



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches
Second Sunday of Advent – 5th December 2021



Our Parish Feast Day & Fr David's 30th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination



Come along to the 10:30am Mass this Sunday 5th December to celebrate the Parish Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception and Fr David's 30th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination. Following the Mass there will be a morning tea and cake under the Big Tree in the School grounds. A card will be at the entrance to the Churches this weekend for you to sign.



We thank you, O Mother, you remind us that what comes first is the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us, the strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things. Let us not give in to discouragement, but, trust in your constant help.

Pope Francis 2016

We look forward to seeing you for Morning Tea following the 10:30am Mass today.



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

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December – For Catechists Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

5th December 2021

Recently Deceased: Mary Levitt; Michael Kharma

Anniversary:

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 Burridge; 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 Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Joseph Francis

December	Year C
Mon 6/12 – 2nd week of Advent	Is 35:1-10; Ps 84:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tue 7/12 – St Ambrose	Is 40:1-11; Ps 95:1-3,10-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wed 8/12 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Gen 3:9-15,20; Ps 97:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12
Thurs 9/12 – 2nd week of Advent	Is 41:13-20; Ps 144:1,9-13; Mt 11:11-15
Fri 10/12 – 2nd week of Advent	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19
Sat 11/12 – 2nd week of Advent	Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19
Sun 12/12 – Third Sunday of Advent	Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

PRAYING With CHILDREN Praying with Children which is designed for families with young children to use at home.

Each Sunday's liturgy includes music for gathering, the readings, reflections on the gospel, video, group activity, prayer for the week and a home activity sheet.

This pdf will be sent by email with the newsletter



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



If we put the Gospel at the centre and bear witness to it with fraternal love, we will be able to look to the future with hope, whatever the tempests, great or small, we may experience today.



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 (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au.



PIETY STORE IS NOW OPEN
Living Faith Books now available at the Piety Store

NO GROUPS ARE MEETING ONSITE

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

— St. Alphonsus Liguori

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

The following meetings have been **scheduled for the week ahead:**

• Rosary with Fr John – Thurs at 7pm



Rosary with Fr John will meet on 1st Thursday of each month at 6pm and on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



BIBLE STUDY

Gospel of St Mark

Fr John will continue a Bible Study via Zoom on the Tuesday 7 December 2021. You are most welcome to join.

In December the Bible Study will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



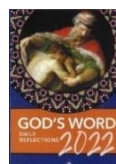
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

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

COVID REQUIREMENTS - Please remember will also need to

- QR code before entering the Church
- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing of 2sqm
- Refrain from congregational singing.
- The Parish Office will remain closed until 15th December but you can contact our parish staff on 9977 5822 or by email

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au.



WORD OF GOD 2022

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Manly Mass Times

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December
4pm and 6pm (*Family Masses*) 8pm and 10pm

Christmas Day – 7am, 8:30am and 10:30am

Freshwater Mass Times

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December
4pm (*Family Mass in Church*) and
5:30pm (*Family Mass Outside*) and 7pm

Christmas Day – 9am



**CHRISTMAS DAY
LUNCH FOR THOSE
SPENDING
CHRISTMAS ALONE**

This year we will be serving
a take away picnic lunch

and will be preparing 150 Packs. If you would like to
volunteer to help out on the day or for the Setup
and decorating on December 23 please volunteer
using the following link

<https://volunteersignup.org/H8R89> or by calling
the Parish office on 9977 5822

**WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE
WITH THE FOLLOWING** - donated goods for
the Picnic Packs we will be including some of
the following:

- **Cans of soft drink** – coke, lemonade, fanta
- **Box of chocolates**
- **Fresh Fruit**- dropped off just before
Christmas.
- **Cash donations** will be used to purchase
the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls,
Desserts and anything we are short of.

Please drop the wrapped Chocolates and Goods
into the Parish Office or in the basket at the
Church entrances.



Come together and join us for
**CHRISTMAS DAY
LUNCH!**

St Mary's Catholic Church

Enter from Denison Street, School Entrance

11am – 1pm

This year we will be providing a Take Away Picnic
and gift. There will be some tables set up to use if
you wish to enjoy your Picnic Lunch 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
- ✓ Special Gift Bag for all guests
- ✓ Family friendly
- ✓ Non-alcoholic
- ✓ Friendly Community

Hosted by Manly Freshwater Parish ph: 9977 5822

2nd Rite Reconciliation

will be held on 16 December 2021 Manly 7pm.

