



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th October 2022



Gospel Reflection

The judge in Jesus' parable read today is not one of the Jewish elders but a paid magistrate appointed by the Roman governors. These magistrates were notoriously corrupt, extorting money from plaintiffs to secure favorable verdicts. The widow, typically

defenseless in such dealings, persists until the judge just wants to be rid of her.

Jesus does not liken God to the unfeeling, insensitive judge but *contrasts* God to him: If such persistence will finally move such an unfeeling and corrupt figure will not the God of mercy and love be moved by the cries of his own beloved people? The parable of the widow and the unjust judge (found only in Luke's Gospel) calls us to perseverance in prayer – prayer that seeks not to force God's hand but prayer that opens our hearts and minds to his always available grace.

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October: A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS

Quiet Prayer & Adoration
6pm – 7pm

Scripture Reflection & Benediction

7pm – 7:30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm

SVDP FESTIVAL MASS



All parishioners are cordially invited to our VINNIES Festival Mass

on Friday 28th October at 7pm at St Martin de Porres Catholic Church 149 Prahran Ave, Davidson. Supper will be served after Mass. RSVP to Mick O'Farrell by 24th October to parish office 9977 5822.

LET US PRAY FOR

16th October 2022

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrigge; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; George Fell; Marie Downs;

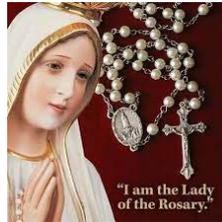
Dates to remember...

- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tuesday 9:45am
- **RCIA** Tues 7pm Parish Centre
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesday 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Rosary** (zoom) Thurs 20th October @ 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA

Freshwater: after the 9am Mass.



THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY.

We invite you to join us in the Holy Rosary celebration on Saturday 22nd October 2022 at 11am in St Mary's Church, Manly. Please bring a plate to share for a light lunch after the service for our AGAPE – Love Meal.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RCIA

RCIA is a process for adults to learn and live the Good News of Jesus as revealed in the Bible, in the Catholic tradition and lived out in our community. We explore the teachings, practices and history of the Catholic Church.

Our aim is for those who are unbaptised or come from another Christian background to come to a deeper understanding and relationship to God and to our Catholic community where you will be welcomed, finding God's love and mercy.

Enquiry Night 18th October at 7pm in Parish Centre with refreshments. Contact parish office for more information 9977 5822



Livestreaming on Facebook

Sunday 8:30am Mass

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

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

- 1. Planned Giving:** many parishioners support the parish through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
- 2. Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.
- 3. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**
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- 4. Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card. **EFTPOS Terminals** which have pre-set donation amounts or select "Other Amount" and enter your desired amount to give and then tap your card.



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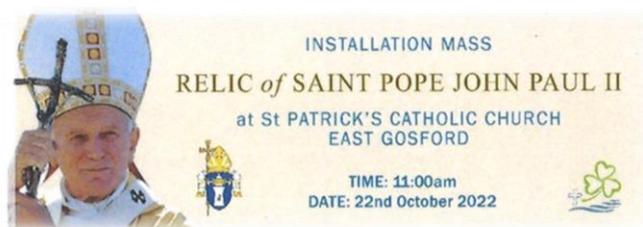
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On October 22, Bishop Anthony will be installing a relic of Saint Pope John Paul II at St. Patrick's Church, East Gosford. At this Mass, St. Patrick's will be established as a Shrine, with a blessing of the associated Pastoral Centre. The Shrine aims to invoke new inspiration for evangelisation, offering pilgrims a form of devotion that is not common in the Australian context. Those who attend the Mass are eligible to receive a partial indulgence, and the Shrine will be open during the day for prayer and veneration. A celebration with refreshments will follow.

All are warmly welcome to join in this wonderful event. Please register your attendance at JPPII.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au, including your full name and the number of people attending with you. Large groups (especially bus groups - e.g., from parishes and schools) are asked to make contact early to ensure arrangements can be made.

Date: Saturday 22 October 2022

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 76 York Street, East Gosford

More information will be available at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford/JPPII (website to go live soon).

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tuesday 9:45am Manly
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church
Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary – Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater on 1st Friday each month at 9:15am Mass
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences
2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading *Exodus 17:8-13 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 120 (JB)*

**R. Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. R.

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. R.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. R.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. R.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 (JB)*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from

these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Hebrews 4:12 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 18:1-8 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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
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