

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th September 2020

# REFLECTION

The cutting edge of Jesus' teaching on love is that nothing is unforgivable nor should there be limits to forgiveness.

It is ironic that Peter should ask the question about forgiveness that introduces the parable of the merciless steward, since Peter himself will be so generously forgiven by Jesus for his denial of Jesus

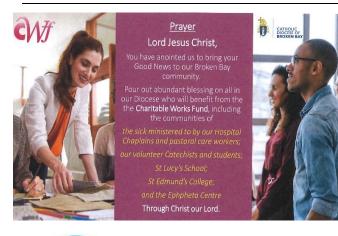


on Good Friday. It was common rabbinical teaching that one must forgive another three times; the fourth time, the offender was not to be forgiven. Perhaps Peter was anticipating Jesus' response to his question by suggesting seven rather than the conventional three times; but Jesus responds that there should be no limit to the number of times we must be ready to forgive those who wrong us ("seventy times seven times"), just as there is no limit to the Father's forgiveness of us.

As the king in the parable withdraws his forgiveness of his servant because of the servant's failure to forgive another, so will God withdraw his forgiveness of the unforgiving and merciless among us. God's forgiveness is not entirely unconditional: if we do not share it, we will lose it.

To forgive as God forgives means to intentionally act to purge the evil that exists between us and those who harm us, to take the first, second and last steps toward bridging divisions, to work ceaselessly to mend broken relationships and to welcome and accept the forgiven back into our lives unconditionally, totally and joyfully.

Forgiveness requires empathy, the ability to place ourselves in the place of the other to see the situation from the perspective of their pain and brokenness. To realize the reconciling peace of Jesus begins with overcoming our own anger and outrage at the injustice waged against us and focusing our concern, instead, on the person who wronged us and ruptured our relationship with him/her — and possessing the humility to face the hurt we have inflicted on others as a result of our insensitivity and self-centeredness.



We are holding the first of our CWF Appeals for this Financial Year. Our quota for 2020/2021 is \$47,388 (\$15,796 per three Appeals). Envelopes can be collected from the Parish Church and Office or you can use one of the following options.

Click on this link to go to CWF www.givenow.com.au/cwf or deposit into our account

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account # 13958001 BSB: 062 784

Please include your name and CWF as the reference

Donations \$2 and over are 100% tax-deductible

We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.





LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September - Respect for the Planet's Resources** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

We're COVID SAFE

## LET US PRAY FOR

13th September 2020

Recently Deceased: Flora Panetta, Brenda Street

Anniversary: Patrick Donnelly

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** Eugenia Cavazzoni, Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; John Beninati; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Kathleen Hudson; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Jacqui Dawson; Jim Murphy

September 2020	Year A	
Mon 14/9 – The Exaltation of the Hol	y Cross Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:13-17	
Tue 15/9 – Our Lady of Sorrows	Heb 5:7-9; Jn 19:25-27	
Wed 16/9 – Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35	
Thurs 17/9 – 24th week in Ord Time	1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50	
Fri 18/9 – 24th week in Ord Time	1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3	
Sat 19/9 – 24th week in Ord Time	1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Lk 8:4-15	
Sun 20/9 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24,27: Mt 20:1-16		



**Home Delivery** – If you know someone who would like a bulletin delivered please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

# PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook:

facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

YouTube: Manlyfreshwaterparish

# Parish website:

bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

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



**St Vincent de Paul Notice during COVID-19** For assistance with food, clothing or other emergencies please call St Vincent de Paul Northern Beaches Regional Office 9905 0424. If

you would like to donate nonperishable food, it can be dropped off at 684 Pittwater Road, Brookvalerear entrance (off the carpark)If you wish to donate clothing it will be accepted at the SVDP Shop Brookvale, Roger Street, between 10am – 3pm.

**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



# Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Eucharistic

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from

7:00pm – 800pm. 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.