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 26th December – Please note there will
be NO Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th December at
both Churches.

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

ASSISTANCE STILL REQUIRED

Servers Readers

Welcomers Piety Store

Please advise the Parish Office

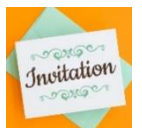
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JANUARY ROSTER – please let us know if you are
away or not available for the Roster.

**MORNING TEA INVITATION!
Fr David's 30th Anniversary
Ordination Celebration.**



**St Johns Freshwater Sunday 12th December
9.00am Mass.** As Fr David reaches yet another
milestone, please join with us to celebrate the
occasion at our 9.00am Mass and morning tea. We
will be breaking out the BBQ for bacon and eggs,
among a dozen other savory and sweet items.

It is a great opportunity to celebrate a unique home-
grown story. And show our appreciation for Fr David's
life of service, which along with his great team,
enriches our Parish.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

This weekend we will start our Christmas appeal.

There will be a GIVING TREE for you to adopt a family and make up a hamper for them.

It means a lot to the families we all help to know that someone cares and wants to help them have a better Christmas.

Our giving envelopes are on the pews if you would like to help with a donation.

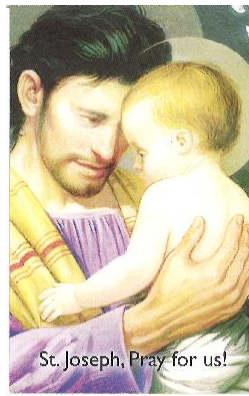
Bruce and I would like to give you all a very big thank you for all your support over the years.

We understand it has been a very challenging year for all of us so whatever assistance you can give St Vincent de Paul is very much appreciated.

We would also like to wish you all a Holy and Peaceful Christmas with your families and love ones.

Mick O'Farrell Freshwater Conference

Bruce Whittet Manly Conference



Year of St Joseph finishes on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday 8th December.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

A Free Prayer cards to St Joseph are available at the entrance the Churches.

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. By reaching out to our community in this way, we hope to welcome and invite others to join us at our Christmas Celebrations. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822 for further information.

SUPPORT your PARISH WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?

Please scan the QR code for Credit Card donations or direct deposit details are below

New: Scan to Donate using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



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Thank you for your ongoing support

Reflection So important is the emergence of John the Baptizer in human history that Luke dates his appearance in six different ways. In his Gospel, Luke introduces John as prophets were introduced in the First Testament (“the word of God was spoken to John son of Zechariah in the desert”). As does Matthew and Mark, Luke cites the famous passage from Isaiah regarding “a herald’s voice in the desert” to describe the Baptizer’s mission – but Luke quotes more of the Isaiah prophecy than his synoptic counterparts, including the promise of universal salvation that is so central to Luke’s Gospel.

Forms of “baptism” were common in the Judaism of Gospel times: in some Jewish communities, it was through baptism rather than circumcision that a Gentile became a Jew. But John’s baptism was distinctive. His baptism at the Jordan was a rite of repentance and *metanoia* – a conversion of heart and spirit. The Baptizer’s ministry fulfilled the promise of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36: 25-26): that, at the dawn of a new age, the God of Israel would purify his people from their sins with clean water and instill in them a new heart and spirit. connectionsmediaworks.com

St Mary’s School News...

This week the children at St Mary’s have been preparing for Advent in their classrooms and the coming of Christ! It is such an exciting time for the children and there is a lovely buzz in the air. This week some of our students completed their Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children were very well prepared and participated in the Sacrament respectfully and reverently. We wish them all the best as they continue on their Sacramental journey.

Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)

CHRISTMAS STALL

THIS SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE
8.30AM AND 10.30AM MASSES AT MANLY

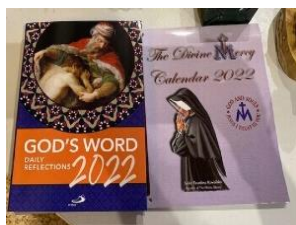
Check your list twice!



