



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th January 2022

It is with sadness that I advise you that Gloria Fisher died on Tuesday evening 11th January 2022. Gloria and Colin lived for many years in Manly and were very involved in the life of our parish, especially the St Vincent de Paul Society and establishing the Church Piety Store which continues to flourish today.



Gloria's Funeral Mass will be held at St Mary's Church Manly on Saturday 15th January at 9:30am. Please pray for Colin and her family.

God Bless Fr David Taylor

GOSPEL REFLECTION Today's Gospel is John's account of Jesus' first great "sign": the transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. For the churches of the East, the miracle at Cana is the fourth great event of their celebration of the Lord's **Epiphany** or **manifestation** to the world (the first three: his birth at Bethlehem, the adoration of the magi and his baptism at the Jordan by John).



Cana evokes two important Scriptural symbols that point to the Messiahship of Jesus: First, wine in abundance was considered a sign for Israel of the Messianic age to come (one example is Isaiah 54: 5-14, Reading 4 for the Easter Vigil). The water in the six large stone jars used for the ritual washings mandated by the first covenant law is transformed by Jesus into Messianic wine, prefiguring the new covenant to be sealed in Jesus' blood (which we celebrate in the wine of the Eucharist).

Second, the limitless love of God for his people is described throughout Scripture in terms of marriage. Today's first reading from Isaiah is a beautiful example of this tradition. It is the strongest (yet still far from perfect) image we have to understand the depth of God's love for his holy people.

The evangelist John pulls together these two power Messianic symbols of wine and marriage together to introduce the public ministry of Jesus, the promised Messiah and bridegroom.

A final note: In verse 4 of today's Gospel, Jesus is not as brusque toward his mother as he sounds to us in the English translation of the text. The address "Woman" was a common courteous form of address in Jesus' time. We do not have in modern English an equivalent of this idiomatic expression.

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COVID REQUIREMENTS

Please remember you MUST...

- QR code before entering the Church
- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing



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.

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LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Sunday 8:30am Mass – manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos

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

Presbytery phone out of order – Emergency contact 0499 910 010

LET US PRAY FOR

16th January 2022

Recently Deceased: Val Garner; Tuna Suman; Gloria Fisher

Anniversary: Phillip Eric Arena; Bubby Forster Salvatore Zavaglia

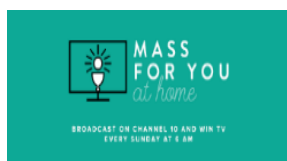
Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Meg and Wayne Storey,

Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; 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 Brunson; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam

January	Year C
Mon 17/1 – St Anthony	1 Sam 15:16-23; Ps 49:8-9,16-17,21,23
Tue 18/1 – 2nd week Ord Time	1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 88:20-22,27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wed 19/1 – 2nd week Ord Time	1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51; Ps 143:1-2,9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thurs 20/1 – 2nd week Ord Time	1 Sam 18:6-9,19:1-7; Ps 55:2-3,9-14; Mk 3:7-12
Fri 21/1 – St Agnes	1 Sam 24:3-21; Ps 56:2-4,6,11; Mk 3:13-19
Sat 22/1 – 2nd week Ord Time	2 Sam 1:1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27; Ps 79:2-3,5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sun 22/2 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Neh 8:2-6,8-10; Ps 18:8-10,15; I Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

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



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



Pope Francis The issue of migration, together with the pandemic and climate change, has clearly demonstrated that we cannot be saved alone and by ourselves: the great challenges of our time are all global.

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Meeting ID 872 561 5999 / Code: 2512

BIBLE STUDY - Tues 25 Feb '22 @ 7pm
Gospel of St Mark Fr John will continue a Bible Study via Zoom on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 7pm.

MEN'S GROUP – Thurs 3 Feb '22 @ 7pm

Fr John will continue to lead a Men's Group via Zoom on the 1st Thursday each month at 7pm.

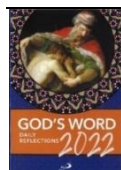
You are most welcome to join either group.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

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

Fr Paul Kim celebrated his 12th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Wednesday 12th January 2022. Please pray for him and his ministry in Incheon Korea. He looks younger every day!



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Join others and be a supporter of the community event **"14 Ocean Rockpools in one day"** to support a range of mental health issues. You can support the official participants/competitors by making a tax-deductible donation to Vinnies charity via the website below.

Date: Saturday 15th January 2022 at 7am
Venue: Northern Beaches

www.OceanRockpoolTour.com



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 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH UPDATE...

Dear Christmas Volunteers,

Well the weather smiled on us this year and a definite improvement over the impact Covid had on us last year. Thanks to all who organised, helped set up, worked in the kitchen, packed hampers, talked to guests and those who wanted to help but had to isolate etc, whatever you did helped make the day the success it was. You have all made Christmas special for those in our community who needed a bright smile and a meal made with love. May God bless you all and keep you safe this year.

An excerpt from an email received from a lovely volunteer, so passing on as you are all to be congratulated. "We had the best time at Manly on Christmas Day. We were so impressed with the amazing organisation, a beautiful atmosphere and everything was like a well-oiled machine"

Warmest wishes from Belinda and the Christmas committee.





Vox Episcopi – The Voice of the Bishop

11 January 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord as we commence another year. Many people are hoping for a smooth 2022 compared to 2020 and 2021. With the Christmas Season not far behind us, I have not lost sight of the Star of Hope – the symbol and sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

There have been a few disruptions to our ecclesial and social communities already this year. Despite the challenges that continue to emerge during this pandemic, I would like to encourage you to remain strong in your faith and to be vigilant in your love and care for others. We are people of hope, but we are also people of faith and love ([cf 1 Corinthians 13:4-13](#)).

