



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater



Very Reverend Dr David Ranson
Diocesan Administrator of the
Diocese of Broken Bay
cordially invites you to attend the

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS OF INSTALLATION

of
The Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo DD JCL

AS THE FOURTH BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.45PM

at

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CENTRE, 28 YARDLEY AVENUE, WAITARA

RSVP BY: MONDAY 28 OCTOBER Please complete RSVP form online at www.trybooking.com/564526 or
Email: events@bbcatholic.org.au Tel: 02 8379 1621

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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 October:

In this Extraordinary Missionary Month, let us
pray that the Holy Spirit may engender a new
missionary "spring" for all those baptized and sent
by Christ's Church.

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: Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225
Principal: Paul McGuire

St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699
Principal: Judy Slattery

St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111
Principal: Chris Browne

Stella Maris College 9977 5144
Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **RCIA** Tues 29th Oct @ 7pm
- **Crazy Whist** Tues 29th Oct @ 10am
- **Christmas Day Lunch Meeting** Tues 29 Oct @ 6:30pm
- **SJB Yr 5 Class Mass** Wed 30th Oct @ 9:15am
- **SMM Yr 4 Class Mass** Thurs 31st Oct @ 9:15am
- **Remembrance Mass & Supper** Sat 2 Nov @ 6pm

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 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.



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Mon 28/10 – Sts Simon & Jude	Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19
Tue 29/10 – 30th week in Ordinary Time	Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wed 30/10 – 30th week in Ordinary Time	Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
Thurs 31/10 – 30th week in Ordinary Time	Rom 8:31-39; Lk 13:31-35
Fri 1/11 – All Saints Day	Apoc 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
Sat 2/11 – All Soul's Day	from Masses for the Dead
Sun 3/11 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

LET US PRAY FOR

27th October 2019

Recently Deceased: Kath Paine; Ann Kovacs; Iris Gallate

Anniversary: Mary (Maria) Arena; Iluminada Cirera, Patricia (Trish) Hynes; Joan Ellis

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Fiona Sweeting; Lupe Fonua

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.



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.



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 welcome.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am AND Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish End Room.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088 *"Be still and know that I am God"* (Psalm 46: vs 10)



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.



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

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



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

The St Vincent de Paul Clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.



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).**

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance



will be held on Saturday 2nd November at the 6pm Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly

We invite you and your families to join us at our annual Mass of Remembrance where we will gather together to remember our loved ones who have died and gone before us. We also invite you to join us afterwards in the parish center for refreshments and hospitality.



We will also 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 by either leaving the names on the weekend collection plate or by email to manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au or calling into the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



An invitation to discover more about our Catholic faith.

The Rite of **Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Tues 29th Oct at 7pm Parish Centre Manly

Perhaps you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian for some time but never got around to doing anything about it. Perhaps you are married to a Catholic but have not yet made a religious commitment of your own. Perhaps you have been involved in a faith community but never took the step to investigate becoming a full member of the Church. Perhaps you have been baptised, but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation...

Please let us know if your able to join us 9977 5822 or manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au.



Thank you from Candela Peru

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Sisters of Mercy mission in Candela Peru.

From the sale of the goods and from donations \$3760 was raised. This money has been sent to Candela, so the women can continue to care for their families. Thank you so much.

Mary Rajca – mrajca@hotmail.com

Changes to 9:15am week day Masses next week

MANLY – Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesday

FRESHWATER – Mass on Wednesday
Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday



Christmas Day Lunch With only 9 weeks till Christmas it's time to start planning for our Christmas Day Luncheon. Last year 200 guests joined us for a festive celebration. If you would like to be part of the planning committee we would love to hear from you, please come along to our meeting on **Tuesday 29th October in the Parish Centre at 6.30pm.**

MINISTERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed!



Our parish is in need of more ministers. We could do with many more Altar Servers and Acolytes. We are also in need of Ministers of Communion and Readers.

Our ministries show us that we are called by our baptism to participate in the liturgical life of our parish. If you would like to become actively involved in our parish, please consider joining one of our ministries. You will be given training and then rostered on usually once per month. Please contact the parish office if you would like more information on the various ministries you could be involved in.



