



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**Second Sunday of Lent – 16 March 2025**



## Faithful Giving, Enduring Grace

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings in this year of Jubilee! As members of the Manly Freshwater Parish, we are privileged to come together in faith, experiencing God's love through the celebration of the Mass and our vibrant community.

I am deeply grateful for your active participation and unwavering support in the life of our parish. As we continue our journey together as the People of God, I invite you to prayerfully consider becoming an ongoing Planned Giver through our **First Fruits Offering** over the next two weeks. This initiative reflects the biblical tradition of offering the first and best of our blessings back to God, acknowledging His providence in our lives.

**Planned Giving** is a heartfelt commitment to dedicate a portion of your financial blessings to God and His Church in gratitude for His many gifts. It ensures that the mission and ministries of our parish continue to thrive, serving both our present community and future generations.

Your generous contributions directly support the heartbeat of our parish:

- **Liturgical Needs:** Ensuring the continuity and excellence of our musical worship through resources and support for our musicians. Maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels and vestments that enhance the dignity of our liturgical celebrations.
- **Ongoing Ministries:** Nurturing the faith of our youth, young adults, and those seeking deeper understanding through programs like RCIA and Alpha, and other hospitality activities that enhance the spirit of our fellowship and community.
- **Special Ministries:** Extending compassion to the elderly by providing training and support to our extraordinary ministers of communion, guiding our children in sacramental preparation, and reaching out to those on the margins (soup kitchen).
- **Equipment and resources:** Maintaining the tools and spaces that facilitate our communal activities and outreach.
- **Operational expenses:** utilities, insurance, repairs and ongoing maintenance to church, organ, presbytery, cleaning of parish facilities and buildings, and staff wages.

An exciting aspect of our parish project is preparing for our 150th-anniversary celebration next year.

To assist you in this important decision, we will provide materials and resources available for you to take home next week. These would include information about the First Fruits Offering and pledge envelopes. I encourage you to review these resources, pray, and discern how you can support our parish in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Becoming a Planned Giver is a simple yet profound way to demonstrate your faith and commitment to God's work. If you are not yet a Planned Giver, I encourage you to take this step. If you are already contributing regularly, thank you. I invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your offering as you are able.

For more information or assistance with Planned Giving, please contact the parish office. We are happy to help.

Thank you for your generous support. May God bless you abundantly as you continue to live out your faith and share in His mission.

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr Chima



**Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday during Lent at Freshwater at 9:45am and Manly at 7pm.



**ALPHA CONTINUES**  
next Monday  
17 March at 7pm in the  
Parish Meeting Room.

## Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope



*Inspired by the Life and Witness of  
St. John Vianney*

Heavenly Father, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we thank You for the gift of our parish, Manly Freshwater, chosen as a shrine of hope for priests and vocations. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, the faithful shepherd of souls, renew in us a deep love for the priesthood and a commitment to fostering holy vocations in our community.

Lord, may this parish be a beacon of hope, where priests find strength and renewal, where Your faithful discover peace and encouragement, and where hearts are inspired to answer Your call with courage and joy.

Teach us, through the example of St. John Vianney, to love prayer deeply, to serve with humility, and to bring Your mercy and hope to those who seek You.

We entrust Manly Freshwater Parish and this Jubilee Year of Hope to Your loving care, confident that You will guide us to renewal and bless us with abundant vocations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Mary Immaculate Church Manly New Mass Times and "Hours of Mercy" A Jubilee Year of Hope Initiative

As part of our commitment to being a **Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations** during this Jubilee Year of Hope, our Parish Pastoral Council has introduced new opportunities for prayer and spiritual renewal.

◆ **New Early Morning Masses** – To accommodate those unable to attend our regular 9:15 am weekday Mass, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, we will offer **7:00 am Mass every Tuesday and Friday**. This provides an opportunity for some working parishioners to begin their day with the Eucharist.

◆ **"Hours of Mercy" – Every First Wednesday** – On the **first Wednesday of each month, from 6:00 pm to midnight**, we will hold a special time of grace and prayer. The evening will begin with **Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. This extended time of prayer allows us to deepen our relationship with God and receive the gift of **Plenary Indulgences**.

◆ **Regular Wednesday Adoration** – On all other Wednesdays, Adoration will continue as usual from **6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**.

