



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

## Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th September 2021

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and enjoying this beautiful Spring weather.

I am very much aware that many of you are missing not being able to come to Mass and receive Holy Communion or go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Regrettably there is not a great deal I can do about this under the present lockdown restrictions. I realise that the livestream Mass is not a substitute for the real thing but please remember that the very life of Jesus comes to us in other ways apart from Holy Communion.

When Jesus talks about "I am the Bread of Life" in Chapter 6 of John's Gospel he is not only referring to the Eucharist but he is also referring to the Word of God in the Bible and especially the Gospels and other books of the New Testament. By reflecting on a text from the Gospels and inviting Jesus to come into your mind and heart we do in fact receive the very life of Christ. Regarding reception of Holy Communion outside of Mass, this should be reserved for the sick and the dying as Viaticum (food for the journey). It is important that we do not abstract Communion from the full celebration of the Eucharist in which it finds its mystery.

Under the present lockdown the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been lifted by Bishop Anthony.

Regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in the situation of serious sin or end of life, a priest can visit the person at their home for Reconciliation and other Sacraments as necessary.

For other lesser or venial sins it is suggested that we make an examination of conscience, say an Act of Contrition and then say the Our Father making the intention that you will confess these sins when you are able to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

When we genuinely seek God's loving forgiveness, then we experience the mercy and compassion of God. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we receive the grace of this Sacrament. We have attached a sheet on Reconciliation to assist you.

This week we also attached is a Children's Prayer page and we have included the Joint Statement for the Protection of Creation from Pope Francis, The Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin and Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew.

*God Bless – Fr David*



**THIS SUNDAY  
12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
@ 6PM**

We will be live streaming our first Youth Mass with music by Simon and young people doing the readings. We will be using Zoom and Facebook

**Zoom Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512**

**[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)**



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LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

**On Facebook – [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos) -Sunday 8:30am Mass**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September** *An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle.*

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable

*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*

**Recently Deceased:** Matilde Lagerman; John Noble

**Anniversary:**

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Brian Greger, 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 Burrigge; 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

#### September

September	Year B
Mon 13/9 – St John Chrysostom	1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
Tue 14/9 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17
Wed 15/9 – Our Lady of Sorrows	Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27
Thurs 16/9 – St Cornelius	1 Tim 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
Fri 17/9 – 24th week in Ord Time	1 Tim 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3
Sat 18/9 – 24th week in Ord Time	1 Tim 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
Sun 19/9 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

#### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

**Parish website:** bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater



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**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.**

**DUE TO THE LOCKDOWN NO GROUPS ARE MEETING ONSITE**

## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

-- St. Alphonsus Liguori

### ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

The following meetings have been **scheduled for the week ahead:**

- **Craft Group – Tuesday at 10am**
- **Lectio – Tuesday at 7:30pm**
- **Lectio - Wednesday at 10am**
- **St Clare's Prayer Group -Wednesday 7:30pm**
- **Rosary with Fr John – Thursday at 7pm**  
Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512
- **Youth Mass –This Sunday 12 September 6pm**  
Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512
- **Youth Group Games Night – This Sunday 12 September 8pm-9.30pm**

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



**New Group- Rosary with Fr John** will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month and on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday evenings at 7pm.



### 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 a prayer intention you would like us to pray for or if you would like to join the prayer** please email

[faithwomen2020@gmail.com](mailto:faithwomen2020@gmail.com) for the ID and password. We very much look forward to seeing you (on our screens) and praying with you.

**Pope Francis** – Saint Augustine said: "I fear that Jesus will pass by me unnoticed". It is important to remain watchful, because one great mistake in life is to get absorbed in a thousand things and not to notice God.



### Mass For You At Home

on Channel 10 at 6.00am  
each Sunday



This weekend Parish Communities across Australia celebrate Safeguarding Sunday Mass. The Safeguarding Office of the Diocese of Broken Bay in collaboration with the Safeguarding teams of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Parramatta are proud to make available a significant resource to support Catholic Communities develop a culture where adults consider, encourage and invite the participation and consultation of children and young people.

