



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 17th January 2021

Dear Friends,

Just to bring you up to date on what's happening with our Churches and the restrictions.

- The Churches are open for weekend and weekday Masses at Manly and Freshwater.
- The maximum attendance at Manly is 100 persons and 75 at Freshwater. The Saturday Vigil Mass at Manly is the least attended and the shortest Mass with a guarantee of a seat. Please consider coming to this Mass.
- Remember that you must wear a mask in the Church – there will be a supply at the entrance of the Church if necessary.
- Those of you who have mobile phones please download the **Services NSW App** so that you can scan when you enter the Church. If you are having problems with this please ask the Welcomers at the Church to help you.



This Sunday's Gospel - After the beautiful Prologue to his Gospel, the evangelist John recounts a series of brief scenes that serve as an introduction to his "Book of Signs." In the course of four days, Jesus organizes his ministry in a series of encounters with John the Baptist (day one and two), Andrew and Simon (day three), and, in today's reading, Philip and Nathanael (day four). Each of these encounters provides a testimonial to the divinity of this Jesus: Lamb of God, Messiah, Son of God, King of Israel. The evangelist seeks to impress this Christology in the minds of his readers as he begins his narrative.

In today's pericope, Philip, who has been called by Jesus, approaches Nathanael. Nathanael provides a bit of vinegar to the story with his caustic remark, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael's gibe (probably reflecting the rivalry typical between towns and regions) might also be included by John as a preview of the later rejection of Jesus by the Jewish establishment because of his origins.

Nathanael also serves as the model of the "true Israelite," part of the "remnant" who have faithfully awaited the fulfillment of God's reign in the coming of the Messiah and now see that hope fulfilled in Jesus.

(Some scholars believe that Nathanael continued in Jesus' company as one of the Twelve. They suggest, though there is no conclusive evidence, that Nathanael is the apostle identified as "Bartholomew" in several New Testament lists of the apostles because Bartholomew's name follows that of Philip.)

Reflection: God can be found in the most unexpected of places. God is present in the poverty of our Bethlehems, in the emptiness of our Nazareths, in the turmoil of our Bethsaidas.

Whatever Nathanael-like skepticism, biases and judgments we possess are shattered in Christ who comes to proclaim God's reign of justice and peace.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites the first disciples – and us – to "come and see" beyond our own safe little worlds and to realize the good things that we have shut out of our lives, to break out of the cycle of emptiness that impoverishes our spirits and hearts.

Often to our surprise, God seeks us out from the isolation of our fig trees and invites to come and realize a life transformed in his Christ.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January: Human fraternity May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparish
Sunday 8:30am Mass

We're COVID SAFE

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

17th January 2021

Recently Deceased: Deirdre Martin; Anna Leatham

Anniversary: Salvatore Zavaglia; Phillip Eric Arena

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

January 2021

Mon 18/1 – 2nd week in Ord Time

Year B Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tue 19/1 – 2nd week in Ord Time

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wed 20/1 – 2nd week in Ord Time

Heb 7:1-3,15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thurs 21/1 – St Agnes

Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Fri 22/1 – 2nd week in Ord Time

Heb 8:6-13, Mk 3:13-19

Sat 23/1 – 2nd week in Ord Time

Heb 9:2-3,11-14; Mt 3:20-21

Sun 24/1 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/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



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



ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

More Welcomers needed for Weekend Masses – if you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office.



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.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support the Parish financially.

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 **Now at Freshwater and Manly**
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. **Parish Bank Account – 2nd collection** funds the running of the Parish

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

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Please include name or envelope number as reference



Parish Bank Account – 1st collection Support of our Priests

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

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We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2021

What is a Catechist?

A Catechist is someone who is from our Parish Community who volunteers

- To teach and share their faith with the Children in our local government schools.
- Has a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.

What is involved?

To be a Catechist you need to be able to:

- Give around 1 hour each week to share your faith in a local government school.
- Do a little bit of preparation at home, using the lesson resources and work books provided for students and the catechist.
- Participate in online training and support offered from time to time.

Who can be a Catechist?

- Catechists come in all shapes, ages and from all walks of life, reflecting the rich tapestry of our Church.
- Many Catechists start as a classroom helper and from there are eager to take on a class themselves.

If you put your hand up to be involved you will be really well supported with online training and resources.

Currently we have classes at all our schools that do not have a Teacher or Helper so please consider joining our wonderful team of Catechists and Helpers.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY

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



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

PIETY STORE MANLY OPEN THIS WEEKEND

Movie of the month – Ride like a girl A feel-good family movie, the true story of Michelle Payne the youngest of 10 children raised in a catholic family and her epic journey to win the Melbourne Cup. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD of the month – Lectio Prayer – Dr Tim Gray- Hearing God's voice through sacred scripture. Lectio divina is a proven means to encounter God in daily life. Interested to learn more? Only \$5 @ the piety store.

2021 Columban & Divine Mercy Calendars reduced to \$8.50



Available at the entrances of the Churches

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading *1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 (JB)*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

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

R. Here am I, 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 6:13-15, 17-20*

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

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation *John 1:41, 17 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel *John 1:35-42 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,'- which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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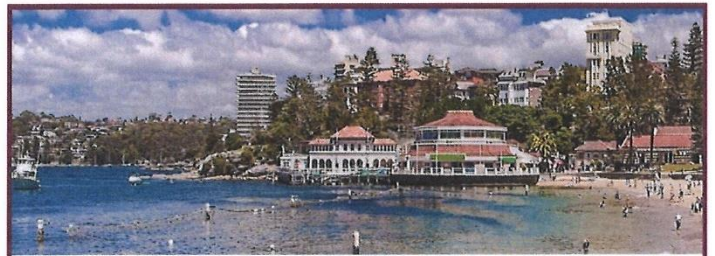
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Weekend Masses:

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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