

# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd October 2021

Dear friends,

As we all look forward to returning to Sunday Mass and the Sacraments, I need to acknowledge, saying Mass without your presence in the Church, even though I try to imagine that you are there, is becoming a real struggle. I miss you, and your nonverbal feedback which is so important when celebrating the Eucharist and preaching the Word of God.

On Wednesday night we held a zoom Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, as we look forward to resuming our normal community and worshiping life. In brief we discussed the 100 year celebration of St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater on Sunday 21st November; Parish finances and maintenance; Younger Adults Ministry; Reopening of Parish Schools; Christmas Day Lunch. More details in next week's bulletin.

With the reopening of our Churches, it is my sincerest hope that all of you will want to return safely to Sunday Mass and the Sacraments and to the varied ministries that you carry out in the service of the Parish community. We will be in contact with all our Ministers.

The First General Assembly of the Plenary Council of Australia opens this Sunday 3 October with Mass at 2:00pm AEDT from

St Mary's Cathedral in Perth. Key moments will be live streamed between 3rd and 10th October. They will include daily Masses, morning prayer and sharing of the fruits of discernment.

Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at <u>www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au</u>

On page 5 you will see a very encouraging letter in prayerful support of the Plenary Council from the Northern Beaches Uniting Church. *God Bless – Fr David* 



We have been asked through **Vinnies** if we can help the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Sydney with toiletry packs for the communities of Wilcannia, Lighting Ridge and Brewarrina which are experiencing shortages due to Covid.



If you would like to help we will have a drive-thru drop off zone at Freshwater Church on Saturday morning 2nd October between 10am and 12 noon attended by Mary Ann Marles.

Bruce Whittet from Manly conference will be at the Manly church car park (entrance via Raglan St) with a drive-thru drop off zone on 2nd October between 10am and 11am.

# We are looking for donations of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioners, toothbrushes, razors and deodorants for men and women.

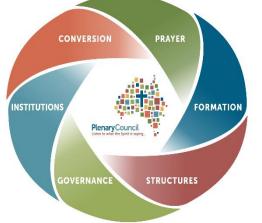
If you would like to help and need them to be picked up, please phone Mick 0402890125.

Thank you all for your wonderful support to all the needy families. God Bless Mick O'Farrell

## Live Streaming of Mass On Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos -Sunday 8:30am Mass

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October - Missionary Disciples** We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

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** 



### LET US PRAY FOR

3rd October 2021

Recently Deceased: May Joseph; Paulene Hertslet; Allan Kemsley

Anniversary: Matthew Beninati; John Beninati; Marie Teresa Varghese; Joseph Ratnam

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Brian Gregan, 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 Burridge; 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; May Joseph

October

Year B Mon 4/10 - St Francis of Assisi Jonah 1:1-2:1,11; Lk 10:25-37 Tue 5/10 - 27th week in Ord Time Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42 Wed 6/10 - 27th week in Ord Time Jonah 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4 Thurs 7/10 – Our Lady of the Rosary Malachi 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13 Fri 8/10 – 27th week in Ord Time Joel 1:13-15.2:1-2: Lk 11:15-26 Sat 9/10 - 27th week in Ord Time Joel 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28 Sun 10/10 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

## PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater



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New: Scan to Donate using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank BPoint Payment Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.

**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.

## 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 Liquori

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

## ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

The following meetings have been scheduled for the week ahead:

- Craft Group Tues at 10am
- Lectio Tues at 7:30pm
- Bible Study Group Tuesday 7pm
- Lectio Wed at 10am
- St Clare's Prayer Group -Wed 7:30pm .
- St Joseph's Men's Group Thurs 7pm •
- Rosary with Fr John Fri at 7pm If you would like to join one of these meetings, please contact the Parish Office for the meeting ID and Password



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.

## Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



CLARE'S PARISH PRAYER ST 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 for the ID and password. We very much look forward to seeing you (on our screens) and praying with you.

## **BIBLE STUDY** -This Tuesday 5th October at 7pm



Fr John will be commencing a Bible Study via Zoom. You are most welcome to join.

## Week 1 - Introduction to the Bible

This Bible Study will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



May Joseph died peacefully during the week and her Mass of Christian Farwell will be celebrated this Sunday at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church, Manly. Please pray for May and her dear husband John and their family.



#### HELPING HANDS FROM THE CRAFT GROUP

If there is anyone out there that has some uncompleted knitting they would like finished, we have ladies in the Craft Group very happy to

complete them for you. These could be left in the alcove near the Parish Office with your phone number and we would be happy to see what we could do for you.