**The resource is available online. Click here to access**

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)

If you are interested in a hard copy of the guide or would like to learn more about how to implement these principles of participation speak with your Parish Priest, Parish Safeguarding Officer or contact the Office for Safeguarding on

**P 8379 1605 or E**

[safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Sunday 12 September 2021** - The Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday** – join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at 9.30am via live stream from the Cathedral. Click here to participate in the Mass [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNe\\_nwlfI7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNe_nwlfI7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ)



**ONLY 15 WEEKS TILL CHRISTMAS** and it's time for us to start preparing for our Annual Christmas Day Lunch for those in our Community who spend Christmas alone.

Last year with Covid restrictions we were able to serve takeaway meals and gifts to a round 90 members from our Community.

This year we will be looking at ways to provide lunch to our Community and to share some Christmas Cheer.

If you would like to be involved in the planning group, we will be holding a Zoom meeting during the week of 20th September (date to be confirmed).

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to assist in any way or for ID and Code if you wish to join the Zoom meeting.

## St Mary's School News...

Our Father's Day trivia night was officially a hit! Thank you to everyone who took part, and a massive congratulations to our esteemed winners!



Our trivia night topped off a great list of Father's Day events we provided for the families at St Mary's – Daddy Cool Dance with DJ KitKat, sausage roll cooking class with Mrs Adair and our heartfelt Father's Day liturgy prepared by our staff and Year 6 leaders.



St Mary's has been busy preparing Math Kits for every Kindy to Year 2 student for use during Home Based Learning, our daily based Math Zoom lessons, and beyond. The kit is stacked with items to help students visualise and practically work through their problem solving. With items like a deck of cards, number lines, counters, beads and dice, we are also preparing videos that walk-through math tasks and fun family games to support math "in situ" as well!  
*Kind regards Alexis Conn REC*

## St John's School News...

Last Friday morning, we celebrated Father's Day with a whole school zoom liturgy and assembly. It was wonderful to gather once again as a community, even if remotely to pray, listen to the word of God and celebrate our fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our lives. The Year 6 Mission Team did a fabulous job leading our assembly remotely. At SJB we have a tradition of sharing in a Father's Day photo story with our community and this year certainly did not disappoint! A big thank you to all the families who joined us online for this very special celebration.  
*Warm regards Sharna Taranto Acting R.E.C.*

### **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.*

## Reflection...

In today's Gospel, Peter is a model of vacillating faith – a model that mirrors our own reaction to the call to discipleship.



Caesar Philippi was a bazaar of worship places and temples, with altars erected to every concept of the divinity from the gods of Greece to the godhead of Caesar. Amid this marketplace of gods, Jesus asks Peter and the Twelve, "Who do people say that I am? . . . Who do **you** say that I am?" This is a turning point in Mark's Gospel: Until now, Mark's Jesus has been reluctant to have people believe in him only because of his miracles. Jesus talks, for the first time in Mark's Gospel, about dark things ahead: rejection, suffering, death and resurrection (concepts that the disciples are unable to grasp)....In this incident (recorded by all three synoptics), Peter immediately confesses his faith in Jesus as the Messiah – the Messiah of victory and salvation. But when Jesus begins to speak of a Messiah who will suffer rejection and death, Peter objects. Peter's reaction is ours, as well: We prefer to follow the popular, happy Jesus, the healing and comforting Jesus – but we back away from the suffering, humble, unsettling Jesus of the cross.

Every moment we live, every decision and choice we make, every good thing we do is our most revealing and telling response to the question, *Who do you say I am?* Our love for family and friends, our commitment to the highest moral and ethical standards, our willingness to take the first step toward reconciliation and forgiveness are, ultimately, our true confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Love and Word of God incarnate.

Most of us understand all too well where Peter is coming from in today's Gospel: Keep things upbeat and positive; don't dwell on the negative; stop whining; pick yourself up and move on. That's how humans think, Jesus says. But to "think like God" is to realize that denying or diminishing such difficulties and stress can be devastating in the end, that resurrection is only possible through taking up our own crosses in Jesus' spirit of charity and mercy.

