



Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

Second Sunday of Lent – 8th March 2020



On the second Sunday of Lent, we read and pray with the Transfiguration of Jesus: the event that Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us took place up a high mountain. It is an episode that gives us a glimpse of both Jesus's humanity and his divinity. Here Jesus is also able to reassure his friends – and us – that there is no need to be afraid, even as we witness such extraordinary events. **(Gospel)**

We hear of the Lord speaking to Abram, telling him to leave everything he knows with the promise of great blessings. **(First Reading)**

The **Psalm** reflects on the faithfulness of God's word. He will be our help and shield if, like Abram, we place our hope in him.

Both Abram's call and the disciples' witnessing of the Transfiguration do not occur as a reward, but by 'God's own purpose and grace' **(Second Reading)**. Paul encourages Timothy to accept the hardships he encounters and rely on the power of God, strengthened by the grace of the appearing of Jesus Christ.

This week, then, as we continue on our Lenten journey, we focus our prayer on all those who are afraid, asking that they place their hope in the Lord and experience his comforting love. *Pathways to God 2020*

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Paula Martin

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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

**Liturgy of the Word and
Holy Communion**

Manly: Monday 9:15am

Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,
Freshwater NSW 2096

Baptisms: *by appointment only*

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community

The 1st Collection is for the financial support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March – Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath
St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225 Principal: Paul McGuire
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St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 Principal: Chris Browne
Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

March 2020

Mon 9/3 – 2nd week of Lent	Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tue 10/3 – 2nd week of Lent	Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wed 11/3 – 2nd week of Lent	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thurs 12/3 – 2nd week of Lent	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Fri 13/3 – 2nd week of Lent	Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat 14/3 – 2nd week of Lent	Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun 8/3 – Second Sunday of Lent	Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Year A

LET US PRAY FOR

8th March 2020

Recently Deceased: Ian Bush; Kevin Herbert

Anniversary: Maria Calvi

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Vanessa Squirrel; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Fr Geoffrey Meagher SJ

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.



Pope Francis March 2nd

I ask you to remember me in your prayers and also the members of the Roman Curia, who this evening begin a week of Spiritual Exercises.



FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading. You can view it through YouTube – search frpaulkim (one word with no space).



Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **Reconciliation Classes continue 7th – 8th March**
- **SJB Yr 3 Class Mass** Tues 10th March @ 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tues 10th March @ 7pm
- **SMM Yr 3 Class Mass** Thurs 12th March @ 9:15am
- **Lenten Program** Thurs 12th March @ 7pm
- **Stations of the Cross** Friday 13th March @ 7pm

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS



FRESHWATER: following the 9am Mass

MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am

Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



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.



welcome.

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 along your knitting or other craft if you wish. Visitors to the area are more than



Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

All Welcome

Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina groups meets

Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Room and

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088



"Be still and know that I am God"
(Psalm 46: vs 10)

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



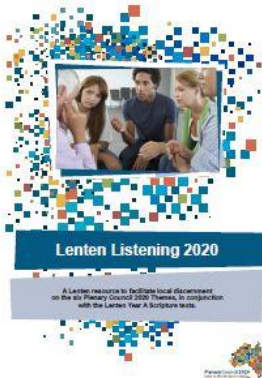
The Parish Playgroup is held during school terms on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.



Fitness Sessions Manly

Saturday Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am Strength, Tone and Balance Training for over 50's both female and male. The trainer

is Paul Pervan who is a fully qualified Cert 4 Fitness Professional. Specialist in training Older Adults, fully insured with First Aid Certificate. Come along and Try!



Lenten Program

discernment on the six Plenary Council 2020 Themes, in conjunction with the Lenten Year A Scripture texts.

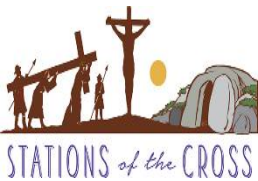
Thursday Evenings

7pm in the Parish Centre.

As we journey together towards the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021, all Australians are invited to

contribute through listening and discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying to us here and now. This Lenten program experience draws on the rich Scripture texts of this Year A Lenten Season, and invites us to reflect on these in conjunction with the Plenary themes, to discern what the Spirit is saying to us in our own local communities today. The focus, therefore, moves from a national conversation to a local community conversation, whether it be our parish, school or other ecclesial community group.

All Welcome to come along on the night – each week is a different theme



Stations of the Cross

will be held at Manly 7pm each Friday during Lent.



Youth Masses are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the 6pm Mass in Manly.

We will be serving a supper following the Mass on 3rd Sunday. All Welcome



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2020

Currently we have classes at all our schools that do not have a Teacher or Helper so please consider joining our wonderful team.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)

No Cash! Tap and Go Units for your convenience are near the doors

Units set at \$10 and \$20 *Thank you for your generous support.*



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...