The commencement for these new initiatives is from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

More details on what to expect during the **"Hours of Mercy"** are in the bulletin. We encourage you to take advantage of these spiritual opportunities to encounter God's grace in a profound way. *Fr Chima*



**Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.**

**Children's Activity pages** available at the entrance of the Churches.

**Children's Mass books** are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the Mass.

Mass booklets can be purchased from the Piety Store for \$10.00

## LET US PRAY FOR

16 March 2025

**Recently Deceased:** Graziano Smotlak

### Anniversary:

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** 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; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Rena Curll; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Peter Hoang Ngoc Thai; John Santos

### Dates to remember...

- **ALPHA continues** Monday 17 March 7pm
- **Reconciliation & First Communion Parent Info Night**  
Manly: Tues 18 March 7pm  
Freshwater: Tues 25 March 7pm
- **Confirmation Classes continue** Sat 22 & Sun 23 Mar
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



### Sacrament of confession/reconciliation

is available in Manly every  
Saturday from 10am to 11am and  
Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm

**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and  
reconciliation will be available**

6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

## Welcome to Our Parish!

If you are new to the Parish or are not currently registered, we warmly welcome you and ask that you complete a Parish Census form. This will assist us to connect with you and your family and advise you of any of 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 or emailed to the Parish Office - [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



### CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

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



### PARISH MORNING TEAS

**MANLY:** 3rd Sunday after 10:30am Mass

**FRESHWATER:** Sunday after 9am Mass.

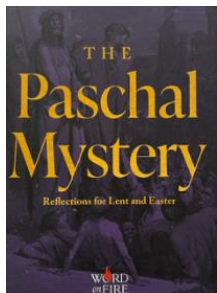
**Join us for morning tea and a chat.**

**All welcome and bring a friend**



## LENTEN PROGRAMS

The Diocesan Lenten Program is available in the Church for you to do at home.



Fr Sam will be holding 2 Lenten Groups using *The Paschal Mystery* (Word on Fire), a guide through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, exploring themes like repentance, prayer, and the Passion of Christ.

**Thursday 7pm & Saturday 12pm** in the Parish Centre.

## Introducing Morning Prayer

During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are all invited to a deeper spiritual renewal, embracing prayer as a way to grow in faith and trust in God's providence and love. As part of this journey, Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) will be prayed at 8:45am, Tuesday to Friday, before Mass, at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly. This ancient prayer of the Church unites us in praise and reflection through Scripture and psalms, drawing us into the rhythm of daily prayer with the universal Church. Prayer books will be provided, and all are welcome to join.



## Manly Freshwater Parish –QR Code



### CHECK OUT

Fr Sam's new 90 second Jubilee YouTube video by scanning the QR Code. Other parish information can also be found.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

**Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Parent's Meeting this Tuesday at Manly 7pm**



**The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** will be held in Term 2. We will be holding our Parent Information Evening on the following dates:

- **Manly: Next Tuesday 18 March at 7pm**
- **Freshwater: Tuesday 25 March at 7pm**

If your child is in Year 4 and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and you wish them to take part in this program it is essential, you attend one of these sessions. If you have any queries, please email [michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au)



## Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation

**Priest:** In baptism God called each one of us by name and welcomed us into the family of the Church. Today we invite the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be presented to our faith community for a blessing. Would the children preparing for Confirmation please come forward.

Let us pray: O God Creator of us all, look upon these children and welcome them. By Baptism they belong to you. Through their families and the parish of Manly Freshwater may they experience the joy of being part of our Catholic community. Help them to remember the words of your faithful love: "I have called you by your name. You are mine." We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** Dear Parents, you have asked for your children to become full members of our Christian community. In the name of God's holy Church, I ask, are you sincere in wanting your children to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

**Parents:** Yes we are.

**Priest:** Are your children trying to live as faithful friends of Jesus?

**Parents:** Yes they are.

**Priest:** Children, your parents tell us that you wish to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We now ask you; do you wish to receive, these gifts of the Holy Spirit?

**Children:** Yes we do!

**Priest:** Dear members of this parish community, will you pray for these children and their families as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation?

**Community:** Yes we will

**Blessing:** Priest: God of love bless + these medals which your children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will wear. May the Holy Spirit be with them as they continue their journey of faith. We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**CONFIRMATION 2025** We currently have 86 children registered for Confirmation, which will take place in May. This weekend the children will commence the Sacramental Program and will be presented to the Parish community. You are invited to take a prayer card for one of the children and to pray for them and their families during this preparation time.



Please pray for me as I prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation





## Rite of Election

The Rite of Election is one of the final steps in the journey of a Catechumen to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation,

Eucharist) at Easter. It takes place each year on the First Sunday of Lent. Let us pray for our parishioners Mark and Hudson on their journey.

