



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th October 2021

Dear friends, Joyful News! We are now able to resume normal Sunday and weekday Masses at St Mary's and St John's Churches. St John's reopens for Masses on Tuesday 26th October for 9:15am Mass, painting, repairs and cleaning will be completed by then. Sorry for this inconvenience. Please consider coming to Mass at St Mary's Manly. The Mass times are as follows Tuesday to Friday 9.15am. Saturday vigil – 6pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 6pm.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Bishop of Broken Bay has now directed the resumption of public Masses in the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Therefore, as of Monday 18th October 2021, our parish has reinstated our ordinary schedule of Masses.

Places of Public Worship are exempt from the requirement of vaccination. Given that both vaccinated and unvaccinated may be present at Masses, **it will be up to each individual to discern what may be in the best interests of their safety and that of their families.** Bishop Anthony recognises that for a number of our people, now will not be the time to return to the public celebration of Masses in our churches and has therefore continued to suspend the Sunday Obligation until 1 December 2021.

Please also be aware that everyone must use the QR code to check in, and it is no longer sufficient for people to record their names and contact details in writing.

If you do not have a smartphone, check in will need to be done through a personal COVID check-in card that will need to be scanned as you enter the church. To apply for this card online go to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/create-covid-19-check-card>. If you need any help getting your card, please contact the parish office and we will assist you.



You will also need a mask for Mass, cleanse your hands, observe social distancing of 4sqm and refrain from congregational singing.

The Parish Office will remain closed until 1st December but you can contact our wonderful parish staff on 9977 5822 or by email [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au).

*God Bless Fr David Taylor*



## WELCOMERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND if you can assist please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822

**Gospel Reflection:** Mark's story of the blind Bartimaeus, which takes place just before Jesus' Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem, is as much a "call" story as a healing story. For Mark, Bartimaeus is model of faith. The blind beggar calls out to Jesus using the Messianic title "Son of David." He first asks, not for his sight, but for compassion: He understands that this Jesus operates out of a spirit of love and compassion for humanity and places his faith in that spirit. Ironically, the blind Bartimaeus "sees" in Jesus the spirit of compassionate service that, until now, his "seeing" disciples have been unable to comprehend.



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**On Facebook – [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos) -Sunday 8:30am Mass**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October - Missionary Disciples** We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

*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*

**Recently Deceased:** Adrian David Gazzard; Betty Droder

**Anniversary:** Warwick Gazzard; Neve Brady

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Brian Gregan, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrbridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunson; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Bozena (Boni) Covic; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Joseph Francis

October	Year B
Mon 25/10 – 30th week in Ord Time	Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tue 26/10 – 30th week in Ord Time	Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wed 27/10 – 30th week in Ord Time	Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
Thurs 28/10 – Sts Simon and Jude	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19
Fri 29/10 – 30th week in Ord Time	Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Sat 30/10 – 30th week in Ord Time	Rom 11:1-2,11-12,25-20; Lk 14:1,7-11
Sun 31/10 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34


**PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Parish facebook:** facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish  
**Parish website:** bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater


**PRAYING With CHILDREN** Praying with SUNDAY LITURGY Children which is designed for families with young children to use at home.

Each Sunday's liturgy includes music for gathering, the readings, reflections on the gospel, video, group activity, prayer for the week and a home activity sheet.


This pdf will be sent by email with the newsletter




**Mass For You At Home** on Channel 10 at 6.00 am each Sunday



Let us invoke the Holy Spirit with greater fervour and frequency, and humbly listen to him, journeying together as He, the source of communion and mission, desires: with docility and courage



**Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.**  
 Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at [info@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:info@catholiccaredbb.org.au).



**Living Faith Books now available** please contact the Parish Office if you wish to purchase a copy – 9977 5822

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
 I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
 I love you above all things,  
 and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my heart.  
 I embrace you as if you were already there  
 and unite myself wholly to you.  
 Never permit me to be separated from you.  
 Amen.