Praying with Children which

IRGY is designed for

families with young children to use at home.

Each Sunday's liturgy includes music for gathering, the readings, reflections on the gospel, video, group activity, prayer for the week and a home activity sheet.

This pdf will be sent by email with the newsletter

Living Faith

**Living Faith Books now available** please contact the Parish Office if you to purchase a copy – 9977 5822



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..



Mass For You At Home on Channel 10 at 6.00 am each Sunday



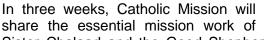
Christian spirituality proposes moderation and simplicity that allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities life

affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not succumb to sadness for what we lack.

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Don't forget Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday!

### October IS World Mission Month





Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need. You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

www.catholicmission.org.au/thailand

Please come with an open and generous heart. Freecall: 1800257296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand Donate via QR CODE



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Angels Week – thank you to the Craft Group and to all those who when passing by stopped and added a little Angel and Prayer to our Angel Tree.

#### Outside the Parish One Million Children Praying the Rosary:

ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at <u>www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children</u>



Need some joy and hope in lockdown? Looking for a place to come together for community, praise and prayer? Join the CYBB Team – Alex, Rachel and Deacon

Adrian – as they share stories of God's help in peoples' lives and lead you through a short session of prayer. All youth and young adults from across the Diocese of Broken Bay are invited to tune into Tuesday Night Lights!

If you're not sure where you're at with God, you're totally welcome too - come along and see what it's like. You can tune in every Tuesday @ 7:00-7:30pm via our the @cybbaus Instagram Live as well as Facebook and YouTube! Parents and guardians please note: CYBB runs livestream events on our social media channels where obtaining parental permission slips for minors is not possible. Please exercise oversight of livestream events by discussing them with those in your care and please get in touch with us at alex.leach@bbcatholic.org.au or on 0447 841 216 if you have any questions or concerns.

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. Applications close October 30th. - <u>www.cagliero.org.au</u>



## Broken Bay Message for BBNeighbourhoods 27 September 2021

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Last Sunday I had the joy of joining with the Catholic community at Asquith in the Parish of Ku-ring-gai Chase for the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Saint Patrick's church. It was a somewhat moment. When Archbishop bittersweet Freeman opened and blessed the church building on 19 September 1971, the local community turned out in great numbers. Fifty years later, due to the COVID pandemic and the associated government health orders, the local community participated via livestreaming. It was hardly the way any of us envisaged celebrating this significant event in the life of Saint Patrick's community. And yet, we did celebrate. The government restrictions might keep us from our church buildings, but they do not keep us from being the Church, the body of Christ, the living disciples of Jesus our Saviour.

Over these past few months of physical separation, I have become more deeply aware of the spiritually connected people that we are. As Saint Mark reminds us in the Gospel, in our faith we are "for Christ" because we "belong to Christ" (cf. Mark 9:40-41). It is easy to fall into the trap of focusing on the negative and painful dimensions of life, especially when there is so much suffering around us. And yet, as I read the history of the church building and the parish, I could not help but be inspired by the grit and determination, along with the faith and zeal for the Lord, of Christ's lay faithful women and men, the priests, and the religious - who claim Saint Patrick's as their spiritual home.

buildings, but to foster and support their mission as Catholic Christians in the world.

The celebration on Sunday was one of recognition of those who have gone before us. It was rightly a celebration of thanksgiving for the many good works of God in and through the community. It was and still is an inspiration to the whole community of the Church of Broken Bay for our ongoing mission and our imminent return to worship in our church buildings.

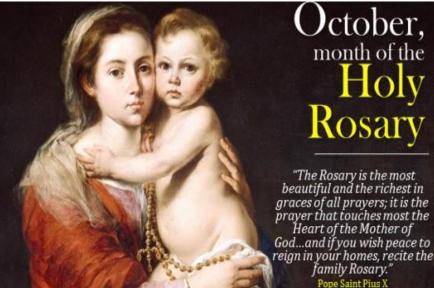
Our work of evangelisation and catechesis has never seemed so urgent as what it is in these times. It is not a work for this one or that, for him or her, for old or young. The work to be taken up, through the power of the Holy Spirit, belongs to God and each one of us baptized into Christ has a responsibility and a duty to be coworkers with the Lord.

My brothers and sisters, all our parishes have the love of Christ as their foundation stone. It was because of His love that our forebears, priests and people, gathered as a community of Catholic communities. Faith was the centre of their lives, their families, their mission in the world.

