



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**Second Sunday of Lent – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



## Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel is Mark's account of the transfiguration of Jesus. In the event witnessed by Peter, James and John on the mountain, the promise of the first covenant (Moses the great law giver and Elijah the great prophet) converges with the fulfillment of the new covenant (Jesus the Messiah). Throughout Israel's history, God revealed his presence to Israel in the form of a cloud (for example, the column of cloud that led the Israelites in the desert during the Exodus – Exodus 15). On the mountain of the transfiguration, God again speaks in the form of a cloud, claiming the transfigured Jesus as his own Son.

Returning down the mountain, Jesus urges the three not to tell of what they had seen, realizing that their vision would confirm the popular misconception of an all-powerful, avenging Messiah. The mission of Jesus the Messiah means the cross and resurrection, concepts that Peter and the others still do not grasp.

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## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Come along to our Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr David. This will be an opportunity to meet and welcome our new parish priest Fr Chima and Fr Marek our new Assistant Priest. Also we welcome Matthew French who is in his 4th year of seminary studies and in pastoral placement here at Manly Freshwater Parish.

When: Sunday 10 March at 10.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Manly. This will be followed by lunch under the fig tree in the school yard.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office for catering purposes.



We need volunteers to set up and serve lunch – if you can assist, please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822.



each Friday during Lent Freshwater at 9:45am and Manly at 7pm

## LENT 2024

### Stations of the Cross



For Christians, Lent is an important time of reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus so as to enter into the joy of his

Resurrection. **Starting Thursday 7pm in the Parish Centre on 22 February 2024 until 21 March 2024**, we will be having a Lenten prayer and reflection group.

In this group, we will reflect on the Gospel reading of the Sunday prior through the assistance of Bishop Robert Barron who invites us to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season of Lent.

## PROJECT COMPASSION



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes which are available in

the Church or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

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

**LET US PRAY FOR** 25th February 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Danielle Kifooti

**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; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Bill Hipkiss; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Paul Gallagher; Jim Turley; Rena Curll; Maria Vasile; John Santos

## Dates to remember...

- **Spanish Prayer Group** Fri 23 Feb at 6pm
- **Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays**  
Freshwater: 9:45am; Manly: 7pm
- **Sacramental Program Masses** Sat 24 Feb  
Freshwater: 10am; Manly: 4pm
- **PPC Meeting** Wed 28 Feb at 6pm
- **Parish Lenten Program** Thurs 29 Feb 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Service will be held at Seaforth Anglican Church, 3 French's Forest Rd Seaforth at 10 am on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. This year the service theme "Bear with one another in love" has been written by the Christian women in Palestine, written years before the current conflict.



**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.



## Spanish Prayer Group

Next meeting will be held on Friday 23 February.

Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 6pm – 7:30pm in the Parish

Meeting Room. **ALL WELCOME!**



**PARISH GIVING** – 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. **Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**

6. **2nd collection Parish Bank Account**

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7. **1st collection** Supports our Priests

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## 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)

## PIETY STORE

**Movie of the month** – Full of Grace. One of the best movies on Mary the mother of God. From acclaimed filmmakers behind "Paul, Apostle of Christ". This film captures Mary's divinely appointed role. Only \$10

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# POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

Fast from **hurting** words and say kind **words**.

Fast from **sadness** and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.

Fast from **complaints** and **contemplate** simplicity.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.

Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**.

Fast from **words** and be silent so you can **listen**.



## CONFIRMATION 2024

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 18th May 2024 at 10am & 12am.**

**All sessions will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly**

The Catholic Community of Manly Freshwater invites you to enrol your child in this year's Confirmation program. In the Diocese of Broken Bay, children who have been baptised and are in Year 3 or above, are eligible to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This second Sacrament of Initiation confirms your child's Baptism through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which is signified by the oil of Chrism and will lead your child to full initiation in the Catholic Church through First Holy Communion.

We will be holding our Parish Information Workshop Evenings on the following dates...

- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** at St Mary's Church, Manly
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

Information and Registration forms can be found at the rear of the Church and also at the Parish Office.



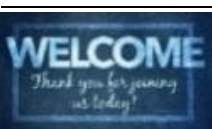
**The Craft Group** meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring your knitting or other craft if you wish.



**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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS – 6pm – 7.30pm**  
**Quiet Prayer & Adoration** 6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**



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.



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February – For the gift of diversity in the Church.** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

## The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25th, 2024



## THE KIDS BULLETIN WORKSHEET

can be found at the entrances to the Churches.

## Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion



During this coming week children from the Parish will make their First Reconciliation. The parents have been preparing their children with a program set by the Diocese and it was wonderful to see so many families coming along to our Weekend Masses.

This weekend the children will commence the Preparation Masses for First Holy Communion. These Masses will be held on Saturday for the children and their parents and will be an opportunity for them to learn more about what happens in the Mass.

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.






# SCHOOL TOURS

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# OPEN DAY

## Friday 8th March 2024

### 9.15am - 10.45am

-  Meet our Principal, Teachers, Diverse learning team, support staff, students and parents.
-  Learn about the variety of programs and activities for both students and parents.
-  Visit our classrooms and multiple outdoor play and learning areas.
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# OPEN DAY

## Thursday 7th March 2024 | 4pm- 7pm

-  Wellbeing - Pastoral Care structures and programs that allow students to form safe and supportive relationships with their teachers and peers.
-  Learning - Knowing every student's gifts and needs to support their ongoing learning growth. Ensuring that every student finds the right pathway to succeed at school and beyond.
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-  Co-Curricular - A broad range of sport, academic, cultural and enrichment opportunities that encourage students to achieve a balanced, well-rounded education.
-  Faith Life - A commitment to upholding the values of the Gospel through our relationships and outreach.