Since the emergence of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, Bishop Anthony has offered instruction for our Diocese on preventative measures appropriate to any situation of concern about public health. These are continually being reviewed.

- Health authorities continue to advise that the best precaution is frequent handwashing.
- Holy Water will be temporarily removed from stoups at the doors of the Churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus. Holy Water will be available for people to take home.
- At the Sign of Peace (before Communion), individuals should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you".
- All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to use the hand sanitisers on the Sanctuary before and after distributing Communion.
- Across our diocese and many Australian dioceses, we are taking the precaution of not sharing the Communion chalice until further notice. You are reminded that Jesus Christ is fully present under either species of bread or wine.
- The option of receiving Communion on the tongue is still available until the situation is further reviewed. If however you are unwell in any manner, for health reasons please do not receive communion on the tongue.
- In light of these health issues, those who are unable to attend Sunday Mass can honour their Sunday obligation by having a time of prayer at home, reading the Scriptures, or watching Mass on TV or online.

Let us keep each other in our prayers.

Project Compassion 2020 "Go Further Together"



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program,

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Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or 1800 024 413.



ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

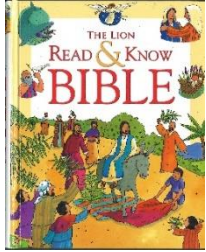
Rosters for Holy Week - Easter ceremonies will be prepared over the coming weeks. We would be very grateful if Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Greeters & Projectionists could advise the Parish Office of their availability for these services 9977 5822

Sacramental Dates for 2020

Reconciliation Program commences this weekend
Freshwater: Sat 4pm and Sun 10am
Manly: Sun 9:30am and 5pm

First Holy Communion Sunday 31st May
Program commences weekend of 3rd May
Freshwater: Sat 4pm and Sun 10am
Manly: Sun 9:30am and 5pm

Confirmation Sunday 30 August



PIETY STORE Just Arrived Children's Bibles \$18

Movie of the month "An interview with God" During Lent it is always a good to reflect on how we will respond when we meet God. This movie is an intriguing mystery drama. Honesty with ourselves is always the best starting point. Only \$10 at the piety store.

CD of the month "The true meaning of Easter" – Venerable Fulton Sheen & Bishop Robert Barron. The meaning behind Lent and Easter is so rich. Without the Resurrection, there would be no Christianity. Without sacrifice there can be no joy. Journey deeper this Lent. Only \$5 at the piety store.



CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Are you able to lend a hand and clear all the debris that our Cockatoo's and friendly Batts spread all over our Church carpark from chewing on the branches of our much-loved huge FIG TREE in Raglan Street, that is admired by the Manly Community.

We need to sweep every second day. Brooms, rakes and bins supplied. Let's care about our environment!!! PLEASE let Jenny in the office know if you are able to assist.....thank you.

International Women's Day

Sunday 8 March is International Women's Day, a day to celebrate women's achievements, and both highlight and work to address barriers that continue to perpetuate gender inequality. The 2020 global IWD theme is "Generation Equality", a call to action to join forces across generations, to create a world where every girl and woman has equal opportunities to fulfil their full potential.

We pray that the Gospel vision of justice will inspire us to overturn deep seated gender inequalities and work for women's rights, equality and justice.



PART TIME WORK
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Applications close: Sunday, 8th March 2020

St Mary's School News...

As part of our commitment to Social Justice, here at St Mary's we have established a relationship with Wesley Heights Nursing Home. Throughout the year, the children in grades 4-6 are rostered on to take part in this program. During these visits, students interact with residents to gain an understanding of how we can serve others in our community. Both the residents and the students enjoy this program immensely!

Please pray for our students who are preparing reverently for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Parish.
Kind regards, Alexis Conn (REC)

St John the Baptist School News...



Last Friday our Year Five and Six Senior students participated in an excursion to Freshwater Beach to take part in Clean Up Australia Day. Students demonstrated acts of service within our community by cleaning up

rubbish on Freshwater Beach and in Freshwater Park. Whilst doing so, the students displayed signs to help promote the cause and create awareness for keeping our environment clean.

Many of our SJB students showcased their swimming talents at the Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival this week at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. We are proud to announce that more than 8 swimmers will go on to represent St John the Baptist at the Broken Bay Carnival at Tumbi Umbi next week. We wish our Swimmers the best of luck!