-- St. Alphonsus Liguori

**NO GROUPS ARE MEETING ONSITE**


**ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM**

The following meetings have been scheduled for the week ahead:


- **Craft Group – Tues at 10am**
  - **Lectio – Tues at 7:30pm**
  - **Lectio - Wed at 10am**
  - **St Clare's Prayer Group -Wed 7:30pm**
  - **Rosary with Fr John – Thurs at 7pm**
- If you would like to join one of these meetings, please contact the Parish Office for the meeting ID and Password



**Rosary with Fr John** will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 6pm and on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday evenings at 7pm.  
**Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512**



**ST CLARE'S PARISH PRAYER GROUP ONLINE:** St Clare is the patron for an online prayer group, meeting Wednesday at 7:30pm. **If you have a prayer intention you would like us to pray for or if you would like to join the prayer** please email [faithwomen2020@gmail.com](mailto:faithwomen2020@gmail.com) for the ID and password. We very much look forward to seeing you (on our screens) and praying with you.



**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Will be held on Tuesday at 7pm on 9 November 2021**  
 Fr John will continue a Bible Study via Zoom on the 19th October 2021. You are most welcome to join.

**Week 3 (9 November) - Introduction to the Bible continues**

In November the Bible Study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm ex **Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512**



## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATORS NEEDED

This year we will be providing a picnic take away lunch for those in our community who will be spending Christmas alone.

For us to be able host the Lunch we are seeking **Volunteers to assist with the co-ordinating of the lunch.** The areas we need assistance in are:

**Setup Co-ordinator** – this person would need to be available during the week of Christmas to coordinate volunteers with

- Decorating the Undercroft at the School
- Tables set out for the assembly of the picnic packs
- All supplies and gifts to be taken to the undercroft and set out.

**Food Collection Co-ordinator** – this person will need to be available during the week of Christmas and on Christmas Eve to

- attend Manly Freezers, Woolworths and for Fruit Collection and any other supplier of the Food used for the picnic lunch.

**Christmas Day early Set up** – this person would need to be available early on Christmas day to **co-ordinate the volunteers** in

- Preparing the picnic packs
- Organise gifts
- Check in all volunteers and guest using QR code.

If you are able to assist in any of the above, please contact Michelle at the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email [michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au).



How wonderful it is that we are able to come together to celebrate the Masses again. We are only able to do this with the wonderful work of our volunteers.

If you volunteer in one of the ministries listed below and you would like to be included in the November roster please contact the Parish Office to confirm your availability.

- Servers
- Readers
- Welcomers
- Piety Store Assistant

If you would like to know more about volunteering for any of these ministries please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

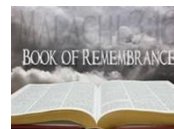


## All Souls Day Remembrance Mass Tuesday 2nd November

Masses at 9.15am at Manly and Freshwater and 6pm at Manly

At our Remembrance Mass on All Souls Day, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November we will remember and pray for all the faithfully departed of your families and our Parish community.

We invite you and your family to one of these Masses.



During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died in our **Book of Remembrance** which will be on display in the Churches during November. We invite you to take a moment to add the names of your loved ones to our Parish Book of Remembrance.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or emailing to [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?

Please scan the QR code for Credit Card donations or direct deposit details are below

**New: Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



### If you would like to donate by Direct

#### 2nd collection Parish Bank Account

Funds the running of the Parish

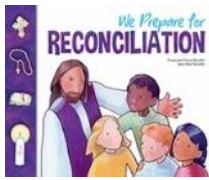
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Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

#### 1st collection Parish Bank Account

Supports our Priests

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral  
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

**Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish**



## Children First Reconciliation

Registration for our Reconciliation Program is now open. The Children in Year 3 who have made their

Confirmation will be preparing for Sacrament of Reconciliation at home with their Parents using the Diocesan Program. Please contact the Parish Office for the Registration Kit – 9977 5822.



In response to the successful Toiletries Drive held on 2nd October below is a thank you letter from the ACM for the Toiletries for Wilcannia that you kindly supported. We appreciate all the help and support that you give to Vinnies, it is truly inspiring.

*Bruce Whittet - Manly Mick O'Farrell – Freshwater*



## Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney Archdiocese of Sydney

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Sydney would like to thank you for your generous donations and for supporting our Toiletry Drive to help affected Aboriginal communities in Brewarrina. These communities have been hard hit with Covid 19 and supplies for cleaning, disinfecting products and toiletries was in great need.

With your help, we will be able to support over 50 families. All donations will be distributed through the MacKillop Family Services, Brewarrina.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely - Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Team



## World Mission Day

Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, work on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church-run mission programs around the world.