**Weekday Mass at Freshwater** will be held on Tuesdays at 9.15am. Masses at Manly will remain the same Tuesday to Friday 9.15am. Plenty of parking available.

# REFLECTION

The readings this week speak of forgiveness, urging us to forgive others just as God forgives us. God loves us unconditionally. There is no limit to that forgiveness, so long as we ourselves show forgiveness to others, and don't hold on to any grievances.

The **First Reading** directs us to remember and live by the commandments, and especially not to bear any grudge against our neighbours. We are urged to let go of any anger, hate or resentment.

The **Psalm** is full of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. It tells of the strength of the Lord's love for us as well as his mercy; there is no end to his forgiveness nor love.

In the **Second Reading**, we hear of how the way in which we live our lives affects one other. Through Christ's life, death and resurrection, he has shown us that we belong to him both in life and death, unless we choose to turn away.

The parable of the unforgiving servant in the **Gospel** emphasizes the message of forgiveness; as we forgive others with complete sincerity, God will show compassion towards us. As long as we repent, he will forgive our sins an infinite number of times.

Let us welcome God's gift of forgiveness, together with the healing, reconciliation and restoring of any broken relationship that it brings. If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the Church.



COVID-19 UPDATE

# Changes to the Government Covid-19 Requirements

The NSW Government and the Diocese of Broken Bay **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** the wearing of Masks at Church Services. Please remember to bring your mask with you.





To assist us with maintaining our attendance registers you now have the option of scanning the QR code with your Phone to register your details to enter the Church at Manly.

At the Church please hold your phone

over the code with your camera and internet on and follow the link to complete your details.

**Sign in sheets** will still be available at both Churches.

YOU DO NOT need to register to attend Mass each week. The limit is 100 people attending Mass at Manly and 74 people attending Mass at Freshwater.

A Welcomer at the Mass will mark off your name. If you are not on the list the Welcomer will take your name and contact details.

If you are able to attend the Saturday 6pm Vigil at Manly or one of the Masses at Freshwater where the numbers are not so high, it would be appreciated.

# Please observe the following Guidelines



**PRIVATE PRAYER** Churches will be open for private prayer. Parishioners and visitors are asked to **'sign in'** each time they visit on the sheet provided or advise the Parish Office. Please follow social distancing rules, and use hands sanitiser on arrival and departure.



DIRECT DEPOSIT

### Singing at Mass

We will continue to have music with a cantor/s at Masses at the weekend but due to the latest recommendations from the NSW Government we ask

that the Congregation refrain from singing.



# Parish Collections & Donations

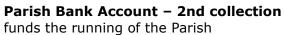
A VERY BIG THANK YOU

to all of you who have continued to support the Parish financially. One of the health restrictions is that we **no longer use collection plates during Mass**.

To help you to make your offering you can use one of the following options:



- 1. Use the **tap and go machines** at the Church entrance
- 2. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (1st collection and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
- 3. Continue to use direct debit with your **credit cards**
- 4. Making deposits directly into the Parish 1st and 2nd collection accounts (details below).



Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Account # 13958001 BSB: 062 784 Please include your name or envelope number as reference

Parish Bank Account – 1st collection Support of

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

To make a **credit card donation** via the internet please right click below to open hyperlink



https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/manlyfreshwater

# PIETY STORE

**Movie of the month** – "Unplanned" One woman's inspiring true story of transformation, from abortion clinic director to ardent "pro-life" advocate. A story of love, hope and redemption. Rated M. For \$20 at the piety store.

**CD of the month** – Understanding "The Lord of the Rings" – Joseph Pearce. Described by J.R.R. Tolkien as a fundamentally religious and fundamentally Catholic work. This talk explores the characters, linguistics and symbols of this English literature masterpiece. Only \$5



### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm

**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.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wednesday

mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.



#### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am 10:30am
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

#### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly 2nd Mon each month at 4:30pm & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

# The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage



This virtual pilgrimage begins on **8 September, the birthday of Mary, and concludes on 7 October**, the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage: A Biblical Journey through the Life of Christ with His Mother, will include over 20 Australian and international speakers offering video presentations over 4 weeks, including Tomasz Juszczak, Scott Hahn, Jason Evert, and Dr Edward Sri. Register at: <u>https://www.parousiamedia.com/thespiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/</u>

#### Reflection continued from front page...

Before our merciful Father in heaven, every one of us is an insolvent debtor – but the great mystery of our faith is that God continues to love us, continues to call us back to him, continues to seek not retribution but reconciliation with us. All God asks of us is that we forgive one another as he forgives us, to help one another back up when we stumble just as God lifts us back up.

The Risen Christ calls us to seek reconciliation that transforms and re-creates: forgiveness that is joyfully offered and humbly but confidently sought; forgiveness that transforms the estranged and separated into family and community; forgiveness that overcomes our own anger and outrage at the injustice waged against us and focuses on healing the relationship with the person who wronged us and ruptured that relationship. Christ-like reconciliation also means possessing the humility to face the hurt we have inflicted on others as a result of our insensitivity and self-centeredness.

connectionsmediaworks.com/sundaygospel

### St Mary's School News...

Next Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September we will launch our Catholic Mission Socktober Challenge! Socktober invites students to engage with developing world issues through the universal language of sport.

We are very lucky to have some special guests from Catholic Mission coming to visit us on Monday to deliver workshops aimed at raising awareness of poverty in our world and how we can help. We will 'kick start' the day with a penalty shoot out with our Year 6 Mission leaders and awesome Sydney FC soccer coaches. *Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)* 

# St John's School News...

This week is National Child Protection Week. Each Year our teachers take this opportunity to initiate Cyber Safety discussions and conduct key Cyber Safety lessons with their classes.

As part of the PDHPE Curriculum units, all classes from Kindergarten to Year Six have been engaging in Cyber Safety discussions and taking part in activities to help deepen the student's understanding of what it means to be safe online.

Follow the link below for more eSafety advice:

https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids

Kind regards Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)



# MINISTRY ROSTER

# MANLY

	Ministry	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept
		25th Sunday in
		Ordinary Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
		Jean Halcrow
	Music	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Assistance Req
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek
		Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Merle Zemek
	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Patty Thomas
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8:30am Mass		Organist
	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud
		Claire Carmody
		Laurie & Liz
		de Ambrosis
	Server	Ron Gravolin
10:30am Mass	Readers	Janie Fonua
		Carmel Lawler
	Music	Bianca Zatz
	Welcomers	Anne Gaughan
		Michael & Kim McGrath
6pm Mass	Server	Ivana Covic
	Readers	Ed Copeman
		Paul Novak
	Music	Simon & Youth
	Welcomers	Hanaut family
	weicomers	Gerard McMahon

# FRESHWATER

n Vigil	Ministry	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20th Sept
	Server	Lou Maruca
	Readers	<b>Assistance Required</b>
5 pm	Welcomers	Assistance Required
9am Mass	Server	Francis Raymond
	Readers	Pam Brown
	Music	Pat Brown
	Altar Society	Isabella & Phillip
		d'Souza
	Welcomers	Assistance Required



#### HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU

Each week the bulletin is emailed

out to parishioners with any updates regarding changes to Covid Restrictions. If you are not receiving the bulletin it may be that we don't have your email address or that it has changed.

To enable us to update our data system please email your details to

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Manly Freshwater Parish, Broken Bay Diocese, is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.



#### Serving a Wounded World in Interreligious Solidarity: A Christian Call to Reflection and Action during COVID-19 and Beyond

A co-publication of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the World Council of Churches.

This document encourages churches and Christian organisations to reflect on the importance of interreligious solidarity in a world wounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. It offers a Christian basis for interreligious solidarity that can inspire the impulse to serve with increased ecumenical and interreligious awareness and cooperation.