St Mary's School P & F will be selling raffle ticket after the **8.30am and 10.30am Masses this weekend**. Tickets are \$5

1st prize Ski Trip for 4 to Japan plus a \$2500 travel voucher.

2nd prize \$200 voucher Daniel San

3rd prize \$95 Manly Kayak voucher



Pope Francis @ Pontifex

During this missionary month, the Lord is also calling you: He is asking you to be a gift wherever you are, just as you are, with everyone around you. Courage! The Lord expects great things from you!



This Sunday during the 6pm Mass at Manly 8 young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Plenary Council 2020: Listen To What The Spirit Is Saying -How is God calling us to be a Christ-centered Church that is:

- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal.
- A Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Missionary and Evangelising
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform

Snapshot Reports for each of these themes can be found at Manly under the notice board at the back of the Church and at Freshwater on the front seat near the main side(bell) entrance.

PIETY STORE – MANLY



CRAZY WHIST CARD DAY

Come and join the Crazy Whist players for a fun-filled morning at 10am on the last Tuesday each month. A light lunch is served, and everyone is welcome. A small donation is appreciated.



MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Catholic Church designates October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. During this month the faithful venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary especially under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary and make a special effort to honor the Holy Rosary with group recitations and rosary processions. St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, is the saint to whom Our Lady famously appeared and gave the prayers of the Holy Rosary to assist him as a spiritual weapon in combating heresy and leading souls back to the one, true Catholic faith

Movie of the month – Miracle of Marcelino

This is a classic heartwarming film. Left on the doorstep of a monastery as an infant, Marcelino was raised by the monks. One day he found a special friend in the forbidden attic... hanging on a cross. A friend that would repay Marcelino's kindness by granting him one heart-felt wish. Shown in Black and White. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD – The Bible made me do it – Tim Staples . For only \$5 @ the piety store.

St John the Baptist School News...

Welcome back! It's been a fantastic start back to Term Four at St John the Baptist. Students and teachers are enthusiastic and eager, recognising that it is the final term to show their skills and take on new learning before the year comes to an end.

The St John the Baptist community would like to thank Sharna Taranto for her outstanding work as Acting Religious Education Coordinator over the past year whilst I have been on Maternity Leave. Sharna took on the role with ease demonstrating her skills and professionalism. Like any great captain; she kept the Religious Education ship at St John the Baptist sailing smoothly due to her knowledge, guidance and terrific organisation. Thank you Sharna.

We continue to invite any Parish members and people of the community to join our Class Masses which take place every Wednesday at 9.15. This is an opportunity for students to meet Parish members and share in the Mass celebration together.
Naomi Kennett REC

St Mary's School News...

Family Mass Thank you everyone who has come along to our Family Mass this weekend. It is wonderful to see so many of you join us to celebrate this Mass and the sausage sizzle at the conclusion of Mass. Our family masses are a great way to connect and socialise with other families in our school. Thank you to Kindergarten for hosting the Mass.

Catholic Mission Month As part of Catholic Mission Month, Dorothy Makasa, Mission Education Officer from Catholic Mission, will be coming in Week 3 to present to the Year 3-6 children. Dorothy will help our students gain a better understanding of mission and how daily life is similar and different in countries such as Ghana, which is the focus country for 2019.
Monique Johnston REC

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Craft Group Outing...



Some of the ladies from our Manly parish craft group had an exciting day at Leura on Tuesday where much fun was had by all. After catching the Manly ferry and navigating our way to Central Station we boarded the Blue Mountains Express to Leura making sure not to make the

mistake of sitting in the quiet carriage. 🤫

On arrival in Leura and indulging in a delicious morning tea of humongous scones and cream, we set out to explore Leura's many wonderful craft shops. On our return journey home, where we did make the mistake of sitting in the quiet carriage 🤫 we were reduced to show and tell of our purchased treasures by quiet whispers and furious texting. After many giggles and much fun, we arrived home and are now looking forward to our next adventure.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

“Build Homes, Build Hope” Campaign

The Society is seeking support for its campaign for the NSW Government to increase the supply of social housing by at least 5,000 homes every year for the next ten years.

