

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th August 2021

Dear Friends,

It's great to know that a number of our parish groups have been able to continue their regular meetings via Zoom (internet). These include the Craft group, Lectio Divina, St Joseph Men's Group,

Rosary with Fr John and the Youth Group. Please see page 2 for more details. Our Youth Group are also planning a livestream Youth Mass, see notice below.

Some of you have requested a copy of the prayer in time of the pandemic that we often use at Mass which we have printed for you below. Fr David Taylor

Prayer in time of pandemic

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray. Look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,



who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



We will be live streaming our first Youth Mass with music by Simon and youth readers in the next few weeks - date and time to be

confirmed next weekend. Facebook manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook



PASTORAL WORKS Brok Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

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We are delighted to announce the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is rebranding to Pastoral Works Broken Bay from July 2021. The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

At this time, we appreciate support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at our parish website or www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives

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On Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos - Sunday 8:30am Mass

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August: The Church Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel

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

29th August 2021

Recently Deceased: Paul Fenn; Eileen Hanley

Anniversary: Frank Ellis

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and

their carers strength and courage" Gavin Greenwood, Brian Gregan, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Bozena (Boni) Covic; Gerry Ring; Paul Wylie

August/ September	Year B
Mon 30/8 – 22nd week in Ord Time	1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tue 31/8 – 22nd week in Ord Time	1 Thess 5:1-6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wed 1/9 – 22nd week in Ord Time	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thurs 2/9 – 22nd week in Ord Time	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Fri 3/9 – St Gregory the Great	Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Sat 4/9 – 22nd week in Ord Time	Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Sun 5/9 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish *Parish website:* bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

DUE TO THE LOCKDOWN NO GROUPS ARE MEETING ONSITE



WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?



Please scan the QR code for Credit Cards donations

or director deposit details are below

New: Scan to Donate using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page.

This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



2nd collection Parish Bank Account Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

1st collection Parish Bank Account Supports our Priests

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.



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.

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

The following meetings have been scheduled for the week ahead:



- Craft Group Tuesday at 10am
- Lectio Divina Tuesday at 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina Wednesday at 10am
- St Joseph's Group Thursday at 7pm
- Rosary with Fr John Friday at 7pm

If you would like to join these meetings, please contact the Parish Office for the meeting ID and Password

New Group- Rosary with Fr John

 will meet on 1st Friday of each month and
on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday evenings at 7pm. Click on link to join Zoom Meeting

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7938666255?pwd=b GxEWIISVIZBM2h0SXN0WGRMWVIJUT09

Meeting ID: 793 866 6255

Passcode: 7JMPba



ST CLARE'S PARISH PRAYER GROUP ONLINE:

St Clare is the patron for an online prayer group, meeting Wednesday at

7:30pm. **If you have an intention** you would like us to pray for please email

faithwomen2020@gmail.com and we will include your intention in our evening of prayers. If you would like to join us in the prayer group, please email <u>faithwomen2020@gmail.com</u> for the ID and password. We very much look forward to seeing you (on our screens) and praying with you.



Let us work together to eradicate the appalling scourge of modern slavery that still shackles millions of people in inhumanity and humiliation. Every human being is the image of

God and is free and destined to exist in equality and fraternity.

Requiem Mass for the late Eileen Hanley, Tuesday 31st August 2021 at 10am at Mary Immaculate Manly. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 if you wish to attend. Limit 10 people.



Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at <u>info@catholiccaredbb.org.au</u>. They are here to help our parish families.

Please note this support is able to be offered due to Government funding so they will require ID and some documentation to access assistance but they can walk you through the requirements.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary

people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. They understood that no one is saved alone. Each of us can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

"Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" <u>https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apo</u> <u>st_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-</u> <u>ap_20201208_patris-corde.html</u>

The full copy of the Apostolic letter can be downloaded from the Vatican Website – **if you are unable to download** and would like a copy please contact the Parish Office and we will organise for a copy to be sent to you.

The Piety Store

has a good selection of statues, books and card of St Joseph. **Please call the Parish Office** if you wish to purchase any goods from the Piety Store.



SCRIPTURE CLASSES FROM HOME With our



schools closed, we would like to reach out to the Children who would normally attend our Scripture classes each week We are now able to offer Learning from Home SRE Lessons please go use the following link https://www.ccress.org.au/



Social Justice Sunday

As we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conferences' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour".

It invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: <u>https://socialjustice.catholic.org.</u> au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/

If you are unable to access of the statement and would like a copy please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



Major earthquake hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers

are with the people of Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake.

Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that more than 30,000 families have been left homeless.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal. Donate today at <u>www.caritas.org.au</u> or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.



Mass For You At Home on Channel 10 at 6.00am each Sunday Safeguarding Month 2021 – Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic

Communities This week the Parish has been sent communication from Bishop Anthony providing detail about Safeguarding Month 2021. This coming Wednesday, 1 September is the beginning of Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony has requested that all community members are made aware of the initiatives being held throughout the Month. The Parish therefore, attaches to the bulletin an invitation to participate. Feel free to print the invitation and tick the initiatives in which you would like to engage with. This year's theme is Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities.

Gospel Reflection...

Today's Gospel returns to Mark's narrative of the Jesus story with a confrontation that Mark's first Christian readers knew all too well. A contentious debate raged in the early Church as to whether Christians should continue to observe the practices of Jesus challenges the scribes' Judaism. insistence that faithfulness to ceremonial and other rituals washings constitutes complete faithfulness to the will of God. He scandalizes his hearers by proclaiming "nothing that enters a man from outside can make him impure; that which comes out of him, and only that, constitutes impurity." It is the good that one does motivated by the spirit of the heart that is important in the eyes of God, not how scrupulously one keeps the laws and rituals mandated by tradition.