Only in "denying ourselves" in order to imitate the servanthood of Christ do we experience

the true depth of our faith; only in embracing his compassion and humility in our lives do we enable the Spirit of God to renew and transform our world in God's life and love.

We cannot belong to the company of Jesus unless we embrace the Crucified One's spirit of selfless servanthood; we cannot stand with the Crucified Jesus unless we unconditionally and completely love and forgive others as he did; we cannot hope to share in the victory of the Risen Christ unless we "crucify" our fears, self-consciousness and prejudices that blind us from seeing him in the faces of every human being. [connectionsmediaworks.com](http://connectionsmediaworks.com)



**The September issue of Broken Bay News** is now available online.

This issue features Bishop Anthony's message about looking after your spiritual wellbeing, the new Pastoral Discernment Project on the Central Coast, online parenting help in lockdown, Bishop David Walker's 25th anniversary and so much more. Read it online here:

[https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken\\_bay\\_news\\_september\\_2021\\_issue\\_211](https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_september_2021_issue_211)



**Year of St Joseph For 40 years, Pope Francis has said a prayer to St. Joseph.** "I like St. Joseph. He has so much power! For 40 years I recite a prayer that I found in an old french missal that says: "St.

Joseph 'whose power is able to render possible even things which are considered impossible'".

### The Prayer

O Glorious St. Joseph, thou who hast power to render possible even things which are considered impossible, come to our aid in our present trouble and distress. Take this important and difficult affair under thy particular protection, that it may end happily.

O dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in thee. Let it not be said that we would invoke thee in vain; and since thou art so powerful with Jesus and Mary. Show that thy goodness equals thy power.

St. Joseph, to whom God entrusted the care of the holiest family that has ever been, grant, we ask of you, the father and protector of ours, and let the grace be brought to us to live and die in the love of Jesus and Mary. St. Joseph, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



## 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 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 <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

### 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>

**The Parenting Children Course** As part of the Bay Connect series of on-line events, the Life, Marriage and Family team will be running The Parenting Children Course. The Parenting Children Course is for parents of young children seeking connection and support during lockdown while learning new skills. It's fun, hopeful and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent. Starts 21 September 2021 at 7.30pm via zoom. Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration details

<https://form.jotform.com/212367244706051>

## Volunteer in Australia and Overseas -

### The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)



### 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 [info@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:info@catholiccaredbb.org.au). 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.



**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](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks).** All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives.



### Major earthquake hits Haiti

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. 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 [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.





## An Examination of Conscience

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### ***Love the Lord your God with all your heart***

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- Do I show reverence and respect for God and the divine name?
- Do I spend adequate time in prayer?
- Do I keep Sunday holy by actively participating in Mass?
- How well do I pray at Mass?
- Do I listen attentively to the readings of the Word of God, respond to them, and take them to heart in a personal way?
- Do I receive Holy Communion reverently, with preparation and thanksgiving?
- Am I sufficiently prepared to take some responsibility in my parish community, whether in the liturgy or in other practical works?
- Do I make a reasonable contribution to my parish each week?

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### ***Love one another as I have loved you***

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- How well do I show my love for the members of my family as parent, spouse, son / daughter, brother / sister?
- Should I do more on my part to listen, to communicate, and to be more open to forgive?
- Do I harbour hurts longer than I should, or use silence and resentment to get my way?
- Am I guilty of anger or violence towards others, whether physically, verbally or in any other way?
- Have I hurt others by lying or criticising, by harshly judging or by holding grudges?
- Do I harbor feelings of racism or other forms of discrimination, and have I ever encouraged others to think, talk or act the same?

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### ***Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect***

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- Am I honest and truthful in my relations with others?
- Have there been times when I have shown arrogance and pride, or used my talents to be hurtful or make others uncomfortable?
- Do I respect my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, have I respected the gift of sex, or have I given way to my vices and passions?

