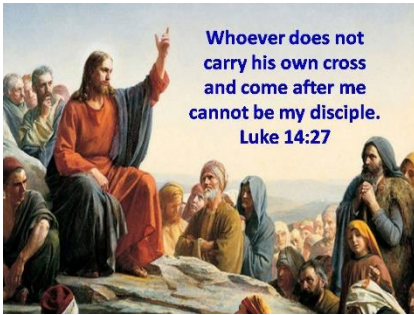




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th September 2022



Gospel Reflection

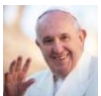
Today's Gospel is the beginning of a treatise, unique to Luke's Gospel, on the nature and demands of discipleship.

Jesus' sobering words in today's Gospel are meant to make us fully aware of the cost of discipleship before we embrace something we are not prepared for. The gift of grace comes at the price of the same cross awaiting Jesus in Jerusalem.

Some translations of today's Gospel ascribe rather harsh words to Jesus: in some texts, Jesus speaks of "turning one's back" on family; in other translations, the verb "hate" is used. A more precise translation of the idiom here is whoever **prefers** the love of family or self to Christ cannot be his follower.

The images of the unfinished tower and the king poorly prepared for battle illustrate the frustration and ultimate failure of the disciple who does not give himself/herself totally to the Gospel. When a follower of Jesus begins to hold anything back in imitating Christ, discipleship becomes a charade.

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



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.

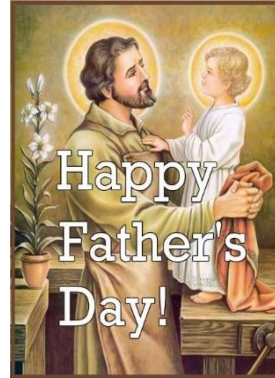


Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.

COVID REQUIREMENTS We strongly recommended that you

- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing

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.

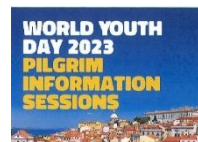


This Sunday, Fathers' Day, we remember and honor dads, grandfathers, uncles, and all the men, living and deceased, who tirelessly and selflessly gave of themselves for their families with unconditional love. It is a good time to also recall the exemplary role-model and patron saint of fathers – Saint Joseph – foster father of Jesus, husband of Our Lady and patron of the Universal Church.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA

Freshwater: after the 9am Mass.



Bishop Anthony invites the youth of the Diocese to join him in Lisbon for WYD 2023. Register: bbwyd.org.au



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS

Quiet Prayer & Adoration
6pm – 7pm **Scripture Reflection & Benediction** 7pm – 7:30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm



Livestreaming on Facebook

Sunday 8:30am Mass
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)

PIETY STORE MANLY

Movie of the month "Padre Pio – between heaven and earth". The amazing true story of the famous stigmatic monk. Pray, hope and don't worry. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD of the month – Shakespeare the Catholic – Joseph Pearce. To be a Catholic in Elizabethan times was illegal and very dangerous. The evidence that Shakespeare was a practicing catholic. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



At Manly last Sunday we baptised Harriette, Beau, Lucy, Bailey and Nora.

This Sunday at Freshwater we welcome for baptism Lucy, Angus, Annabelle and Olivia.

Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers.

Recently Deceased: John Glynn; Dale Purin;
Adam Patrick Wells

Anniversary: Deanna Parsons

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; 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; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; George Fell

Dates to remember...

- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 8th Sept @ 9:15am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly**
Wednesday 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Rosary** (zoom) Thurs 1st Sept @ 7pm
(Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)

PLANNED GIVING: HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SIGNING UP FOR A MONTHLY DIRECT DEBIT.?

The money contributed to our parish via our second collection helps us to meet the running costs which our Parish incurs, including wages, electricity, telephones, insurances, rates, building and equipment repairs and maintenance, to name but a few. To assist with budgeting we encourage you to make your regular donation by way of automatic direct debit from your credit card or bank account, please contact the Parish office for more information 9977 5822.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?



Scan to Donate using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.

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We have just installed **new EFTPOS Terminals** from the Commonwealth Bank at both Churches. Each terminal has pre-set donation amounts, or you can select "Other Amount" where you can enter your desired amount to give. Simply, select the amount you would like to donate and tap your card on the terminal. **Thank you for your generosity**

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2022-23.

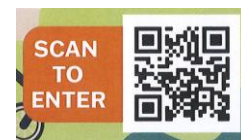


Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse.

Copies are available at the back of the Churches or from the parish office. It is also available on the Diocese of Broken Bay website at <https://bit.ly/socialjusticebbc> OR <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/>

'Building meaningful connections in every family'
September 2022

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of Safeguarding each September. We invite all families to share with us your experiences of how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or a photo during Safeguarding Month of September. Some suggestions might include exercising together, bushwalking, baking or play a game. bbccatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family



St Paul's College News...



On Wednesday evening our Enterprise in the Community team took out third place in the State Finals. Charged with proposing a solution to a real-life challenge facing a growing business, the students developed a sales and marketing pitch that their business partner has already implemented.

Thank you to Mr Ben Falconer who coached this year's team, and particularly to Ms Karen Shawcross, who launched this program in 2020.

When the Department of Education first proposed the Enterprise in the Community model, no other Northern Beaches or Metropolitan North schools were prepared to take it up. But Karen saw this as an opportunity to make our students' learning authentic and engaging.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church
Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary – Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater on 1st Friday each month at 9:15am Mass
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

PASTORAL WORKS (CWF) RECEIPTS Please contact the Parish Office if you require a copy of your receipt, these donations are 100% tax deductible.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading *Wisdom 9:13-18 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 (JB)*

**R. In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back in to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. R.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R.

Second Reading *Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help

me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Ps 118:135 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 14:25-33 (JB)*


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.


Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath; Peter Nacard

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

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