most important aspects of their service to society — to create and transmit a culture that is imbued with **Christian values**, especially in our contemporary context marked by increasing **secularism, materialism, and widespread indifference to God** (CL, 44).

Culture finds expression in diverse and evolving fields such as **education, science and technology, the arts and humanities, media and communication**, and the many institutions that shape and transmit shared values (*Christifideles Laici*, 44). The lay faithful are called to be present in all these areas, to engage them thoughtfully and faithfully, and to infuse them with the light of the Gospel.

In one of Jesus's parables, He compares the Kingdom of Heaven to **leaven (or yeast)** that a woman hides in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened (Mt 13:33). The **leaven transforms** the whole dough making it rise. In the same way, the **everyday life and authentic witness of the lay faithful can transform culture**, bringing rise to the Kingdom of God in society gradually, not by imposition, but through faithful witness.

For example, evangelisation in the field of **education and research** must aim to show that **faith and science are not in opposition**, and that “faith liberates reason from presumption” ensuring that it remains oriented toward truth (*Fides et Ratio*, 76). Our task is to demonstrate that all scientific truth can be reconciled with faith, and can help support and clarify faith truths, since “**faith and reason are like to wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth**” (*Fides et Ratio*, Intro.). Reason without faith leads to error, despair and ideology, and faith without reason leads to fundamentalism or superstition.

In the field of **arts and media**, the aim is to communicate what is **good, true and beautiful**, and to challenge cultural messages that glorify sin through **sexualisation and commodification** of the human person by offering alternative narratives rooted in Gospel values that highlight the **inherent dignity of persons** (JP II Letter to Artists, 1999). As such, the many forms of social communication are **powerful tools** that must be harnessed by the lay faithful for the work of mission and evangelisation (*Inter Mirifica*, 2; *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 45; *Christus Vivit*, 86).

Finally, in the area of **science and technology**, the Church reminds us that we are called to use technology to promote **ethical and integral human development**, respecting life from the moment of conception until death (CSDC, 458). This means resisting the “**technological imperative**”, which is the idea that if something can be done technologically then it should be done. However, as Vatican II warns, “**Not everything technically possible is morally admissible**” (GS, 51). Technology has to serve **human dignity and the common good**, as such, its use must be governed by **human reason and conscience** rooted in the truth of man created in the *Imago Dei* (Laudato Si, 105; CSDC, 458).

May **Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelisation**, guide the lay faithful as they seek to be leaven in society—renewing culture through goodness, truth, beauty. Amen.

Alfred Soliman Seminarian

## SPANISH PRAYER GROUP

this Friday 22nd August has been postponed to Friday 29th August.



## PARISH SAUSAGE SIZZLE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IN MANLY

You are invited to join us for our first monthly Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 7th September following the 10:30am Mass in Manly.

To celebrate Father's Day the Dad's will eat for free. Sausage and drink \$5 per person – free for kids. Come along on the first Sunday each month following the 10:30am Mass.



## Jubilee of Catechists Reflection Day with Bishop Anthony

We are delighted to invite SRE catechists of Broken Bay to a Reflection Day with Bishop Anthony, to celebrate the Jubilee of Catechists. Come along to the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills on Friday 26 September from 10am-12.30pm to reflect on your ministry, receive encouragement, and gain new inspiration for your work. Morning tea and lunch provided. Spaces are limited so don't delay.

To register, please call 02 8379 1643 or email [registrations@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au) or

## Light a candle for Gaza

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.