Through the centuries of Judaism, the scribes had constructed a rigid maze of definitions, admonitions, principles and laws to explain the Pentateuch (summarized in Moses' eloquent words to the nation of Israel in today's first reading). As a result, the ethics of religion were often buried under a mountain of rules and taboos. lesus' teachings re-focus the canons of Israel on the original covenant based on the wisdom and discernment of the human heart. Such a challenge widens the growing gulf between establishment. Jesus and the Jewish connectonsmediaworks.com



Outside the Parish

Bay Connect Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time.

The program commences on Monday, 30 August, and includes:

• THE CHOSEN MONDAY

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of *The Chosen*, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

• TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

• HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

• FORMATION FRIDAYS

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way," said Tomasz.To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/c</u> <u>ovid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect</u>

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA FORUM 2: Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform invites Australian Catholics to the second in a series of convocations via Zoom - 3-10 October 2021

Free Registration - http://www.acccr.com.au

WHAT IS SYCAMORE

https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to explore your beliefs and think about questions that really matter.

What is love? Let me give you two classic definitions of love. The first definition: Love

seeks union. We want to be united with those we love. If I love someone, I care for them, I miss them, I want to be with them, I want to share my life with them.

The second definition: Love seeks the good of the other. If I love someone I want to do good for them, to help them. It's not just what I can take from this relationship, it's also what I can give.

Both of these meanings are in the bible. The love that God has for his people Israel in the Old Testament is like a bridegroom seeking his bride. And Jesus speaks about himself as the Bridegroom who seeks to be united with his Bride the Church.

The other meaning is there too, the sacrificial one. God calls his people to care for the poor, the widow, the stranger, the outcast. Jesus teaches us to be servants to each other. He gives us the example of his own life. He washed the feet of his disciples, gave them his Body and Blood at the Last Supper, and offered his life in sacrifice on the Cross.

The bible shows that you need passion and affection; and you also need sacrifice and sheer hard work. It's true for our families, our communities, our schools, our places of work. We need a love that seeks union and a love that seeks the good of the other. When they come together, that is the deepest meaning of love.

How to love your neighbour Jesus said to his followers: "You must love your neighbour as yourself". Then he went further and said, "Love one another, as I have loved you". And he went even further and said, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you".

It's a radical call to love without conditions, without calculation, without expecting any reward. It's tough! And let's admit that sometimes we do not like this teaching. We are called to a sacrificial love that seems to go beyond the normal call of duty and even beyond what seems reasonable.

But it doesn't mean we become everyone's doormat. Sometimes we need to stand up for ourselves, to stand up for others, and to stand up for justice. And it doesn't mean that we are without joy. So many of the encounters that Jesus has with others are filled with joy. There is a lovely phrase. It goes like this: "Life grows by being given away". We receive more, in unexpected ways, when we give more.

The story of the Good Samaritan is probably the greatest illustration of what it means to love one's neighbour. A man has been stripped and beaten and abandoned by robbers. A Samaritan traveller is the only one who is willing to cross the road and help him. He is moved with compassion; binds up his wounds; and cares for him at the nearest place of lodging.

The Good Samaritan goes the extra mile. His love is kind, compassionate, generous, practical, selfless. It's a sacrificial love, but it is filled with tenderness and affection.

This is the kind of love we are called to have for others. For those we are close to, who are sometimes the hardest to love: family, neighbours, colleagues at work. For those we see each day but never acknowledge. For the unexpected visitor, the stranger, the foreigner. And especially for the poor, the sick, the vulnerable, the lonely, the elderly, the dying.

This is what it means to love your neighbour. This is what it means to be a Christian.

The love of God A lawyer asked Jesus a question: "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" And Jesus replied: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

The most important thing in our lives is to know the love of God, and to love him in return. This is our deepest calling. It is also our deepest desire, even if we are only dimly aware of it. St Augustine said, "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you". We can never find ultimate happiness in the passing things of this world.

It's impossible to love God as we need to without the help of Jesus Christ. He is our friend, our brother, our Saviour. If we believe in him, he unites us with himself, fills us with the Holy Spirit, and lifts us up to the Father in his own prayer.

If we put Jesus Christ in the centre, everything else falls into place. It doesn't mean that all our difficulties disappear, but we can make sense of them, and know how to move forward.

The love of Christ sets us free – free to love God and free to love others. That's something we all long for, even if we will live it in different ways. And if we discover it for ourselves, we will want to share it with others.

St Catherine of Sienna said: "If you become who you are meant to be, you will set the world on fire". And then, when we leave this world at the end of our life, we have the hope of sharing eternally in the fire of God's love, in the glory that Moses saw in the burning bush, the glory that shines from the face of Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is love?

- Can you love someone even if you don't like them? Or they don't like you?
- Do you think "sacrificial" love is possible? Is it wise?

Who is the most loving person you have known personally and why?

• Who is the greatest example of human goodness you have heard or learnt about? What makes them so special?

What do you think of the idea that God loves

us and wants us to love him in return?

• What do you think of the idea that we can know God through his Son Jesus Christ?

What do you think is the purpose of life?

• If you knew God were listening to you, what would you tell him or ask him?

WISDOM FROM THE BIBLE

Leviticus 19:18 "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord."

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart."

Mark 12:28-31 "One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 Jesus says: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me...' Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

John 13:34-35 Jesus says: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 4:7-10 "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you todav?'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5 (JB)

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. R.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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

Gospel Acclamation James 1:18 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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