



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches Second Sunday of Advent – 4th December 2022



The Faith Candle

Reflection: *Advent is the season for remembering the closeness of God who came down to dwell in our midst.*

The starting point of faith is letting oneself be loved by God, who is our Father. Faith is not something transactional, like a relationship of duty only. Faith is nourished in relationship letting myself be looked at and loved by Jesus; and, by being in relationship with him, how I respond freely, with generosity, with all my heart to care for those around me.

Pope Francis Angelus 10 Oct 2021.

Priest: Father, all powerful Lord of Light, bless our wreath of evergreens. May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and hearts to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, so that we are ready again to receive in true peace Jesus, the Light of the World, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen

Light 2 candles +Hymn Refrain

Priest: The kingdom of God has already begun among us. We ask God's pardon for the times our actions have not reflected that. Lord, you are the way that leads to the Father. Lord, have mercy. **All:** Lord have mercy.

Christ, you are the truth that brings joy to the world, Christ, have mercy. **All:** Christ have mercy.

Lord, you are the life that renews the world. Lord, have mercy. **All:** Lord have mercy.

Opening Prayer/ Collect Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



There are currently no collections during Mass. If you would like to make a donation, we encourage you to use the Tap and Go Machines at the entrances of the Churches.

Thank you for your support.



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 the join the group.

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



VINNIES CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who kindly took a family's details from our Christmas giving tree to make up a hamper for a needy family.

Envelopes will be on the pews this week if you would like to make a financial contribution to our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. With your help we will be able to carry on helping those in need.

God bless you all. Bruce - Manly and Mick - Freshwater

Requiem Mass for Colin Fisher will be celebrated on Wednesday 7th December at 1:30pm at St Mary's Manly. Colin with his late wife Gloria had a long involvement in the life of the parish especially with SVDP and the Piety Store. Please keep Colin and his family in your prayers.

**PARISH OFFICE will be closed on
Friday 9th & 16th December**



**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
Parish Feast Day &
Thank You Celebration next
Sunday 11 December at Manly**
10.30am Mass followed by Lunch
under the Big Tree in the School yard.



Craft Group Christmas Market Sunday 11 Dec 8:30am – 12noon

There will be beautiful items just right for gifts, including knitted and crocheted toys, baby clothes, blankets, coat hangers, doggy fashion, aprons and much more. All items are handmade by the parish Craft group and proceeds from this market will be donated to the Northern Beaches Refugee Sanctuary. You are welcome to join us for morning tea on Tues 10am in the Parish Centre.

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

If you are available to assist at Christmas, please advise the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

This year we will be serving an option of a sit down or take away picnic lunch. **If you would like to donate**

goods for the Picnic Packs we will be including some of the following:

- Box of chocolates – these will be given as gifts to our guests
- Cans of soft drink – coke, lemonade, fanta
- Fresh Fruit
- Cash donations will be used to purchase the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls, Desserts and anything we are short of.

Please drop the Chocolates and Drinks into the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day or for the setup please email the Parish Office.

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Christmas Blessing Letterbox Drop

This Christmas we are calling for volunteers to deliver a Christmas Blessing Card to every home in the parish, wishing all a Joyful Christmas and letting them know about our Christmas services.. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822 for further information.

LET US PRAY FOR

4th December 2022

Recently Deceased: Colin Fisher; Rosa Celenza

Anniversary: Lena Greenlees

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



We invite you to join us at one of our Christmas Masses

St Mary's Manly 24 December

6pm Children's Mass

8pm Tongan Choir

10pm Parish Choir

25th December 8.30am & 10.30am

St John the Baptist Freshwater

24th December 5pm Children's Mass and 7pm

25th December 9am Parish Choir

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Manly 15th December at 7pm

Dates to remember...

- **Mary Immaculate Feast Day Thurs 8th Dec**
SMM School at Mass 9:15am
- **St Paul's College End of Year Mass**
Fri 9th Dec @ 9:15 Mass
- **Parish Mass Fri 9th Dec @ 12noon**
- **Parish Feast Day Mass & Lunch**
Sun 11th Dec 10:30am
- **Christmas Craft Stall** Sun 11th Dec 8:30am – 12noon
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 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) Thur 8th Dec 6pm

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



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

Adoration
Quiet Prayer & Adoration 6pm – 7pm
Scripture Reflection & Benediction 7pm – 7:30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm



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.



PIETY SHOP has a new selection of **Christmas and Advent items** on display. We have also received a **new**

range of Rosary Beads (\$10 each). Come along and have a browse.

2023 Columban Art Calendar now available in the Piety Store Manly \$8 each

FRESHWATER CAROLS 4th December

Come along and join in the fun at the Freshwater Carols, Freshwater Reserve on Sunday 4th Dec. Francis Raymond and his merry helpers will be manning the BBQ from 6:30pm with the Carols starting from 7:30pm.

You're invited To CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

St Mary's Catholic Church
Enter from Denison St, School Entrance
11am - 1pm

This year we will be providing a **Take Away Picnic Lunch and gift.**

There will be some tables set up under the big tree if you wish to enjoy your **Picnic with some other guests.**

It's been a tough year for many, so no matter what your circumstance, you are always welcome to come along!!

- ✓ COVID-19 Safe
- ✓ Free
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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. **Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**
 - **Church Account** Funds the running costs of our Parish
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
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 - **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
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3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 11:1-10 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17*

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. R.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R.

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. R.

Second Reading *Romans 15:4-9 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you.

The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 3:4, 6 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 3:1-12 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent
(Secretary), Joanne Druery; Val Buono;
Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath;
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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