- Am I careful to discipline my mind in what I see and read, and what I watch on TV or other media?
- Have I been faithful to God's will for me regarding the commitment of marriage and faithful relationship of love? Have there been instances of unfaithfulness?
- How well have I dealt with the sorrows, losses, disappointments and difficulties of my life?

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### ***Wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be too***

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- Have I stolen the property of others, or misused or damaged what does not belong to me?
- Have I been fair and just in my work, either as an employee or as an employer?
- Am I ready to share my possessions, and to give money or assistance to needy people or causes, or do I choose instead to close my heart or find excuses?
- Am I responsible in my use of food and drink, or have I over-indulged because of greed or other reasons?
- Have I taken reasonable care of my own body, looked after myself properly, and tried to maintain a healthy environment?
- Does my use of medications, drugs, cigarettes or alcohol mean possible harm to myself or potentially adverse effects on the lives of those around me?
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## Prayer of the Penitent

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins  
with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have Mercy.

or

O my God, I am sorry that I have sinned against you, because you are so good, and with your help I will not sin again.

or

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.



## A JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION

For more than a year, we have all experienced the devastating effects of a global pandemic—all of us, whether poor or wealthy, weak or strong. Some were more protected or vulnerable than others, but the rapidly-spreading infection meant that we have depended on each other in our efforts to stay safe. We realised that, in facing this worldwide calamity, no one is safe until everyone is safe, that our actions really do affect one another, and that what we do today affects what happens tomorrow.

These are not new lessons, but we have had to face them anew. May we not waste this moment. We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations. God mandates: 'Choose life, so that you and your children might live' (*Dt 30:19*). We must choose to live differently; we must choose life.

September is celebrated by many Christians as the Season of Creation, an opportunity to pray and care for God's creation. As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what the choices we must all make. Accordingly, as leaders of our Churches, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.

### **The Importance of Sustainability**

In our common Christian tradition, the Scriptures and the Saints provide illuminating perspectives for comprehending both the realities of the present and the promise of something larger than what we see in the moment. The concept of stewardship—of individual and collective responsibility for our God-given endowment—presents a vital starting-point for social, economic and environmental sustainability. In the New Testament, we read of the rich and foolish man who stores great wealth of grain while forgetting about his finite end (*Lk 12.13–21*). We learn of the prodigal son who takes his inheritance early, only to squander it and end up hungry (*Lk 15.11–32*). We are cautioned against adopting short term and seemingly inexpensive options of building on sand, instead of building on rock for our common home to withstand storms (*Mt 7.24–27*). These stories invite us to adopt a broader outlook and recognise our place in the extended story of humanity.

But we have taken the opposite direction. We have maximised our own interest at the expense of future generations. By concentrating on our wealth, we find that long-term assets, including the bounty of nature, are depleted for short-term advantage. Technology has unfolded new possibilities for progress but also for accumulating unrestrained wealth, and many of us behave in ways which demonstrate little concern for other people or the limits of the planet. Nature is resilient, yet delicate. We are already witnessing the consequences of our refusal to protect and preserve it (*Gn 2.15*). Now, in this moment, we have an opportunity to repent, to turn around in resolve, to head in the opposite direction. We must pursue generosity and fairness in the ways that we live, work and use money, instead of selfish gain.

### **The Impact on People Living with Poverty**

The current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God's creation. We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them. We serve a God of justice, who delights in creation and creates every person in God's image, but also hears the cry of people who are poor. Accordingly, there is an innate call within us to respond with anguish when we see such devastating injustice.

Today, we are paying the price. The extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival. Widespread floods, fires and droughts threaten entire continents. Sea levels rise, forcing whole communities to relocate; cyclones devastate entire regions, ruining lives and livelihoods. Water has become scarce and food supplies insecure, causing conflict and displacement for millions of people. We have already seen this in places where people rely on small scale agricultural holdings. Today we see it in more industrialised countries where even sophisticated infrastructure cannot completely prevent extraordinary destruction.