## PROJECT COMPASSION – Unite Against Poverty this Lent



**Toefuata'iga**, a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



**Please donate today.** You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)  
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

## Places of Pilgrimages Jubilee of Hope 2025



The three diocesan “Jubilee Shrines of Hope” which will form significant places of pilgrimage, worship, prayer, and hope for God's people in Broken Bay during the Jubilee Year

- The **Parish of Gosford** with the **Relic of Saint John Paul II** a **Shrine of Hope** for our families.
- The **Parish of Chatswood** with the **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** a **Shrine of Hope** for our young people.
- The **Parish of Manly Freshwater** with the **Relic of Saint John Vianney** will **Shrine of Hope** for our Priests and Vocations.

## URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED – FRESHWATER ALTAR SOCIETY

We are looking for urgent assistance with the Freshwater Altar Society. If you can assist on a monthly roster, please contact the parish office 9977 5822.

## PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

**Parish website:** [bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](http://bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater)

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook.com/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 MANLY community.*

## PIETY STORE

There are St John Vianney candles, prayer books and holy water bottles available in the Piety Store along with books on St Joseph for the month of March, a variety of crosses, rosary beads, CD's, DVD's and much more.



**Movie of the month** - The miracles of Padre Pio

Renowned as the greatest wonder-working saint in modern history. This documentary explores; Padre Pio's stigmata, levitations, prophecies, bilocations and the remarkable intercessory miracles and favours attributed to him. Only \$10 @ the piety store.



**CD of the month** - The sacrament of penance - Fr William Casey

An excellent description of the sacrament of reconciliation. “Sin clings to us, have it removed and feel so much better!” take advantage of this sacrament. Only \$5 at the piety store.



**The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of March – For families in crisis.** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR READER AT MASS?

As we start a new year, we are looking to hold training for new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. If you are interested in this very important and fulfilling ministry, please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to register.

## PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 – Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

## PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:  
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm  
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



ALPHA IS A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING



**THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE**

WATCH KNOW MORE BOOK

SCAN ME SCAN ME SCAN ME

**ALPHA STARTS AT 7PM ON 10 MARCH 2025**  
 Parish Meeting Room, St Mary's Manly, 6 Raglan St  
 Registration essential - electronic and paper options are available

**ALPHA** is a series of 11 interactive sessions that explore meaning of life and faith. You do not need to commit to attending them all. Just come for the first and see if it's for you.

It has a simple structure:

**CONNECT** – Connecting with others is important; friends gathered around the kitchen table or meeting for coffee.

It's no different at Alpha. All sessions start with a time to connect, relax and build friendships over a meal.

**WATCH** – The 30ish-minutes videos are designed to inspire conversation. They explore important issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions like: Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? Why do I pray? How does God guide us?

**DISCUSS** – At the heart of any Alpha is the chance to share thoughts and ideas in small groups. There's no obligation to speak but there's nothing you can't share!

It's a chance to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest and friendly environment.

Booking is essential for catering purposes. You can book via QR cod or paper registration – available at the entrance of the church.

See you there – Monday 17 March 2025 at 7pm in Parish Meeting Room at Manly



## YOUTH GROUP

**1st and 3rd Sunday** of the Month following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm).

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group. Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: [manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com)

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**Our recent Rosary Walk** – you are welcome to join us on the Rosary Walk after Wednesday adoration and at some spontaneously picked evenings



**Young Adults Formation Night**



**Mercy Hours - Vocation adoration**

**JOIN OUR  
NORTHERN BEACHES**



**YOUNG ADULTS**

*COMMUNITY*

Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant  
 Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish  
 message: (6 Raglan St)  
 Fr Marek at 0422532173  
 or Cam at 0432895304







Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash, there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

**PILOT PROGRAM** –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this. The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

### **SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...**

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.



5. **Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**

- **Parish Giving (2nd collection)** Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

- **Clergy Giving (1st collection)**

Supports our Priests

Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

### **HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?**

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email

[manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

### **DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT**

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am.



**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 your knitting or other craft if you wish.

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## Second Sunday of Lent – Year C

### First Reading *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 (JB)*

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' R.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. R.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R.

### Second Reading *Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the

same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 17:5 (JB)*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel *Luke 9:28-36 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Gospel Reflection


Luke's account of the transfiguration is filled with First Testament imagery (the voice heard in the cloud, for example) that echoes the Exodus event. In Luke's Gospel, the transfiguration takes place after Jesus' instructions to his followers on the cost of discipleship. To follow Jesus is an "exodus" through one's own desert to the Promised Land, through Jerusalem to the empty tomb, through death to life. In offering to build three booths (or shrines) to honor Jesus, Moses and Elijah, Peter and his sleepy companions do not understand that Jesus' exodus does not end with the glorious vision they have witnessed. It is only the beginning. *Connectionmediaworks*





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