Faith, hope, and love are virtues which prompt us to behave in an honourably good manner. They are often spotted in the smallest acts of tenderness and kindness made towards others; by putting the weak, the sick, or the vulnerable before ourselves. They are also visible when one defends the rights of others, especially when another person may be compromised or injured. For the Christian disciple, faith, hope, and love are also seen when our duties or obligations are met with cheerfulness, honesty, integrity, and compassion.

I am aware that many of our parishes are now dealing with COVID sickness and quarantine, a reality which will remain with us for some time, it would appear. Practically, I encourage you to continue to be in contact with my Vicar General, Fr David Ranson and my Chancellor, Kelly Paget as case alerts are received and as some of our clergy find themselves testing positive. Please join me so that together we might remain steadfast in our pastoral outreach, to sustain our communities of faith, continuing to be Christ-centred people in all that we think, and say, and do.

Let us offer prayers of gratitude for our frontline workers, that our gracious God may uphold them, give them strength, and keep them safe.

I continue to entrust you, your families, and your loved ones to the intercession of Mary, Star of the Sea, asking her to intercede for us all to her son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

With my prayers and blessing

+Anthony



Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

The first CCD catechist training program of the year will begin in February for new and provisional (yellow card) catechists.

[Download flyer](#)

The postponed Annual CCD Mass & Presentation of Awards will now be held on Saturday 26 February 2022. Invitation is on back of our latest edition of Connections

[Download invitation](#)

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

JANUARY 2022

- 7th (Friday)** **DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY**
6:00pm - 8:30pm
- 7th (Friday)** **1ST FRIDAY HEALING SERVICE, CHATSWOOD**
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- 21st-23rd (Fri-Sun)** **INNER HEALING RETREAT**
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with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
Friday 5:30pm - Sunday 4.00pm
- 30th (Sunday)** **ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)**
9:00am - 4:00pm
with Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

FEBRUARY 2022

- 18th-20th (Fri-Sun)** **INNER HEALING RETREAT**
"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3
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7 MARCH

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14 MARCH

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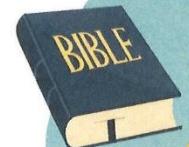


21 MARCH

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28 MARCH

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Welcome to the NBRs Summer 2021 Newsletter

We were very quiet until the borders opened to refugees on December 1st. The cost of airfares fell quickly so we started paying for them. We had 77 people arriving between December 2nd and 15th. The border was closed again for two weeks and reopened on 15th December. The airlines were very helpful and we managed to move all the flights for very little cost.

It has been a very busy month. We have paid for 287 airfares in total. Most of the families have already arrived making for a very happy Christmas for the families. The families were all Iraqi or Syrian and they were living in Jordan or Beirut. It brings our total number of arrivals to 7351 since we started.

There are still a lot of families, who have visas, waiting to travel to Australia. It will keep us busy for the next couple of months.

I received a call from a sponsor who was looking to bring her sister and family. She was very sad. She had been saving for the airfares, but she had struggled during COVID, and had lost her job. She didn't have the money for the flight and couldn't borrow from the bank as she didn't have enough income. She was desperate to get her family here. She was worried at the time it would take to approve the loan. I was able to approve it on the phone and suggested she make the booking the next morning. Her family will arrive in January and she is delighted. I asked how she had heard about NBRs and she told me that her sister had heard about us in Beirut. It is good to know that among the refugee community they share contact details of people who can help them.

COVID has had a huge effect on Australia. In Lebanon it has been catastrophic. 25% of the population was living in poverty before COVID and now it is 75%. It has been very difficult for refugees living there. The lucky ones have family overseas who are supporting them. This isn't easy for those who have found refugee status in new countries. They will be looking to establish themselves in their new country and they may also still be looking for work and struggling themselves.

We had almost \$900,000 in the bank in November. We have spent just over half of it on airfares. We expect to spend most of the balance in the next month or two. Our only lending criteria is that the family has a valid refugee visa, needs help and agrees to repay us. We haven't rejected any application. We expect the traveling family to get the cheapest airfare even if that means waiting for a month. December is an expensive time and the demand for airfares was high once the borders opened. Airfares from Beirut to Australia increased from about \$1,500 to \$2,900 if you wanted to fly in the next week or two. If you could wait 5 weeks, then the fares dropped to \$1500. We understand the desperation to come as quickly as possible, but it would reduce the amount of people we could help if we paid the higher airfares. We are limiting our assistance to \$1,500 per person.

We help as many as we can and they are always so grateful for our assistance.

We work with many different community groups. We also work with several travel agents who have close contacts with their local community. Australia is blessed with many different communities from across the whole world. Most have community leaders who try to build groups to help new arrivals. They are often our contact point. It makes it much easier for me as I only speak English. We do have access to translation services which helps. If I have a community worker to act as a contact person, it makes life so much easier.

The loans are repaid within two years. I love talking to the families at the end of the loan. Their English skills have significantly improved, and the families are so grateful for their new lives. Many already have jobs and their children are at school.

One family recently said that Australia gave them a chance to have a life again and they can't believe how safe it is here. These are always happy phone calls.

It is hard to predict the next six months, but we aren't looking for donations at this time. We hope with the money we still have in the bank and the starting of the loan repayments will keep us self-funding.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Keep safe.

David Addington

31/12/2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,' nor your land 'Abandoned,' but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3, 7-10 (JB)

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. R.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (JB)

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

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction

given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

Gospel Acclamation

cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:1-11 (JB)

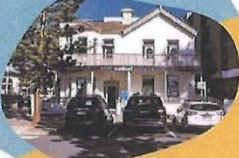
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

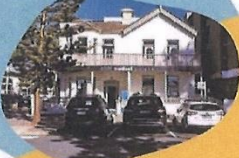
This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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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