



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th January 2023



Gospel Reflection

The Fourth Gospel emphasizes John the Baptist's role as the bridge between the First and New Testaments; he is the last great prophet who identifies Jesus as the Messiah. In his vision of the Spirit of God "resting" upon and within Jesus, the Baptizer realizes that this is the chosen

Servant of God who has come to inaugurate the Messianic era of forgiveness and reconciliation (today's first reading, the second of Isaiah's "servant" songs, describes the mission of the servant: to bring Israel back to the Lord and, through her, extend the Lord's salvation to every nation and people on earth).
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LET US PRAY FOR

15 January 2023

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell; Arthur (Skip) Fairall; Nerina Mangano; Campbell Haste; Lyn Mossatt

Anniversary: Marty O'Donnell; Mary (Maria) Arena; Phillip Eric Arena; Tom Prendergast; Antonio Yao; Jeffrey Cha

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; 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; Julie & Rodney Wallis

Dates to remember...

- **Bible Study** (zoom) 2nd & 4th Tues 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tuesday 9:45am
- **RCIA** Tuesday 7pm Parish Centre
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesday 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Rosary** (zoom) Thurs 7pm except 1st Thurs 6pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **St Joseph Men's Group** 1st Thurs 7pm – will resume 2nd Feb



NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

8:30am – 4:30pm

FRIDAYS THE OFFICE IS CLOSED



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January – For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS

Quiet Prayer & Adoration 6pm – 7pm
Scripture Reflection & Benediction

7pm – 7:30pm.



Adoration

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)

FACE MASKS – please bring a face mask with you if you wish to wear it in the Church



Our Christian Meditation Group

has recommenced and will meet each Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. The group will follow the tradition of John Main. All are welcome to join the group.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults –

RCIA, a parish program to prepare adults for Christian Baptism and full membership in the Church. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.



The 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 Centre and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.



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. We look forward to seeing you and wish you a Joy filled Christmas.



Baptisms at
St John the Baptist
last Sunday with
Fr John.
Please keep the
families in your
prayers.



Farewell message from Martino...

Dear friends,

I am writing to let you know that I am about to complete the end of my parish work at Manly Freshwater Parish. It has been my pleasure to be a part of this parish for the last 2 years. I have now completed my time of discernment in my parish work experience.

Firstly, I would like to show my great gratitude to Fr. David Taylor, Fr. John Puliparambil and Fr. Eliseus Shin for their help, support and guidance during my time here. They have given me spiritual guidance and helpful support with my ministry in this parish. They willingly gave me a chance to experience real friendship and they also showed great care to me. Also, I would like to give thanks Paul Pervan and the Parish Pastoral Council and all those who work in different groups, ministries and parish office staff. They have given so much support to me in different ways by helping and teaching me to contribute to the development of the parish. I have been so happy and excited to work with them in the community.

Secondly, with my personal gratitude, I would like to say a special thanks to all of parishioners and staff at Manly Freshwater Parish. I had the opportunity to have many wonderful experiences during my time here with all of you. The main thing that I have experienced here is that each of you are faithful and caring people.

I wrote this letter on Monday, 10th January 2023 (the feast day of the Baptism of the Lord) while I reflected on the Gospel of Matthew. He starts to proclaim the Good News and his ministries. You and I can do the same. I hope your work and ministries are going well this year. It was written that "as soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him." (Mt 3,16) I believe that we all have the Christian faith when we are baptised. So, each of you is encouraged to give glory God and to share this message to those you meet day by day. You and those whom you love are blessed by God.

Lastly, I faithfully say that the community in Manly Freshwater has been a true blessing to me and a special gift from God in my life journey. I will remember you no matter where I go or whatever I do. Please keep me in our prayers.

I hope that you will have a wonderful year filled with love and many blessings. I will miss you and promise to keep you in my prayers. Thank you for everything. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

With my warmest regards – Martino Hoang.

"The Lord will Bless His people with Peace." (Ps 28)

OCEAN ROCKPOOL TOUR – The event is a celebration of our beautiful Ocean Rockpools while raising funds and awareness for mental health charities. Catering for all levels of swimming ability, the event provides swimmers a means of challenging themselves to suit their individual preferences. This Northern Beaches Council community event is raising funds for people affected by mental health.

Part of the funds will go to Vinnies Northern Beaches to help people who have mental health issues. You can help by making a donation at

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/ocean-rockpool-tour-2023>

Thanks for your help. – Cheers Mick O'Farrell



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. Collection plates during Mass**
- 3. Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or. **EFTPOS Terminals.**
- 4. 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.
- 5. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**
 - **Church Account** Funds the running costs of our Parish
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
 - **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
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PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Christian Meditation Group: Tues 12:30pm in the Parish Centre
- 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 Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

Second Sunday in Ordinary – Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10 (JB)*

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. R.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. R.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. R.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14, 12 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34 (JB)

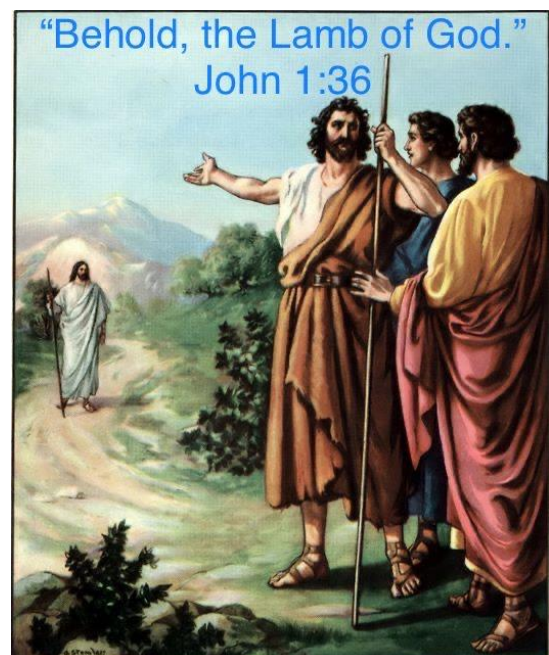
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Peter Nacard

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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