Tomorrow could be worse. Today's children and teenagers will face catastrophic consequences unless we take responsibility now, as 'fellow workers with God' (*Gn 2.4–7*), to sustain our world. We frequently hear from young people who understand that their futures are under threat. For their sake, we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interest and gains but also of

future benefits. We repent of our generation's sins. We stand alongside our younger sisters and brothers throughout the world in committed prayer and dedicated action for a future which corresponds ever more to the promises of God.

### The Imperative of Cooperation

Over the course of the pandemic, we have learned how vulnerable we are. Our social systems frayed, and we found that we cannot control everything. We must acknowledge that the ways we use money and organize our societies have not benefited everyone. We find ourselves weak and anxious, submersed in a series of crises; health, environmental, food, economic and social, which are all deeply interconnected.

These crises present us with a choice. We are in a unique position either to address them with shortsightedness and profiteering or seize this as an opportunity for conversion and transformation. If we think of humanity as a family and work together towards a future based on the common good, we could find ourselves living in a very different world. Together we can share a vision for life where everyone flourishes. Together we can choose to act with love, justice and mercy. Together we can walk towards a fairer and fulfilling society with those who are most vulnerable at the centre.

But this involves making changes. Each of us, individually, must take responsibility for the ways we use our resources. This path requires an ever-closer collaboration among all churches in their commitment to care for creation. Together, as communities, churches, cities and nations, we must change route and discover new ways of working together to break down the traditional barriers between peoples, to stop competing for resources and start collaborating.

To those with more far-reaching responsibilities—heading administrations, running companies, employing people or investing funds—we say: choose people-centred profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies. 'To whom much is given, much is required.' (Lk 12:48)

This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation. Together, on behalf of our communities, we appeal to the heart and mind of every Christian, every believer and every person of good will. We pray for our leaders who will gather in Glasgow to decide the future of our planet and its people. Again, we recall Scripture: 'choose life, so that you and your children may live' (Dt 30:19). Choosing life means making sacrifices and exercising self-restraint.

All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.

1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Ecumenical Patriarch  
Bartholomew

Pope  
Francis

Archbishop of Canterbury  
Justin

Vatican Website



## Liturgy of Lament

**Thursday 9 September, 7.00pm**

The Liturgy of Lament – an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. Bishop Anthony Randazzo will preside. In God's presence, we pray together in lament for the pain caused, for the dignity robbed, for the truth rejected and for the freedom denied to survivors of abuse.

To participate in the Liturgy of Lament, visit the Diocesan website

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/safeguarding/safeguarding-month-2021/liturgy-of-lament> at 7.00pm on Thursday 9 September. The video will be available online afterwards.





## Safeguarding Month September 2021

### Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities

Dear Clergy and Parishioners of Broken Bay,  
You are invited to join the following initiatives ....

#### WEEK 1: 1-4 September

- Like Diocesan social media posts that show how Children and Young People participate in our Catholic communities

#### WEEK 2: 5-11 September

- Celebrate National Children Protection Week (NAPCAN) by visiting their national webpage - [www.napcan.org.au/](http://www.napcan.org.au/) and learn about the theme: **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.**
- Wednesday 8 September** – Online Launch of new resource for adults of Broken Bay – *Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People.* Access the e-resource here - [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021) Printed copies are available from the **Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) P 8379 1605 or E [safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au)**
- Thursday 9 September @ 12.30pm – 1.30pm** – Free webinar facilitated by NAPCAN - eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13 - 18. **To register click here: [register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752](https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752)**
- Thursday 9 September @ 7pm, Liturgy of Lament** – an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The liturgy will be broadcast. **Click here to view: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)**

#### WEEK 3: 12-18 September

- Sunday 12 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday** - join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at **9.30am** via livestream from OLOR, Cathedral. **Click here to view: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ)**
- Prayers** – Remember in your prayers this week the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to covid-19. **Prayer resources are available from our webpage: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)**

