



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April 2023

Gospel Reflection



The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter (for all three years of the Lectionary cycle) is Act 2 of John's Easter drama.

Scene 1 takes place on Easter night. The terrified disciples are huddled together, realizing that they are marked men because of their association with the criminal Jesus. The Risen Jesus appears in their midst with his greeting of "peace." John clearly has the Genesis story in mind when the evangelist describes Jesus as "breathing" the Holy Spirit on his disciples: Just as God created man and woman by breathing life into them (Genesis 2: 7), the Risen Christ re-creates humankind by breathing the new life of the Holy Spirit upon the eleven.

In scene 2, the disciples excitedly tell the just-returned Thomas of what they had seen. Thomas responds to the news with understandable skepticism. Thomas had expected the cross (see John 11: 16 and 14: 5) – and no more.

The climactic third scene takes place one week later, with Jesus' second appearance to the assembled community – this time with Thomas present. He invites Thomas to examine his wounds and to "believe." Christ's blessing in response to Thomas' profession of faith exalts the faith of every Christian of every age who "believes without seeing"; all Christians who embrace the Spirit of the Risen One possess a faith that is in no way different less than that of the first disciples. The power of the Resurrection transcends time and place.

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Mass [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)



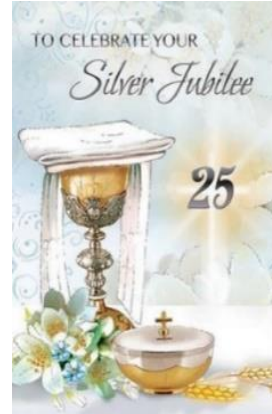
Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.



EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

are on the pews. Thank you for your generous Easter offering. It is used to support our Priests, especially those who are sick and retired clergy of our Diocese.

25th Jubilee Celebration this Sunday at 10:30am Mass



Fr John will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass this Sunday 16th April at the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church Manly followed by refreshments.

Fr John would love to have as many parishioners join him in his celebration!!!

All Welcome

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



will be celebrated this Sunday 16th April 2pm-4pm at St Mary's Church, Manly.

With the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation, Adoration and Benediction. Please bring your Divine Mercy image to be blessed. **ALL WELCOME**

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LET US PRAY FOR

16th April 2023

Recently Deceased: Walter Nolan; Salvatore Ferraro; John Kennedy

Anniversary: Hugh Massey; Dorothy Sanford; Patricia Leslie; Shane Berekoff; Patricia Sally Haynes

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Margaret BurrIDGE; 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; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS



**Easter Vigil Mass
Lighting of the
Paschal Candle
at Freshwater**



WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER...



Congratulations to our "Manly Freshwater Pilgrims" Josh Wright, Richard Heasman and Sampson Hyland who plan to attend WYD 2023 in Lisbon Portugal.

Our Parish hopes to support our Pilgrims to meet the significant financial cost of the trip. We plan to have a series of fun events at Manly and Freshwater to achieve this.

We launch our efforts with a BBQ after 9am Mass at Freshwater on Sunday 23rd April. All are welcome.

We will also run a raffle through April and May. The fantastic prize list will be announced in the coming weeks! The support from our local businesses has been fantastic!! Also keep an eye out for when we announce our Curry Night and Cake Stall!

All financial donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office.

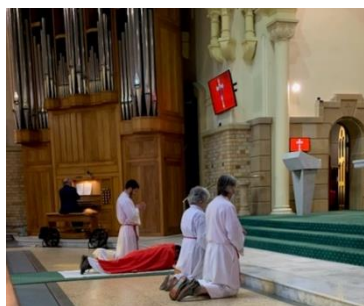
Any donations for the raffle would also be appreciated. Please contact Francis Raymond on 0418 850 815.

We thank you in advance for your generous support.

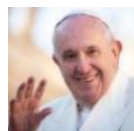


**Holy
Thursday
Washing of
the Feet
at Manly**

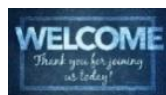
Good Friday Passion of the Lord at Manly



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April For a culture of peace and non-violence



We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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.

Easter Vigil RCIA Catechumens at Manly



LOST KEYS – a set of keys were left at Freshwater Church last weekend on the table at the entrance to the Church. Would whoever picked up the keys please contact the Parish Office as the owner has been found.

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday – Year A

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall;
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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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