As Christians, the basis for interreligious solidarity comes from the Trinity and from our belief that all human beings are creatures of the One God; our trust and well-founded hope in Jesus Christ who heals by His wounds; seeing Christ in all who are suffering; and our connection with others through the Holy Spirit. We are guided by the principles of humility and vulnerability; respect for others; compassion and furthering the common good; dialogue and mutual learning; repentance; gratitude and generosity; and love, which shows the true face of Christianity.

Recommendations include calling all Christians to serve our neighbours and to serve alongside them, finding ways to bear witness to suffering and the voice of the vulnerable; to promote a culture of inclusivism where difference is celebrated; to nurture solidarity through common forms of spirituality; to engage and support the energy of young people; and to restructure projects and processes to benefit from interreligious solidarity.

#### Read the document at

https://www.pcinterreligious.org/christian-callreflection-action-during-covid-19-and-beyond



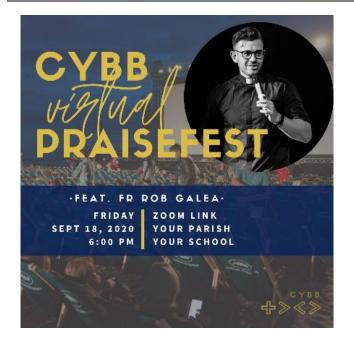
# Australia and Oceania prays with the Divine Mercy Chaplet

This prayer initiative is based at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Keysborough, Melbourne.

Twice a year, on the 18th of May (the birthday of St John Paul II) and on the 13th of September (the anniversary of

when our Merciful Jesus gave St Faustina the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy), all are invited join in prayer at 3pm in your own time zone for particular intentions. You may wish to participate this Sunday, 13 September. Visit the link below or download flyer with further details.

https://www.worldchaplet.org/en/index.html



# PRAISEFEST

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to PRAISEFEST (Online)! Come join young people across the diocese as we gather online, participate in community, and break open our faith in a new and fresh way!

We will have very special guest and friend, Fr Rob Galea take us deeper into our theme 'Christ in Me'. Not to mention, there will be some fun and creative segments we've never done before on this online environment that you surely will not want to miss!!!

So, make sure you join us on Zoom or tune in via live stream.

Date: Friday 18 September 2020Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Zoom Meeting & Live Stream

https://www.facebook.com/events/36134518156 0667



We invite you to explore the latest edition of LIT*ed* which looks ahead to what the Church may look like after Coronavirus, and reflects upon how we may have learned to see differently.

The feature articles in this issue are:

#### **Church after Coronavirus**

This article is a series of extracts from recent articles in the National Catholic Reporter. Various commentators share their views on the new understandings of social mission which have arisen for the Church.

#### **Virus and Vocation**

Tom O'Loughlin discusses the challenging version of discipleship which has emerged while our world has been upside-down and wonders whether our new ways of listening and doing might persist.

#### **Real Presence and Virtual Liturgies**

Felix Just SJ explains that there are different kinds of "reality" and "presence" and points to ways in which technology makes it possible to be "really present", in ways we have not experienced before.

The current edition is now ready to view at <a href="https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/">https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/</a>.

Very best wishes from the team at Liturgy Brisbane.



won them back.

# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th September 2020

#### **First Reading**

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7 (JB)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 (JB)

# R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. R.

# Second Reading Romans 14:7-9 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

### Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35 (JB)

John 13:34 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.* 

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are feeling unwell, please do not come into the Church.



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Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim

Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati & Paula Martin

Pastoral Coordinator: Michelle Ellis

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Presbytery: 9977 2100

After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath Weekend Masses:

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

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: please contact the parish office Manly 4th Sunday of the month Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am - 11am

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

**St John the Baptist Primary School** 9939 6699 Acting Principal: Fiona Dignan

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

**Stella Maris College** 9977 5144 *Principal:* Elizabeth Carnegie