

Diocese of Broken Bay

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Mary Immaculate Church 6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church cnr Johnson & Oliver St, Freshwater NSW 2096

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

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Manly: Monday 9:15am

Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Baptisms: by appointment only

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community.

The 1st Collection is for the financial support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2019



The First Reading is usually attributed to King Solomon, shows God as one who is always ready to grant the gift of wisdom to those who truly seek it.

The Second Reading is taken from St Paul's letter to Philemon, a leader in the Colossian church. Paul is writing about slavery. He knows he cannot do much to change this deep-rooted social structure but seeks instead to change people's hearts. He invites the recipients of his letter to see everything and everyone in relation to Christ, in whom there is only unity.

The Psalm reminds us that, compared to the wisdom of God, our greatness is as nothing – yet the Lord is a faithful refuge for us.We are disciples of the Lord Jesus: we have chosen his way as our way. In today's gospel he reminds us that this is no easy choice for his way led to the cross. He reminds us: 'Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.' Discipleship embraces every aspect of our lives. Discipleship means that we have to plan for the best way to live our lives in the light of his truth.

Created in the likeness of God we are created good. In each of us is the desire to nourish what is good and best in us. We wish to do the same for our children or anyone in our care. We nourish the good in ourselves by prayer, by good deeds and an honourable way of life. Today he asks us to know ourselves, just like the man building a tower plans what he has and what he can do.

Our goodness in life is a gift from God. We seek to find goodness also in each other. The gospel is full of people trying to do their best and learning with fresh starts and after their mistakes how to follow Jesus. Goodness is vulnerable. We can try our best and fail. We make promises that don't last despite our best efforts. In the eyes of God goodness is in what we do and in what we try to do. God sees the goodness of the heart.

In the coming days, let us place ourselves within the friendship of the Lord, which is both a place of refuge and source of strength. May we go forward in joy as we try to embrace the crosses of our lives. *Pathways to God | Donal Neary sj 2019*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Politicians, Scientists and Economists That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225 Principal: Paul McGuire

St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699 Principal: Judy Slattery

St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 Principal: Chris Browne

Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

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Mon 9/9 – 23rd week in Ordinary Time	Col 1:24-2:3' Lk 6:6-11				
Tue 10/9 – 23rd week in Ordinary Time	Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:6-11				
Wed 11/9 – 23rd week in Ordinary Time	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26				
Thurs 12/9 – 23rd week in Ordinary Time	Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38				
Fri 13/9 – St John Chrysostom	1 Tim 1:1-2,12-14; Lk 6:39-42				
Sat 14/9 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17				
Sun 15/9 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
Ex 32:7-11,13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32					

LET US PRAY FOR

8th September 2019

Recently Deceased: Margaret Rummery; Frank Ellis

Anniversary: Deanna Parsons; Boyd Keogh; Gladys Burridge; Greta Grogan; Kathleen Donnelly

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors: Lauren Hannahan: Rosalba Galuis: Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrell; Carmel Keys; Judith McKenzie

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on



Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster

has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

Please TURN OFF your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

The St Vincent de Paul Clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

DATES TO REMEMBER ...

- Changes to weekday masses see bulletin notice
- SJB Yr 6 Class Mass Wed 11th Sept @ 9:15am
- SMM Yr 2 Class Mass Thurs 12th Sept @ 9:15am

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass. MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass



each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass



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.



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

Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am

AND Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish End Room.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088 "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



The Parish Playgroup will resume on Monday 14th October in the Parish Hall at Manly from 9am to 10.30am.



Pope Francis @Pontifex

We ask for the grace not to be lukewarm Christians, living on half measures, letting love arow cold.

FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE



Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading.

You can view it through YouTube search frpaulkim (one word with no space).



Combined Choral Celebration

This Sunday at 10.30am mass, the Choir of Lower North Shore will join with our own Parish Choir for a combined choral celebration of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time.

Because the date is also traditionally acknowledged as the Nativity of Mary, Mother of God, the choirs will be singing two Marian pieces, Arcadelt's *Ave Maria* and *Help of Christians, Guard this Land* by Richard Connolly and James McAuley. We are very hopeful that Richard, one of our parishioners, will be in attendance. At the organ will be Dr James Forsyth who acted as technical consultant when our magnificent Danish organ was commissioned by Fr Denis Ryan in the mid 1980's. Conducting the combined choir will be Lisa Lewis, Director of Music from the Parish of Lower North Shore.



PIETY SORE

DVD – Padre Pio Miracle Man There are few Saints which God has performed so many miracles through like Padre Pio. Miraculous healings, soul reading, levitation, bilocation (to be in 2 places at once) and the

stigmata. This film captures his intense faith, deep spiritual concern for others, the spiritual attacks he experienced and persecution he suffered from the Church. This is an outstanding feature film for only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD – **Tackling the new Atheism** – **Deacon Harold Burke Sivers** Deacon Harold Burke Sivers lays open the gaping holes in the logic behind "Atheism". Many people today are misled and deceived by the rhetoric and misinformation. Deacon Sivers discusses how the science on the creation of the universe is supported by a theistic world view, and exposes the false historical narratives, beliefs and tactics of prominent Atheists. As this CD shows, when one drills down into the detail, belief in God is reasonable and the new Atheism does not make sense.



The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or

seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is <u>September 15th.</u>

Changes to 9:15am week day Masses next week

MANLY – Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesday

<u>FRESHWATER</u> – Mass on Wednesday Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday



The **Broken Bay Bible Conference** will take place this October. This two-day conference is a wonderful opportunity

to break open the Gospel and delve deeper into Scripture.