Across NSW, thousands of people are without a place to call home and many more are living in chronic housing stress. Social housing should be a safety net that supports people experiencing homelessness and housing stress but there isn't nearly enough to meet community needs. More than 53,000 applicants are on the waiting list right now and the waiting time exceeds 10 years in some parts of the state. This figure is extended to over 160,000 with immediate family members.

In response, the Society has launched the “Build Homes, Build Hope” campaign to call on the NSW Government to build more social housing. Would you please support our campaign by signing our petition at the back of the church. The State wide petition will be tabled in the NSW Parliament to build more social housing. Thank you.

Mick O'Farrell
President
Freshwater Conference

Bruce Whittet
President
Manly Conference

ROSTER – NOVEMBER 2019

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

MANLY

Mass Times	Ministry	Week 1 2nd – 3rd November	Week 2 9th – 10th November	Week 3 16th – 17th November	Week 4 23rd – 24th November
		<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>
6pm Vigil	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ron Gravolin Freya Zemek	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Freya Zemek
	Junior Server		Bernie Lawler		
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese John Stapleton	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese	John Stapleton
	Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni
	Music	Simon Hyland	CD's	Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Avis Fontaine
	Warden	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek
	Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham
Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis	
8:30am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Patty Thomas	Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas	Jan Van Den Broek
	Ministers of Communion	Mary Prager Assistance Required	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Judith O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Madeleine Le Surf Tiere Morgan
	Music	Parish Choir	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	Warden	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina
	Piety Shop	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
	Morning Tea	Assistance Required	Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Lynn Parkes	Lynn Parkes
Children's Liturgy	Gabriella	Claire Shefford	Assistance Required	Fiona C	
10:30am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Lynn Parkes Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin
	Junior Server	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Jane Fonua	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Ministers of Communion	Assistance Required	Kim McGrath	Jan Dorsen	Assistance Required
	Music	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall
	AV Screens	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall
	Warden	David Hala	Marika Jones	David Hala	Peter Bartolotta
	Piety Shop	Maria Condomitti	Maria Condomitti	Anne Gaughan	Anne Gaughan
Morning Tea	Tina & Sokee	Filipino Group	Tongan Group		
6pm Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic
	Server	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill	Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan	Ivana Covic	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill
	Readers	Sandie Cornish Simon Cahill	Mark Sing Flora Spiteri	Paul Novak Dean Gale	Family Mass
	Ministers of Communion	Pam Rawson	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Richard Heasman	Pam Rawson
	Music	St Paul's College	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland
	AV Screens	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Family Mass
	Warden	Mark Wall	Stephen Crowley	Mark Bateman	Family Mass
Piety Shop	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy	

FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
		2nd – 3rd November	9th – 10th November	16th – 17th November	23rd – 24th November
5pm Vigil		<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>
	Acolyte/Snr Server	Joanne Druery	Ian Press	Lou Maruca	Ian Press
	Readers	Shirley	Family Mass	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield
	Ministers of Communion	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca	Amanda Whitfield
	Music	CD's	Josh Willard	CD's	CD's
	AV Screens	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly
	9am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Mick O'Farrell	Francis Raymond	Joanne Druery
Readers		Claire Mullane	Toni Walsh	Pam Brown	Joshua Wright Jasmine Wright
Ministers of Communion		John Dunn	Toni Walsh	Toni Walsh	Toni Walsh
Music		Choir	Choir	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
AV Screens		Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca
Altar Society		Lyn Hillard	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	Marg Norrie Meg Storey	Mary Ann Marles
Morning Tea		Andy & Becky Thiss	Storey family	Raymond family	Brigid Lynn Andy Mandikian
Children's Liturgy		Jackie Feledy	Rena Curl	Assistance Required	Assistance Required

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: Manly Wed 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: 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
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs**, you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish

Account using the following **Account Name**: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958001 **BSB #** 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your

surname) If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark.

We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish



Walk with Christ You are invited join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on **Sunday 24 November at 2.30pm**. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on 24 November.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR

Note: Readings for the Manly Family Mass will be taken from the Children's Lectionary

First Reading *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23*

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. R.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

Second Reading *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on

that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel ***Luke 18:9-14 (JB)***

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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