**Scan now to register**

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## Register Now!

# OPEN EVENING

## Wednesday 13 March

### 4.00pm - 7.30pm

- ✦ Tour the campus with a student ambassador.
- ✦ Listen to Principal's address (4.15pm, 5.15pm, 6.15pm)
- ✦ Talk with teachers, staff, students and Registrar.
- ✦ Enjoy subject area displays and hands-on activities.
- ✦ Experience the vibrant and inclusive Stella community.



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## MINISTRY ROSTER – MARCH 2024 – MANLY

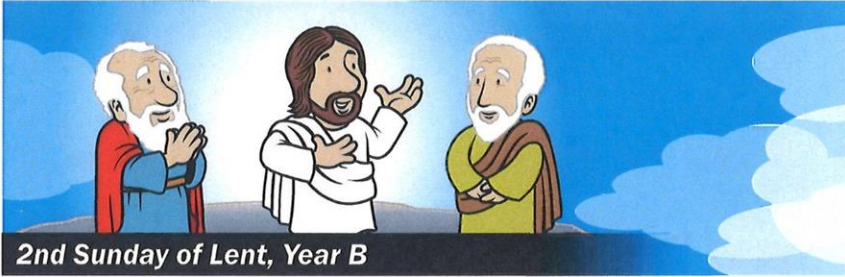
	Ministry	Week 1 2 – 3 March	Week 2 9 – 10 March	Week 3 16 – 17 March	Week 4 23 – 24 March	Week 5 30 – 31 March
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday	HOLY WEEK
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>
	Readers	Freya Zemek Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango	
	Music	CD'S	CD'S	CD'S	CD's	
	Warden	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek	
	Piety Store	Elizabeth Bray Chiplin	Merle Zemek	Elizabeth Bray Chiplin	Merle Zemek	
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson	Ivica Covic	Ken Thompson	Ivica Covic	
	Readers	Jan Van Den Broek	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas	Jan Van Den Broek	
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	
	Warden	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	
10:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham Teresa Hearn	<b>Assistance Required</b> Bernie Lawler	Louise Wareham	
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Ron Gravolin	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	Carmel Lawler Katalina Taefotu	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	
	Music	Tongan Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Tongan Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	
	Warden	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan	
	Morning Tea			Tongan Community		
	Piety Store	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker	
	Server	Richard Heasman	Gabriele Wan	Ivica Covic Richard Heasman	Gabriele Wan	
6pm Mass	Readers	Dean Gale	Sandie Cornish Richard Heasman	Youth Group	Family Mass	
	Music	Simon Hyland	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland	Family Mass	
	Warden	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	
	Piety Store	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	

## MINISTRY ROSTER – MARCH 2024 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 2 – 3 March	Week 2 9 – 10 March	Week 3 16 – 17 March	Week 4 23 – 24 March	Week 5 30 – 31 March
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday	HOLY WEEK
5pm Vigil	Server	Mick O'Farrell	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press	Ian Press	<b>TO BE ADVISED</b>
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield	Jessica & Joseph Press	
	Music	CD's	CD's	CD's	CD's	
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	
	Server	Joanne Druery	Lou Maruca	Francis Raymond	Amorina Wright	
9am Mass	Readers	Patricia Brown Luke Campbell	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic	Toni Walsh Pam Brown	Josh Wright Jasmine Wright	
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	
	Altar Society	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	N/A	Patricia & Solo Brown	N/A	
	Morning Teas	Assistance Required	Tim Markwart	Angelica & Michael Rosatto	Wright family	

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822





# This is my Son

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B

## The Transfiguration

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain. They then witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and heard the voice of God. Draw a picture of the Transfiguration.



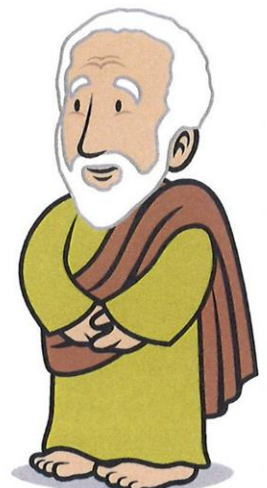
God wants us to listen to Jesus. What are some things that Jesus tells us?

Draw a line from each of the following statements to either Moses or Elijah.



**Moses**

- God's law was revealed to him
- He challenged King Ahab for worshipping a false god
- A great prophet mentioned in the first book of Kings
- He rescued God's people from Egypt
- Elisha became his successor
- He became the leader of the Israelites



**Elijah**

## Second Sunday of Lent – Year B

**NOTE: The readings for the Family Mass in Manly will be taken from the Children's Lectionary.**

### **First Reading**      Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

### **Responsorial Psalm**      Ps 115:10, 15-19

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. R.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. R.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R.

### **Second Reading**      Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**      cf Matthew 17:5

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**      Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*


Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord


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





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(Deputy Chair); Val Buono; Patricia Carroll

Margaret Dent; Robert Marshall;  
Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

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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 & Freshwater*  
Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

**Baptisms:** please contact the parish office

**Reconciliation:** *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

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