This year, we are invited to partner with the essential work of the **Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand**, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies. These mothers find hope and a new start at the Mother and Babies Home at the Good Shepherd Centre.

By providing a loving home, a community of women from similar backgrounds, parenting skills training and pre- and post-natal medical care, the Good Shepherd Sisters are supporting women and their babies in need.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. Please come with an open and generous heart. Freecall: 1800257296 or visit [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand)

## MINISTRY ROSTER – October 2021 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 4 23 – 24 October	Week 5 30 – 31 October
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Kieran Wan	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	CDs	CDs
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek
	Flowers		Louise Wareham
8:30am Mass	Server	Martino Hoang	Ken Thompson
	Readers	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Clare Carmody Paul Cunningham	Clare Carmody Paul Cunningham
	Piety Store	Lynette Duffy	Lynette Duffy
10:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Martino Hoang
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese	Carmel Lawler
	Music	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Lynette Duffy	Lynette Duffy
6pm Mass	Server	Ivica Covic	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Sandie Cornish	Sandie Cornish
	Music	Simon Hyland	Josh Willard
	Welcomers	<b>Assistance Req</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>
	Piety Store	Lynette Duffy	Lynette Duffy

## MINISTRY ROSTER — FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Church not open till next weekend	Week 5 30 - 31 October
5pm Vigil	Server		TBA
	Readers		Amanda Whitfield
	Music		CD's
	Welcomers		Amanda Whitfield
9am Mass	Server		TBA
	Readers		Toni Walsh
	Music		Pat Brown
	Welcomers		TBA

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

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

As we approach the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/Masses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/Masses)

## **MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2021**

**“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, once we experience the power of God’s love, and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share *what we have seen and heard*. Jesus’ relationship with his disciples and his humanity, as revealed to us in the mystery of his Incarnation, Gospel and Paschal Mystery, shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22). Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption, and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: “Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find” (Mt 22:9). No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.

**The experience of the Apostles** The history of evangelization began with the Lord’s own passionate desire to call and enter into friendly dialogue with everyone, just as they are (cf. Jn 15:12-17). The Apostles are the first to tell us this; they remembered even the day and the hour when they first met him: “It was about four o’clock in the afternoon” (Jn 1:39). Experiencing the Lord’s friendship, watching him cure the sick, dine with sinners, feed the hungry, draw near to the outcast, touch the unclean, identify with the needy, propose the Beatitudes and teach in a new and authoritative way, left an indelible mark on them, awakening amazement, expansive joy and a profound sense of gratitude. The prophet Jeremiah describes this experience as one of a consuming awareness of the Lord’s active presence in our heart, impelling us to mission, regardless of the sacrifices and misunderstandings it may entail (cf. 20:7-9). Love is always on the move, and inspires us to share a wonderful and hope-filled message: “We have found the Messiah” (Jn 1:41).

With Jesus, we too have seen, heard and experienced that things can be different. Even now, he has inaugurated future times, reminding us of an often forgotten dimension of our humanity, namely, that “we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 68). A future that awakens a faith capable of inspiring new initiatives and shaping communities of men and women who, by learning to accept their own frailty and that of others, promote fraternity and social friendship (cf. *ibid.*, 67). The ecclesial community reveals its splendour whenever it recalls with gratitude that the Lord loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19). “The loving predilection of the Lord surprises us, and surprise by its very nature cannot be owned or imposed by us... Only in this way can the miracle of gratuitousness, the gratuitous gift of self, blossom. Nor can missionary fervour ever be obtained as a result of reasoning or calculation. To be ‘in a state

of mission’ is a reflection of gratitude” (*Message to the Pontifical Mission Societies*, 21 May 2020).

Even so, things were not always easy. The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship. Experiences of marginalization and imprisonment combined with internal and external struggles that seemed to contradict and even negate what they had seen and heard. Yet, rather than a difficulty or an obstacle leading them to step back or close in on themselves, those experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission. Limitations and obstacles became a privileged occasion for anointing everything and everyone with the Spirit of the Lord. Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation.

