



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th September 2025



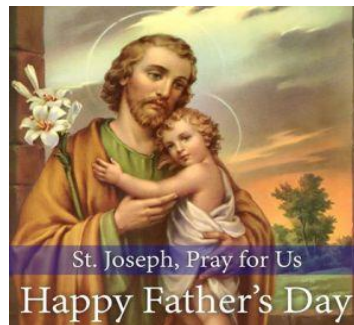
PARISH SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IN MANLY

You are invited to join us for our first monthly Sausage Sizzle this 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.



Happy Father's Day!

This weekend we celebrate and give thanks for the gift of fathers and father figures in our lives—our dads, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles,

mentors, and all those men whose love, guidance, and steady presence have shaped us.

On Father's Day, we not only remember the sacrifices our fathers have made, often quietly and without recognition, but we also honour their strength, wisdom, humour, and the countless small acts of love that make families strong.

We give thanks to God for the men of faith in our parish community who, in different ways, reflect the care of our Heavenly Father. We also hold in prayer those fathers who have died, entrusting them to God's eternal embrace, and those who carry the challenges of fatherhood with courage and hope.

May this weekend be a moment of joy and gratitude. Let us honour our fathers not only with gifts and words, but also by the way we live—with kindness, forgiveness, and love.

To all fathers and father figures: thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Fr Chima

To celebrate Father's Day please join us for a sausage sizzle following the 10:30am Mass



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 – 12:30pm

Location: Mary Immaculate Church, Manly



Please register via the QR Code or the link
<https://www.trybooking.com/DFJLR>

Our Spiritual Journey

A Faith Formation Series on Prayer and the Spiritual Life (7 Weeks)

Come join us as we embark on a journey of exploration of the spiritual life. This course is not only for beginners, but also for those who have been praying a long time!

MONDAYS 7:30 – 8:30PM
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START: 1 SEPTEMBER

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**MONDAY 8th September
7:30pm – 8:30pm**

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.

Anniversary: Patrick Donnelly

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; 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; Pip McKay; Shirley Stapleton

Dates to remember...

- **Our Spiritual Journey** Mon 8th Sept 7:30pm
- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 11th Sept 9:15am
- **Spiritual Conversations Group** Thursday 7pm
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Fri 12th Sept 6pm
- **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



**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



Our Spiritual Journey

Week 1 - The Search for Happiness

Last Monday, we held the first meeting of our **Our Spiritual Journey** series, focusing on the topic of **'The Search for Happiness.'** We began by

acknowledging that every person's spiritual journey begins with the universal pursuit of happiness. As the Greek philosopher **Aristotle** said, every human action is aimed at the ultimate end which is **happiness (eudaimonia)**. In other words, every decision we make, every goal we pursue, is ultimately motivated by the desire for happiness — even if we don't always agree on what that is.

So, what exactly is happiness? And how can we attain it? Unfortunately, human beings are skilled at staying busy, often to avoid the discomfort of silence and stillness. We've become masters of distraction. People frequently complain about being too busy, but much of this busyness is self-imposed. We shy away from stillness. This realization brings to mind St. Augustine's famous words: *"You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised... You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."*

It is this inner restlessness that fuels our frantic lifestyles. Even when on holidays, many of us struggle to truly relax. Yet all religious traditions emphasize the importance of stepping away from the noise of daily life in order to "center" ourselves — to rediscover what truly matters. God, in His wisdom, instituted a Sabbath day of rest precisely for this reason (Genesis 2:2-3). And in the Psalms, we are reminded: *"The Lord says: Be still, and know that I am God."* (Psalm 46:10).

It's crucial to note, however, that stillness for the sake of stillness alone is not the answer. We avoid silence because we often don't want to face our problems. Noise becomes our coping mechanism. We've all experienced suffering, and sometimes the memories or thoughts tied to that suffering are too painful or overwhelming. We don't know how to process or deal with it. As a result, we distract ourselves with constant activity. But this is where the power of Christian prayer enters. Jesus offers us peace, saying: *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid."* (John 14:27). And again: *"I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"* (John 16:33).

The goal of this series, *Our Spiritual Journey*, is to help us learn how to embrace the healing power of silence, but only through a silence that is focused on God. Jesus desires to heal and empower us. He said, *"I came that you may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10). For as **Elijah** discovered, it is in the silence that we encounter the Lord (1 Kings 19:11-13). Together, we will explore how to practice silence in the Christian way, and to explore spiritual practices in our Catholic tradition.

May **Our Lady of Consolation** guide us as we seek true happiness, by contemplating Christ in the silence of our hearts. Amen!
Alfred Soliman Seminarian

**SEPTEMBER MINISTRY ROSTER
IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK
OF THE CHURCH**

Canonisation of

Blesseds Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis

Sunday 7 September



Office of the Bishop Broken Bay

Vox Populi

28 August 2025

When Blesseds Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are canonised on Sunday, 7th September in Rome, they will become the Church's two newest saints.

Despite being on the other side of the world from where the canonisations will take place, there will be particular cause for celebration in the Diocese of Broken Bay, with a special Mass taking place at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate Mass for the pair on Sunday evening at 5:30pm, when he will formally install the relic of Blessed Pier Giorgio and bless the church's new Eucharistic Chapel, where a relic of Blessed Carlo is already installed.

Blesseds Pier Giorgio and Carlo led very different lives, but both responded to the call to holiness at a young age. Blessed Pier Giorgio had a love for the less fortunate and spent a lot of his young life serving people through charitable work. Blessed Carlo had a love of the eucharist, which he wanted to share with others and built a website dedicated to eucharistic miracles.