This year the theme is *The Holy Spirit Through the Pages of Scripture* and we will journey through the Bible and discover who the Holy Spirit is and how the Spirit guides, enlivens and encourages our lives and the Church today.

The presenters are Rev Assoc Prof Ormond Rush, one of Australia's top Theologians and Biblical Scholar Dr Debra Snoddy.

We would like to extend a special invitation to you and your group to this year's Bible Conference. This year we have a special **group booking discount**, which you are welcome to take advantage of! For groups booking of 5 or more, we are delighted to offer a **10% discount**. To take advantage of this opportunity please contact Tania Rimac on 8379 1629, for the special discount code required on booking to obtain the discount.

Date: Friday/Saturday 11 – 12 October Time: 8.30 – 5.00pm Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

Please extend this invitation to your friends and I hope that you will be able to join us for what will be a great Bible Conference. We look forward to welcoming you and your group to the conference this October.

Tania Rimac Resource Coordinator Catholic Life & Faith Formation Office of Evangelisation Diocese of Broken Bay





LEARNING TOGETHER PLAYGROUPS

St Mary's Primary School, Manly

Meet in the school hall (Whistler St, Manly) Morning tea provided.

9am – 10:30am Wednesdays 4/9, 11/9, 18/9 & 25/9 For more info contact school office – 9977 2225 or smm@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Monday Playgroup will resume in Term 4 (14th Oct 2019 @ 9am - 10:30am)

St John the Baptist Primary School, Freshwater

Meet in the school hall (7 Johnson St, Freshwater). Morning tea provided. Time: 9am – 10:30am on Wed 11/9. For more info contact school office 9939 6699 sjbf@dbb.catholic.edu.au

ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

St Vincent de Paul require an electric wheelchair for a client. If you can assist please contact Bruce Whittet 0422 515 716 or Mick O'Farrell 9402 1422

Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentine

On Wednesday 11 September St Augustine's college will be celebrating the feast of St Nicholas of Tolentine. (Feast day is 10 September) It is a tradition that on this day we remember past students, staff and other community members who have passed away. Any parishioners who are associated with the college are welcome to attend our community mass at 8:10am. Mass will be held in the college chapel.



Child Protection Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm

done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults.

Please feel free to take any of the resources at the entrance to the Church.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention



Making Disciples in the Catholic Parish presented by Sherry Weddell

This is a not-to-bemissed event! Join us this month when Forming Intentional

Disciples author and co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell, visits Broken Bay to present Making Disciples in the Catholic Parish: Discerning Our Mission.

Sherry will lead us in better understanding what it means to be intentional disciples and how we can better meet people on their faith journey, by identifying different thresholds of faith toward discipleship.

This is an event not to be missed, and parish leaders and ministers are especially encouraged to attend.

Date: 14 September 2019 **Time:** 9.30am - 4.00pm **Venue:** Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

Register now at <u>faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au</u> or phone Pina Bernard 8379 1627.

Celebrating Social Justice Sunday



Dr Anthony Maher will be facilitating the formation event, **Genuine Encounter in the Digital World**, to celebrate Social Justice Sunday which occurs on the last Sunday in September.

This event will allow

participants to engage with the Social Justice Statement *Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World* which discusses the advances and challenges of a digital world and the responsibility we have in helping shape the digital world to ensure it is a place of genuine human encounter.

Date: Saturday 28 September Time: 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Manly and Freshwater Roster 14th – 15th September 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Ron Gravolin	Ivica Covic	Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery
Servers			Iona & Teresa Hearn	Ivana Covic		
Readers	Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas	Vuna Tuifua Katalina Taefotu	Paul Novak Dean Gale	Family Mass	Luke Campbell Pam Brown
Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	Judy O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Jan Dorsen	Richard Heasman Pam Rawson	Family Mass	Toni Walsh
Music	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	David Hala	Mark Bateman		
Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Jan Dorsen	Anne Gaughan	Lynette & Sophie Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Merle Zemek				Maria Harkness	
Morning Tea		Assistance Req	Tongan Group			Raymond Family
Children's Lit		Fiona S				Assistance Required

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Wed 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am 11am
 Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon Fri at 9.45am
 Freshwater: Tues Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater 1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

Silent Guided Retreat "Remain In Me"

Would you like to spend a weekend away with God? Join us, for this weekend retreat run by Verbum Dei Missionaries, at Hartzer Park, Bowral, on 20-22 Sept. For more info contact Maria: 0402 452 342 email <u>verbumdeisydney@gmail.com</u> or

TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL

CHURCH If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs,** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following



Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958001 BSB # 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark. *We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish*

Reimagining Land as Beloved Companion

"We must develop a new understanding of the true purpose of our existence on Earth. Only by making such a fundamental shift will we be able to create new models of behaviour and a new set of values for the planet."

Vaklav Havel

- Chris Dalton, ex Public Policy Office Developer
- Lisa Buxton, Indigenous Educator & Artist
- Haydn Washington, Ecologist & Poest

A public event at St Anthony in the Fields Church, 46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills (site of the Kierans Creek Landcare Group) Sunday 8th Sept 3pm – 5:30pm

Entry to the forum: \$10 donation to cover costs.

Proudly hosted by the Frenchs Forest Parish Social Justice Group 0408 279 871. As a discussion point, please bring something which connects you to land.



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*

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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