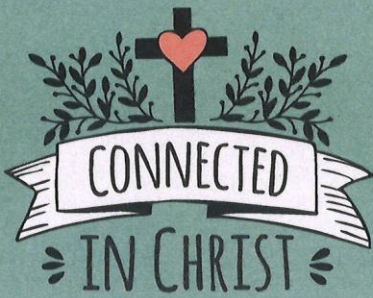
#### WEEK 4: 19-25 September

- Wednesday 22 September @11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom** – *Ministering to a Church in Trauma* presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. **To register and receive your zoom link click here: [bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkWWhIVTlq22Px](https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkWWhIVTlq22Px)**

#### WEEK 5: 26-30 September

- The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. Her feast day is celebrated **Tuesday 28 September**. You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots Novena. **A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here: [www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena)**

Thank you for your participation



## WELCOME TO THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who is Jesus for you? Jesus asks his disciples this question in this week's Gospel. Peter responds correctly – Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus then goes on to explain what being a follower of the Messiah really means. The disciples found it difficult to understand that being a disciple meant self-denial and having to carry their cross. Similarly, we are asked to grapple with this same question.



### GOSPEL READING: MK 8:29

"But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."



#### Read the full text at

<https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>

### REFLECTION:

"It is clear that the disciples ... had reached the critical stage of knowing who Jesus was – the Messiah. But now they had to discover – very painfully – just what kind of Messiah he was going to be."

<https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/ob241/>

### PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, you sent your only Son into this world as our Lord, God and saviour. Help us to recognise His saving action in our lives. Send your Spirit to give us the courage and strength to take up our cross and walk with Jesus as his disciples each day. Amen



### FEAST:

#### 14 Sept: Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

Whilst it may seem counterintuitive to exalt the Cross of Christ, an instrument of torture, the very reason we do so is because this was the means that God chose to open up salvation to the world. The Cross is a powerful symbol of God's love for us and His salvific action in our lives.



### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:

Complete the Gospel story.



"Why do you call me, 'L \_\_\_\_\_', \_\_\_\_\_' but not do what I c \_\_\_\_\_? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, listens to my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man b \_\_\_\_\_ a house, who dug d \_\_\_\_\_ and laid the f \_\_\_\_\_ on r \_\_\_\_\_; when the flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. But the one who l \_\_\_\_\_ and does n \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ is like a person who built a house on the ground w \_\_\_\_\_ a foundation. When the river burst against it, it c \_\_\_\_\_ at once and was completely d \_\_\_\_\_.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

The Identity of Jesus – Bishop Robert Barron (Address at SEEK 2021)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8B9un\\_NyOU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8B9un_NyOU)

Take up Your Cross:

<https://aleteia.org/2014/08/30/take-up-your-cross/>

### SONG:

Even Unto Death – Audrey Assad:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAfp8vg4Jz8>

### CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

The Parable of the 2 Builders:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPwVSA9lgqQ>

Colouring Activity:

<https://www.servicioskoinonia.org/cerezo/dibujosB/53/ordinarioB24.jpg>

Kid's Bulletin with activities:

<https://thekidsbulletin.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/the-kids-bulletin-24th-sunday.pdf>

Easy Worksheet:

[http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/b-ordinary\\_time-24.PDF](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/b-ordinary_time-24.PDF)



#### Word Bank:

command	building	collapsed
foundation	Lord Lord	not act
destroyed	listens	rock
without	deeply	

MORE RESOURCES AT:

[bbcatholic.org.au/connected](http://bbcatholic.org.au/connected)



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# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Reading

*Isaiah 50:5-9 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 114:1-6, 8-9*

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. R.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! R.

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! R.

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. R.

## Second Reading

*James 2:14-18 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Galatians 6:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Mark 8:27-35 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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**Manly:** Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

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**Weekday Masses:**

**Manly:** Tuesday - Friday 9:15am

**Freshwater:** Tuesday - Friday 9:15am

**Baptisms:** please contact the parish office  
*Manly* 4th Sunday of the month  
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