Kind regards, Sharna Taranto (REC)

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration on Wed from 3pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation:
Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater
1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences
2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm



The Catenians
Strengthening Family Life
Through Friendship and Faith

Tackling mental illness together – a discussion worth having. Manly Catenians invite you to hear about the work of the Black Dog Institute. Date: Wed 18 March 2020 at Manly Golf Club

The Catenians, a Family focussed Catholic men's organisation, cordially invite parishioners and friends (wives and partners very welcome) to join them for dinner at Manly Golf Club on **Wednesday 18 March 2020 – 7:30pm for dinner at 8pm**. The speaker will be Shannai Mikus from the Black Dog Institute and she will speak about Breaking Down Depression and Building Resilience. Each year, 1 in 5 Australians experience a mental illness, so Shanni's talk will be most interesting. Cost: \$50 per person (includes a meal). **RSVP: Monday 16 March at the latest.**

Romano Di Donato (Catering coordinator):
0407 153 626 or Email: romano@romanodidonato.com.au
Manly Catenians: President – Mike Guy
Secretary - Terry Hayes, Treasurer - Michael McMahon

St Mary's Tower Retreat Centre Paul's Letter to the Galatians: 6 Day 20-26 March \$750 or weekend 20-22 March \$250: Fr Michael Fallon msc.

Men's Prayer Weekend: 27-29 March \$250: Paul White and Fr Thang Nguyen msc.

Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW.
RSVP Ph: (02) 4630 0233 OR Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <https://towersretreat.org.au>

National Association of Catholic Families National Conference 2020 – 3rd – 5th April

The Collaroy Center – brochures can be found at the entrances to the Churches.
Enq: Mary Clare Meney – 0435 496 624

The Addams Family: Senior School Musical presented by St Augustine's College and Stella Maris College. Come and meet Gomez, Morticia, Fester, Grandma, Wednesday, Pugsley, Lurch and Cousin IT as they gather in the family graveyard, to celebrate life and death in a yearly ritual to connect with their past and ensure their dark future. But brace yourself, Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man, a boy her parents have never met. Venue: Star of the Sea Theatre (Stella Maris College) between Wednesday 25/3/20 7:00pm and Saturday 28/3/20 7:00pm (Sat 28 March matinee 2 PM). Tickets \$20 each from www.trybooking.com/bijgn

Men's Discernment Retreat Take a glimpse into the life and formation of the priesthood. This retreat is designed to assist men ages 18-35 discern their vocation and who are seriously thinking about the diocesan priesthood. The retreat will offer time away from your daily routine and provide an opportunity for personal prayer and reflection to examine God's call; to listen to inspiring talks and guidance for discernment process; learn the tools of discernment, sharpen your discerning skills, one-on-one time with spiritual direction from a priest and Q & A discussions with seminarians. **Date: 27-29 March 2020 Where: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush.** To register or for more information, please contact the Broken Bay Vocations Office on Ph: 0418522449 or vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au **RSVP by Wed 18 Mar 2020**

Positions Vacant - There are three positions available in parishes at the moment. For more information see: www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

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• Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass

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Manly and Freshwater Roster 14th – 15th March 2020

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Ron Gravalin	Ivica Covic	Joanne Druery	Francis Raymond
Servers				Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan		
Readers	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	Patty Thomas Sonia Zadro	Katalina Taefotu	Ed Copeman Freya Zemek	Amanda Whitfield	Pam Brown Luke Campbell
Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	Judy O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Jan Dorsen Assistance Req	Pam Rawson Richard Heasman	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh
Music	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Simon Hyland Youth Mass	Josh Willard	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	David Hala	Mark Bateman		
Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Veronica	Anne Gaughan Kim McGrath	Lynette & Sophie Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Merle Zemek				Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	
Morning Tea		Lynn Parkes	Tongan Group			Raymond Family
Children's Lit		Assistance Required				Assistance Required

By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON AM LISTEN TO SAYS
BELOVED HIM IS PLEASED**

THIS __ MY
_____,
AND I _____
WITH _____.
____ WHAT HE _____.



God wants us to listen to Jesus. Write down three things that Jesus is telling you.

Second Sunday of Lent- Year A

NOTE: Readings for the Freshwater Family Mass will be taken from the Children's Lectionary

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*

**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.

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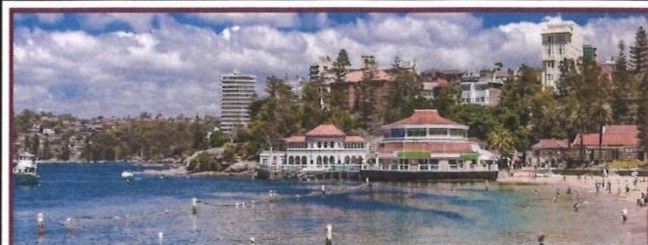
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