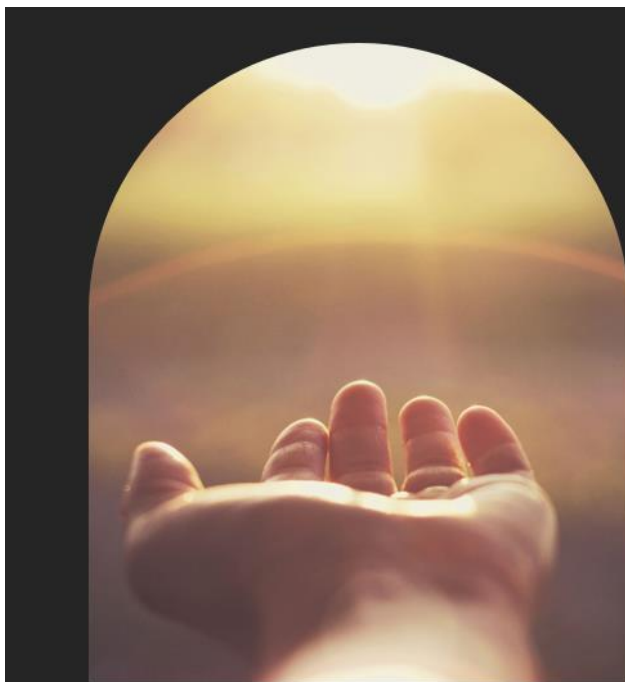


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Caritas AUSTRALIA

## Caritas Australia invites us to pray for the people of Gaza.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413



## Our Spiritual Journey

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**Our Spiritual Journey** is a Faith Formation Series that will look at how we can grow in our spiritual life through prayer and the sacraments. Each session will include a short video followed by group discussions and sharing. At the end of this series participants will be able to have a clear understanding of the spiritual life and the various methods the church provides to help them develop a daily routine of prayer.





## Jubilee Shrine of Hope Mary Immaculate Church Manly

During 2025 Jubilee at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly you are able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence. An Indulgence is beautiful expression of God's mercy referring to the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven through Confession.

To obtain the Indulgence we must:

- Visit any Jubilee site and spend suitable time in Eucharistic Adoration and meditation
- Go to Confession
- Receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the Pope's Intentions
- Be Free from attachment of Sin

There are 3 other Churches in the Diocese which form the Diocese Pilgrimage. **Pilgrim Passports** can be found at the entrance to the Church. Please stamp your passport at the Shrine of St John Vianney.

### Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope

*Inspired by the Life and Witness of St. John Vianney*

Heavenly Father, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we thank You for the gift of our parish, Manly Freshwater, chosen as a shrine of hope for priests and vocations. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, the faithful shepherd of souls, renew in us a deep love for the priesthood and a commitment to fostering holy vocations in our community.

Lord, may this parish be a beacon of hope, where priests find strength and renewal, where Your faithful discover peace and encouragement, and where hearts are inspired to answer Your call with courage and joy.

Teach us, through the example of St. John Vianney, to love prayer deeply, to serve with humility, and to bring Your mercy and hope to those who seek You.

We entrust Manly Freshwater Parish and this Jubilee Year of Hope to Your loving care, confident that You will guide us to renewal and bless us with abundant vocations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Jubilee Year 2025 [bbjubilee.com.au](http://bbjubilee.com.au)

"We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to welcoming everyone with open arms—everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love."

*Pope Leo XIV 8 May 2025*



**Pope's Prayer Intention for August:**  
**For mutual coexistence** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash, there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

**PILOT PROGRAM** –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this.

The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

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

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
5. **Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**
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Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
  - **Clergy Giving (1st collection)**  
Supports our Priests  
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral  
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
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### HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

### DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.

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## Morning Prayer

During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are all invited to a deeper spiritual renewal, embracing prayer as a way to grow in faith and trust in God's providence and love. As part of this journey, Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) will be prayed at 8:45am, Tuesday to Friday, before Mass, at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly. This ancient prayer of the Church unites us in praise and reflection through Scripture and psalms, drawing us into the rhythm of daily prayer with the universal Church. Prayer books will be provided, and all are welcome to join.

## PIETY STORE

**Movie of the month:** St Joan of Arc – Maid of God. An interesting docu-drama to correct the narrative on one of the world's most famous Saints and her divine call from God which changed the history of France. Only \$10 at the piety store.

**CD of the month:** The dead sea scrolls – shedding new light on the scriptures and the Church – Dr John Bergsma. One of the greatest archaeological discoveries of all time. The Essenes were a Jewish sect which have been linked to John the Baptist and the Jewish background to Jesus ministry. Only \$5 at the piety store.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.

**Children's Activity pages** available at the entrance of the Churches.

**Children's Mass books** are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the Mass.

Mass booklets can be purchased from the Piety Store for \$10.00



## PARISH MORNING TEAS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**MANLY:** 1st Sunday after the 8:30am Mass and 3rd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass hosted by the Tongan Community.