Chatswood Parish Priest, Fr David Ranson said the canonisation of both saints presented a great message that the Spirit of God can inspire young people to great holiness.

"The canonisations highlight for me the power of the Spirit of God to spark the life of discipleship even amongst people who are young in age," he said.

"It is my hope that these two saints will inspire many young people to live their lives with both passion and purpose. They are wonderful role models for our young people."

The relics of both soon-to-be saints will be permanently housed in the new Eucharistic Chapel in Chatswood and available for veneration when the church is open.



SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS GROUP

While Fr Sam is away on leave during September, Michael McGrath will lead the group in a 4-week series on the importance of baptism. If you have any no-Catholic friends or family who might be interested in this, it's a great time to jump on board.

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.



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

"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

Jubilee of Consolation 15 September

The Jubilee of Consolation is an invitation for those who are experiencing a time of pain and affliction, due to illness, bereavement, violence or abuse together with their families and friends.

Jubilee of Justice 20 September

The Jubilee Year, a biblical tradition that calls for the forgiveness of debts and the restoration of justice, is a reminder that economic systems should serve people, not exploit them.

Jubilee of Catechists 28 September

The Jubilee of Catechists is an opportunity to recognise the important role that catechists play in passing on the faith and to express our gratitude for their efforts.



Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2025

During the month of September, Pope Leo invites us to pray for our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint

Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbccatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass
manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook.com/videos

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.



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 Margaret of Castello. Born blind and with severe disabilities she was abandoned by her parents and looked after by the poor. Despite such obstacles she became a third order Dominican and started a school to care for children. Only \$10 at the piety store.

CD of the month - Love conquers all - Michael Aquilina. The most rapid expansion of the Church occurred during the Roman persecutions. It was fidelity to prayer, attendance of Mass and love of neighbour which offered a powerful witness in a culture similar to today. Only \$5 @ 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



Last Friday, we celebrated the second anniversary of our beloved **Spanish Prayer Group “San Rafael Arcangel.”**

We enjoyed a moment of prayer and gratitude to God for all He has given us during this time. We received Father Marek's blessing and had a moment to listen to what participating in each event has meant to each of us.

It has been two years of formation and spiritual growth, but also of fellowship and the joy of being children of God.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our priests for their constant support and the entire Manly community for their warm welcome.
Erica and Fernando



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

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater_catholicyou](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyou)

**JOIN OUR
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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

Broken Bay Clergy Retreat
was held last week at Mount Carmel Varraville.



Our Spiritual Journey – last Monday night 25 people attended the first session which was on the theme ‘The Search for Happiness’.



Pilgrim Groups visiting St Vianney Shrine

St Peter's College Tuggerah – Friday 29 August



Warringah Parish Pilgrims – Saturday 30 August



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Thank you!

As we enter the Season of Creation this September (1 Sep – 4 Oct), we are reminded of the call to care for our common home and for one another. This is a graced time to reflect, renew, and take action together as a faith community.

Join our Earthcare Community and become part of a growing movement of Catholics across Australia committed to living Laudato Si'. Whether as an individual, household, school, parish or organisation, you'll receive resources, tools, events and ongoing support to help you on the journey. Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare program offers a simple 4-step cycle of self-assessment, reflection, planning and action, complementing the global Laudato Si' Action Platform. The Australian Catholic Bishops are encouraging every parish, diocese, eparchy, school and organisation to join the Platform and develop a Laudato Si' Action Plan. Becoming an Earthcare Community is a practical and meaningful way to begin. [Find out more!](#)



National Child Protection Week, unites communities across Australia to promote the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children and young people. This year's theme, *"Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action,"* reminds us that every conversation about child safety can spark action that uplifts, protects, and empowers.

When we listen and act, we help build a safer, more hopeful future for all children, so let's make every conversation count!



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](#)

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...

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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

- **Parish Giving (2nd collection)**

Funds the running of the Parish

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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

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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

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.

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

Serra Vocations Mass and dinner meeting on Thursday 25th September 2025 at Sacred Heart Church Pymble with mass at 6.30 pm
Celebrant will be Fr Joey Frez. After dinner father will provide a vocations update and share his vocation journey.

Everyone is welcome, so please come and see.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email annaytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

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.



23rd 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 (JB)

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

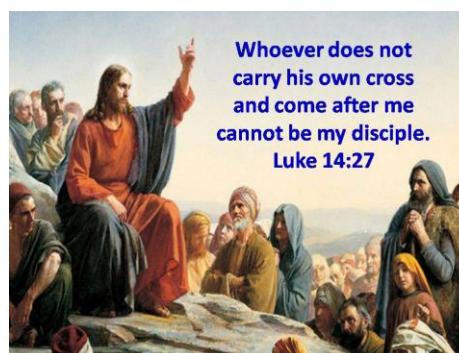
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

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.



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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St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St, Freshwater 2096

Parish Pastoral Council:

Michael McGrath (Chair); Ivica Covic (Deputy Chair);
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Rob Irving; Robert Marshall; Ian Press

Weekend Masses:

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm and Sunday 9am

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Weekday Masses: *Freshwater* Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9:15am

Manly Tues and Fri 7am & 9:15am

Wed and Thur 9:15am

Reconciliation: *Manly* Wed 6pm – 7pm; Sat 10am – 11am

St Mary's Primary School 7256 2135

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St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699

Principal: Alicia van der Merwe

St Paul's Catholic College 7256 2112

Principal: Gabie Stojanovski

Stella Maris College 9977 5144

Principal: Sharyn Quirk