We have a vivid testimony to all this in the Acts of the Apostles, a book which missionary disciples always have within easy reach. There we read how the fragrance of the Gospel spread as it was preached, awakening the joy that the Spirit alone can bestow. The Book of Acts teaches us to endure hardship by clinging firmly to Christ, in order to grow in the “conviction that God is able to act in any circumstance, even amid apparent setbacks” and in the certainty that “all those who entrust themselves to God will bear good fruit” (*Evangeliium Gaudium*, 279).

The same holds true for us: our own times are not easy. The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty and the injustices experienced by so many people. It has unmasked our false sense of security and revealed the brokenness and polarization quietly growing in our midst. Those who are most frail and vulnerable have come to feel even more so. We have experienced discouragement, disillusionment and fatigue; nor have we been immune from a growing negativity that stifles hope. For our part, however, “we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake” (2 Cor 4:5). As a result, in our communities and in our families, we can hear the powerful message of life that echoes in our hearts and proclaims: “He is not here, but has risen (Lk 24:6)! This message of hope shatters every form of determinism and, to those who let themselves be touched by it, bestows the freedom and boldness needed to rise up and seek with creativity every possible way to show compassion, the “sacramental” of God’s closeness to us, a closeness that abandons no one along the side of the road.

In these days of pandemic, when there is a temptation to disguise and justify indifference and apathy in the name of healthy social distancing, there is urgent need for *the mission of compassion*, which can make that necessary distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion. “What we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20), the mercy we have experienced, can thus become a point of reference and a source of credibility, enabling us to recover a shared passion for building “a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of

our time, our energy and our resources (*Fratelli Tutti*, 36). The Lord's word daily rescues and saves us from the excuses that can plunge us into the worst kind of skepticism: "Nothing changes, everything stays the same". To those who wonder why they should give up their security, comforts and pleasures if they can see no important result, our answer will always remain the same: "Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death and is now almighty. Jesus Christ is truly alive" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 275) and wants us to be alive, fraternal, and capable of cherishing and sharing this message of hope. In our present circumstances, there is an urgent need for missionaries of hope who, anointed by the Lord, can provide a prophetic reminder that no one is saved by himself.

Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (*Acts 4:20*). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others. Just as the Apostles saw, heard and touched the saving power of Jesus (cf. *1 Jn 1:1-4*), we too can daily touch the sorrowful and glorious flesh of Christ. There we can find the courage to share with everyone we meet a destiny of hope, the sure knowledge that the Lord is ever at our side. As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church's evangelizing mission finds outward fulfilment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.

**An invitation to each of us** The theme of this year's World Mission Day – "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (*Acts 4:20*), is a summons to each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for "she exists to evangelize" (SAINT PAUL VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere. The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They did so with the generosity, gratitude and nobility typical of those who sow seeds in the knowledge that others will enjoy the fruit of their efforts and sacrifice. I like to think that "even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations" (*Christus Vivit*, 239).

On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially

all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message.

Contemplating their missionary witness, we are inspired to be courageous ourselves and to beg "the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (*Lk 10:2*). We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential. Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our "circle of interests" (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 97). To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

May Mary, the first missionary disciple, increase in all the baptized the desire to be salt and light in our lands (cf. *Mt 5:13-14*). *Rome, Saint John Lateran, 6 January 2021, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.* Franciscus

### **St Mary's School News...**

It was all smiles this week as we welcomed back our Kindy and Year One students. It had been a long 12 weeks of Home Based Learning and we were thrilled to have our littlest students back face to face with us. Year 2-6 will join us back at school next week. Huge thank you to our parents who supported us and their children's learning at home and to our amazing teachers and school staff who did an amazing job adapting lessons and never stopping quality teaching. The biggest thank you goes to our students for their perseverance and resilience- they are superstars.

*Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)*



### **St John's School News...**

It is with much excitement that we welcomed our Kindergarten and Year One students back onsite this week. The students have had a wonderful time reuniting with their teachers and peers. The whole school community is eagerly anticipating the return of the remainder of our students on Monday. We have been very proud of all of our student's engagement with their Home Based Learning and are grateful for the support of our parents as they juggled numerous roles. We also extend our appreciation to our dedicated staff and the professionalism and flexibility they have demonstrated during this time.

*Kind regards Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)*



# 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Reading *Jeremiah 31:7-9 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 125 (JB)*

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

## Second Reading *Hebrews 5:1-6 (JB)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well

as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation *cf 2 Timothy 1:10 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

## Gospel *Mark 10:46-52 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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