**Sausage Sizzle** will be held on the 1st Sunday each month after 10:30am Mass in Manly.

**FRESHWATER:** every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the parish hall. **Join us for morning tea and a chat. All welcome and bring a friend.**



**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 your knitting or other craft if you wish.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10:15am



## YOUTH GROUP

**1st and 3rd Sunday** of the Month following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm).

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group. Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: [manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com)

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater\\_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)

## JOIN OUR NORTHERN BEACHES



## YOUNG ADULTS

COMMUNITY

Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant  
Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish  
message: (6 Raglan St)  
Fr Marek at 0422532173  
or Cam at 0432895304

## FAMILIES OF MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

- Tell us about your family!
- When did your family come to Manly-Freshwater parish?



Pick up a family information sheet at the entrance of the Church and once completed with a family photo please return it to the parish office. This information will be included in the parish's history and published next year.


## Manly Freshwater Parish

### QR Code






You can view Fr Sam's 90 second Jubilee YouTube video by scanning the QR Code.

Other parish information can also be found.





**Manly Freshwater Parish**  
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## OUTSIDE THE PARISH



### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025 AT SACRED HEART CHURCH PYMBLE

Commencing with Mass at 6.30pm

Our Mass celebrant and guest speaker after dinner will be Fr Michael Sullivan OSA. His topic will be "Saint Augustine's Confessions".

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PLEASE COME AND SEE.

*Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.*

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email [annaytleung@yahoo.com.au](mailto:annaytleung@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025



### Diocese of Broken Bay Pilgrimage on Sat 29 Nov – Wed 3 Dec

Calling all young people in Broken Bay. Join us in Melbourne, along with young Catholics from across Australia for a renewed, personal encounter with Jesus, at the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). Flights, accommodation and registration \$1,630 per person. Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy. To register your interest, [click here](#)



### The Jubilee of Choirs

Celebrate **The Jubilee of Choirs** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral.

To commemorate the Jubilee of Choirs, a **Festival of Song** will be held on Saturday 22 November (the Feast of Saint Cecilia), following the 5pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo, and a light supper in the Cathedral courtyard will follow. The **Festival of Song** will begin at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend this special Jubilee occasion.



### CSBB Teaching Scholarships

Are you an aspiring teacher?

Catholic Schools Broken Bay is offering a range of scholarship and internship opportunities for students at various stages of their teacher education journey, from Year 12 leavers to final-year pre-service teachers, there is something for everyone. Our 45 Catholic schools are located across Sydney's North Shore, Northern Beaches and the Central Coast and are open to all. Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3YxThl4> to find out more and apply today. Recruiting now for commencement in 2026.



## Broken Bay Pilgrimage of Hope

Final opportunity to join our incredible Broken Bay Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi! **Bookings close Monday 25 August.** If you are considering joining us on pilgrimage, this is your last opportunity to book.



## Social Justice Statement 2025-2026 – Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving

### Homeless People with Mental Ill-Health

The 2025–2026 ACBC Social Justice Statement, Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health, which was launched on Wednesday the 13th of August 2025, addresses the growing crisis of homelessness in Australia, with 273,600 people assisted by homelessness services in 2022–23, one-third of whom had a mental health issue.

The statement highlights that rates of homelessness among those with mental ill-health have risen every year since 2011, driven largely by housing shortages and family and domestic violence. Many agencies are struggling to meet demand, leaving some families with young children and unaccompanied young people without emergency accommodation, while service gaps leave many with undiagnosed mental health conditions without support.

The statement calls on us to follow Jesus' example by offering compassion, friendship, and hope, recognising that secure housing is essential for physical and mental well-being and that everyone is created in the image of God. In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis urges us to be "messengers and builders of hope" to those on the margins.

[Download the 2025-2026 Statement](#)

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 19 AUGUST 2025**

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

**Note: Manly Family Mass readings will be taken from the Children's Lectionary.**

### First Reading

*Isaiah 66:18-21 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 116 (JB)*

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! R.

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. R.

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 (JB)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*John 14:6 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Luke 13:22-30 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Children's Liturgy: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 10:30am Mass
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Meeting Room
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7:30pm & Weds 10:15am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am; Wed 6pm – 7pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Spanish Prayer Group: 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 – Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:  
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm  
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm





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