My prayer is that the occasion of the golden Jubilee of Saint Patrick's church at Asquith might provide for us an opportunity for deep and prayerful reflection upon the past. That, in a strange time and circumstance, we will take every opportunity to reconnect the in communion of Christ, despite the challenges of this year. And that as we return physically to one another, we will have a deeper sense of our spiritual communion as disciples of the Lord, as living members of the Catholic Church. May God bless you and your families, and may Saint Patrick continue to intercede for us.

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The Catholic community at Asquith has long made Saint Patrick's a Centre of worship; a home of spiritual devotion; the locus of the sacraments; a place of community gathering; and the launch pad for mission so that Jesus Christ is rightly our beginning and end. The early challenges that pressed upon the first Catholics who gathered there almost 100 years ago, never held them back. With their indomitable spirit, fortified by tremendous faith, they forged ahead not merely to build



Reflecting God's love in community



29th September 2021

Fr David Taylor Manly Freshwater Parish 6 Raglan Street, Manly NSW 2095

Dear Father Taylor

The Australian Plenary Council 3-10 October 2021

I am writing to you on behalf of the Northern Beaches Uniting Church to let you know that our community of Uniting Churches, Cromer, Freshwater, Manly and Balgowlah, stand in ecumenical solidarity with you as you engage in this significant period of discernment.

We would like to share with you a prayer written by Rev John Hughes, a Uniting Minister in Adelaide, which we will be praying during our online Sunday service.

Creator God, in your great love you have given us the gift of your Spirit. As the Roman Catholic Church in Australia enters this time of discernment, we pray that your Spirit would guide and encourage those involved in the Plenary Council. May we all stand together as we seek to be your people on the way of Jesus. We pray this through Christ Our Redeemer. Amen

Rev Sharon Hollis, President, Assembly of the Uniting Church of Australia, has also written to Bishop Coleridge, President – Australia Catholic Bishops Conference as well as Bishop Michael McKenna, Chairman – Bishops Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue, to assure them of the prayers of the Uniting Church for the Plenary Council.

Please accept this letter and prayer as a sign of our support and encouragement.

Grace and peace,

John Barker

Rev. John Barker Northern Beaches Uniting Church

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## WELCOME TO THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In our Gospel today, Jesus gives a comment on marriage, cutting through the unfair practices of the time and returning to God's original plan. Jesus quotes the book of Genesis (our first Reading) and emphasises the unity of married couples, as well God's role as an integral part at the core of that unity.



## GOSPEL READING: MK 10:7-8

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

#### Read the full text at

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

## **REFLECTION:**

"God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God."

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/ liturgical-year/sunday-connection/27th-sunday-inordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/



#### 7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary:

This feast celebrates Mary's intercession through the praying of the Rosary during the Battle of Lepanto. In this month of the Rosary, successive popes have urged the faithful to pray this powerful prayer. It is a form of contemplative prayer inspired by biblical accounts of the life of Christ, and expressed through mysteries and prayed in union with Mary the Mother of God. **Source:** https://www.catholicculture.org/



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Can Catholics Get Divorced? – Life Teen: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2A9VbOmHoA

Basic Theology of Marriage – Christopher West: https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/ basic-theology-of-marriage-christopher-west/

### SONG:

Sails – Pat Barrett & Steffany Gretzinger: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gDUpZrCqtA

## CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Memorial of St Francis 4 October The Parable of the Good Samaritan: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8

The Story of St Francis of Assisi: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53EwseKjkh8 A second story today speaks of Jesus welcoming little children. Do we welcome Jesus and the gift he offers us with the openness, simplicity, sincerity and neediness of a young child?

## PRAYER:



Lord Jesus, we ask you to pour out your love and grace over all our families. We pray particularly for comfort in those families suffering from loss and separation, that they may experience your mercy in their lives. We pray through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother and St Joseph, Your earthly father. Amen

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:

The Good Samaritan Find - A - Word



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## MORE RESOURCES AT:

bcatholic.org.au/connected



## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **First Reading**

Genesis 2:18-24 (JB)

A reading from the book of Genesis They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 127 (JB)

# R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! by the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. R.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! R.

## Second Reading

## Hebrews 2:9-11 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16 (JB)

1 John 4:12 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





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**Parish Pastoral Council:** Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; 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 Principal: Alicia van der Merwe

**St Paul's Catholic College** 9977 5111 Principal: Michael Reid

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