During the year our Craft Group have been very busy and now have a wonderful selection of Christmas Goods and other hand made goods available for sale.



Piety Store Manly will also have a stall with a good selection of Christmas Nativities, 2022 Calendars, Books and Statues



Ministry Roster – Manly

	3rd Sunday of Advent	11 – 12 December 2021
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Jean Halcrow
	Music	CD's
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek
	Flowers	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell
8:30am Mass	Server	Martino Hoang
	Readers	Patty Thomas Olivia Ellis
	Music	Parish Choir
	Welcomers	Clare Carmody Paul Cunningham
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Servers	Ivica Covic Iona & Teresa Hearn
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz

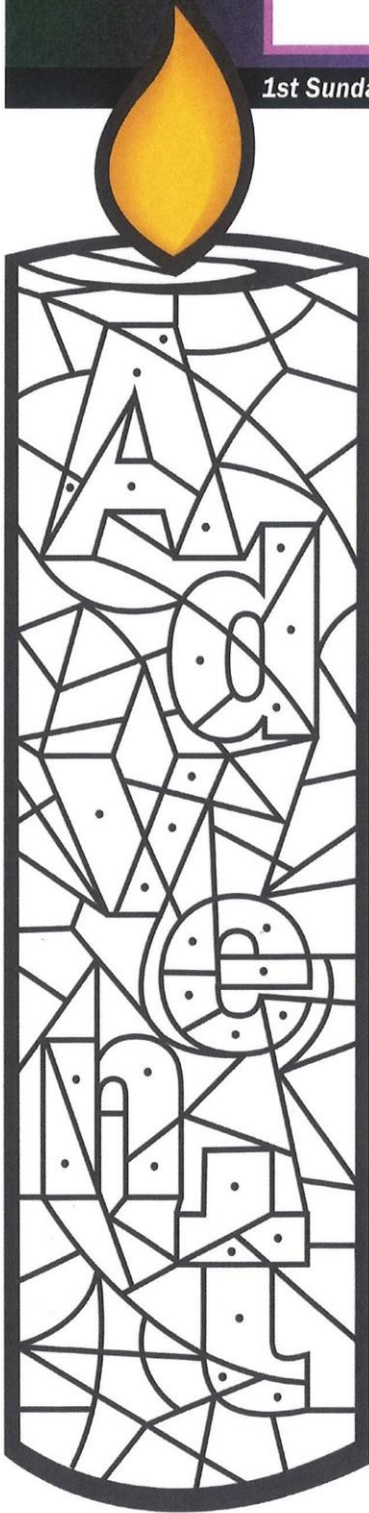
6pm Mass	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Lynette Duffy
	Server	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Sandie Cornish
	Music	Josh Willard
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Assistance Required

Ministry Roster – Freshwater

	3rd Sunday of Advent	11 – 12 December 2021
5pm Vigil	Server	Ian Press
	Readers	Nela & Zara Hornikova
	Music	CD's
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott
	Server	Lou Maruca
9am Mass	Readers	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic
	Music	Pat Brown
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt
	Altar Society	Patricia & Solo Brown

We are preparing for Jesus

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C



Colour the shapes that contain dots purple.

Fill the other shapes with different colours.



During Advent we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus by helping others. Write down some of the ways you can help family, friends and people in need during Advent.

I can help my family by

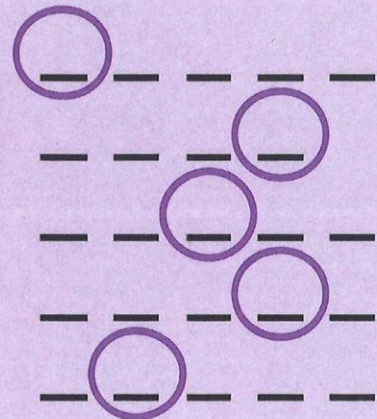
I can help my friends by

I can help those in need by

Find the opposite of each word, then rearrange the circled letters to complete the sentence below.



MAN
UNDER
OPEN
SAD
ALWAYS



“the Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud with great _____ and glory.”

Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125 (JB)

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.



Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

Luke 3:1- 6 (JB)


A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.


In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Presbytery: 9977 2100

After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

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

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath

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