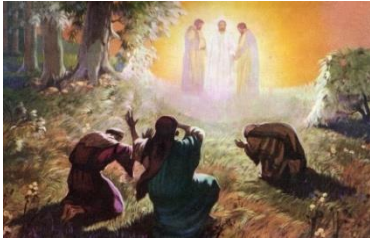




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Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Second Sunday of Lent – 5th March 2023



Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Peter, James and John witness the extraordinary transformation of Jesus that we know as the "transfiguration." Matthew's account (which takes place six days after Jesus' first prediction of his passion and his first instructions on the call to discipleship) is filled with images from the First Testament: the voice which repeats Isaiah's "Servant" proclamation, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, the dazzling white garments of Jesus. Matthew's primary interest is the disciple's reaction to the event: their awe at this spectacular vision will soon wither into fear at the deeper meaning of the transfiguration: a meaning that they do not yet grasp. As the disciples will later understand, the transfiguration is a powerful sign that the events ahead of them in Jerusalem are indeed the Father's will. connectionsmediaworks.com


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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March – For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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 **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in the Parish on Saturday 20th May for children who are in Year 3 and above. Our Parent Information and Registration Evenings will be held on

Manly – Tuesday 14th March @ 7pm

Freshwater – Tuesday 21st March 7pm

Information and Registration packs can be collected for the back of the Churches or from the Parish Office.

Dates to remember...

- **Sacramental Program continues this weekend.**
- **SJB Class Mass Yr 1 & 2** Tues 7th Mar 9:15am
- **Lenten Program** Thurs 9th Mar 7:30pm Parish Centre
- **Stations of the Cross Friday** SJB 9:45am & SMM 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm

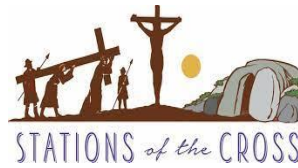
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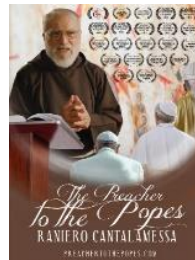
Stations of the Cross
each Friday during Lent

Freshwater: 9:45am

Manly: 7:00pm



STATIONS of the CROSS



LENTEN GROUP
commencing Thursday
23rd Feb to 30th March at
7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, "The Preacher to the Papal Household", has delivered a yearly homily in St Peter's Basilica during the Good Friday liturgy.

He has provided various meditations in the presence of the last three popes: Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

This Lenten group will reflect on a series of Cardinal Cantalamessa's meditations to allow us to reflect upon the hour of the death of Christ, His exaltation and victory over sin and the Paschal Mystery. His sermons illuminate the mystery of the Lord's Passion and allow us to gaze upon the cross of Christ in the light of our modern world, and the modern world in the light of Christ's cross.

All are invited - and especially our youth and young adults.

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Diocese of Broken Bay
Lenten Program 2023



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



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RITE OF ELECTION 2023



Last Saturday the Rite of Election was held at the Cathedral with Bishop Anthony, during which he called Noni, Scott and Jolan to be baptized at the Easter Vigil (not present were Lewis and Owen). Please keep them in your prayers.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



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LET US PRAY FOR

5th March 2023

Recently Deceased: Maria Nazerena Prestia; Georgie Crawford-Smith

Anniversary: Cecilia Nicholas

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



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- 2. Collection plates during Mass**
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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.



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.

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

Over the coming weeks the children preparing for First Holy Communion will make their First Reconciliation. The children and their families are attending weekly preparation Masses where the priest can explain the parts of the Mass to the children. Please remember them in your prayers.

PIETY STORE Movie of the month – Edith Stein – the 7th chamber. A moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert and martyr in Auschwitz. The film shows the great conflicts with her decision and how it was based on her search for truth. Only \$10 @ the Piety store.

CD of the month – The life of Padre Pio – Matthew Arnold

Fascinating details on Padre Pio's stigmata, ability to read souls and the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession. Pray, hope and don't worry. Only \$5 @ the piety store.

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

OPEN DAY 2023
Thursday 23 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Come and experience first hand why St John the Baptist Freshwater is a great choice for your children.

Meet our Principal, teachers, students, and parents.

Learn about St Mary's faith led approach, including appointments for specialised learning programs.

Visit our classrooms, playground, library, computers, music rooms and hall.

Gain a real sense of the St Mary's Manly community.

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9 May 2023
9-10 am and 7-8pm

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Wednesday 15 March
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Visit subject areas to explore our curriculum
Two sessions of Principals' Address at 5pm and 6pm
Meet and talk to staff, teachers and students

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Second Sunday of Lent – Year A

First Reading *Genesis 12:1-4 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 (JB)*

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading *2 Timothy 1:8-10 (JB)*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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 *Matthew 17:1-9 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain

where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

BELONGING...Michael and Kim McGrath



This picture is of my wonderful wife Kim and myself, Michael, recently taken in the Piety shop after 10.30am Mass.

We have been married for 35 years and have been members of Manly Freshwater Parish since 2014.

I am one of the nineteen volunteer Catechist at Manly Freshwater teaching Catholic

scripture classes at the local public schools, something I have come to enjoy and appreciate immensely. It's hasn't been especially onerous on time, just a couple of hours on a Thursday morning. If you want to know more about this important ministry talk to me anytime.

I am now Deputy Chair of our Parish Leadership team also known as the Parish Pastoral Council where we assist and advise our Parish Priest Fr David as best we can in helping run a great parish community. Kim helps out in the piety store.

Kim and I have five Children and two grandchildren.

I run my own corporate advisory business in the city and am looking forward to work slowing down a bit in 2023 as I'd like to spend a bit more time serving the Parish community, although, as Kim will testify to, I've been saying this for quite some time!

Kim and I are around the back of the Church most Sundays so come and say hello.

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Michael McGrath (Deputy Chair); Margaret Dent
(Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery;
Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall;
Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

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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