

Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd November 2019



The readings this Sunday are full encouragement. compassionate God loves us so much that he looks beyond our sins to see the people we can become. However unworthy we may seem; God seeks us out and calls us to him.

The First Reading celebrates God's compassion and mercy for the whole of creation. Everything belongs to him in love, and his desire to spare us helps us make amends for our misdeeds. In the same way, the Psalm helps us to praise our God who is slow to anger, lifting us up when we fall.

In the Second Reading, the Thessalonians are encouraged to focus on their call in the here and now, rather than becoming distracted by rumours about the Second Coming. The author's constant prayer is that the name of Jesus might be glorified in them.

Again, in this Sunday's Gospel a tax collector plays an important role in the gospel story. This time, however, he is not a character in a parable but a real-life person whose experience of Jesus changes him and causes consternation among those who know him. Zacchaeus would have been well known in the Jericho area because as a tax collector he was considered a collaborator with the occupying Roman forces. He would have bought the right to collect taxes there and probably would not have been too scrupulous about how he made his profit. Because of his height he was also possibly a figure of ridicule. Imagine then the surprise of the people of Jericho as Zacchaeus is the one Jesus speaks to and it is to his house that Jesus goes.

Once again in Luke the themes of repentance and forgiveness are linked to the refusal of the so-called virtuous to celebrate this man's return to the fold. In the presence of Jesus, Zacchaeus, the little man with a big past, found out who he, really was and, what he was made for. That's the way it is with Jesus. We too are called and to hear and respond to his call with a joyful heart.

Pathways to God/Sean Goan / GospelToons 2019

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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

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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 November: Communication and Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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 Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin;

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November

Yr C 2019 Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

Mon 4/11 - St Charles Borromeo Tue 5/11 - 31st week in Ordinary Time Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24 Wed 6/11 – 31st week in Ordinary Time Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33 Thurs 7/11 – 31st week in Ordinary Time Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10 Fri 8/11 - 31st week in Ordinary Time Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8 Sat 9/11 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezek 47:1-2.8-9: Jn 2:13-22

Sun 10/11 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

LET US PRAY FOR

3rd November 2019

Recently Deceased: Iris Gallate; Jolanta Janavicius; Scott Steer

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; Louise Allara

During November, only the names of recently deceased will be published in the bulletin.



EUCHARISTIC 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- RCIA Tues 5th November @ 7pm
- SJB Yr 4 Class Mass Tues 5th Nov @ 9:15am
- SMM Yr 5/6 Class Mass Thurs 7th Nov @ 9:15am
- SJB Family Mass Sat 9th Nov @ 5pm

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.



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.

Our Prayer Intentions In the foyer of the Church at Manly we invite you to collect a prayer card from the basket. Write your name or the name of the person you are offering your intention for and journey to the Cross at the front of the Church where you can place your prayer intentions. These intentions will be offered at the Masses this weekend.



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).



Pope Francis @ Pontifex Hope is to live in anticipation of meeting the Lord. It's like throwing an anchor to the other shore and clinging to the rope. #SantaMarta



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 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 **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults (RCIA)

Tues 5th Nov 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 9977 able to join us 5822 manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

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



Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate the Vigil Mass at Manly on Saturday 23 Nov @ 6pm.

Parish Feast Day (Immaculate Conception) Mass will be Celebrated at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 8th December.



Charitable Works Fund Appeal next weekend

This year 2019/2020 the **quota for our parish is \$48,387** with the CWF Appeal in August collecting \$10,432. The Nov '19 & May '20 Appeals need to make up the **shortfall of \$37,955**.

Donations to the CWF are Tax-Deductible.

For the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay, charity begins at home. This week the video is about Rachel and Clare. Two catechists who attended a public school in our Diocese and who received a Catholic Special Religious Education through the CCD. Clare even converted to Catholicism thanks to her positive experience with the CCD. Perhaps you or someone you know has benefited from a Catholic Religious Education class in a NSW Public School, made possible through donations of the faithful?

Donations to the Charitable Works Fund help our community through five charities and agencies that serve the people in our Diocese. These are the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Catholic Care Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and the Ephpheta Centre. For more information on the beneficiaries please visit the Diocese of Broken Bay website.



Samson Hyland Philippines fundraising project

Samson Hyland is a current student of St Aloysius College. He attended St Mary's primary school and regularly attends Manly Freshwater parish masses where he shares his musical

gifts by serving in the music ministry. Samson will be travelling to the Philippines in December this year and is asking for your support. As part of his school trip, Samson will work in an orphanage, work on a building project, assist with the Jesuit Prison ministry and attend a 3 day retreat.

Samson will be speaking at the Sunday masses at St Mary's Church. If you can support Samson raise money for building materials, he will be available after the masses.

CCD Diocesan Mass

The CCD Annual Diocesan Mass will be held at 11:30am on Saturday 9 November 2019 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue, Waitara and we are pleased to announce that Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be presiding. Mass will be followed with light refreshments.

We warmly invite all catechists of the Diocese, their families and friends to attend. Please RSVP to Sharon da Roza by Monday 4 November 2019 Phone: 8379 1638 or Email: ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au

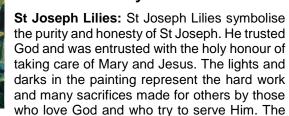
PIETY STORE - MANLY

Movie of the month - God Willing

This critically acclaimed Italian comedy is both hilarious and decent. The story of an almighty battle of wills that pits a man with a God complex against the hip local priest. An esteemed cardiac surgeon and unabashed atheist 'Tommaso" is devastated when his only son declares his desire to become a priest!... Much to the horror of his family expecting an announcement about his sexuality. This film weaves good humour and spiritual depth in a remarkable way. Only \$15 @ the piety store.

CD of the month – What every couple should know about marriage and prayer – Venerable Fulton Sheen. In the 1950s USA, Fulton Sheen had over 30 million viewers tuning into his TV show "life is worth living". This CD provides profound wisdom on the reality of love, marriage and prayer. To keep the freshness of love, sacrifices have to be sprinkled in marriage. The cross is not a road block on the way to happiness, it is the ladder one climbs up to the love of heaven itself. When we pray as a family we receive blessings we would not normally receive without prayer. Timeless and essential wisdom only \$5 @ the piety store.

Cards from original art are available at the Piety Store.



shadows of our wounded world mercifully disappear in the sublime light of His love.

First Holy Communion: A young boy celebrates the Sacrament of the Eucharist, receiving the body of Christ for the first time. There is a lovely look in his eyes and his hands are folded humbly to receive the body of our Lord.



Galway Cathedral: The Galway Cathedral lit up at night, is a celestial sight! It was constructed on the site of the old city prison and is situated on the banks of the River Corrib.

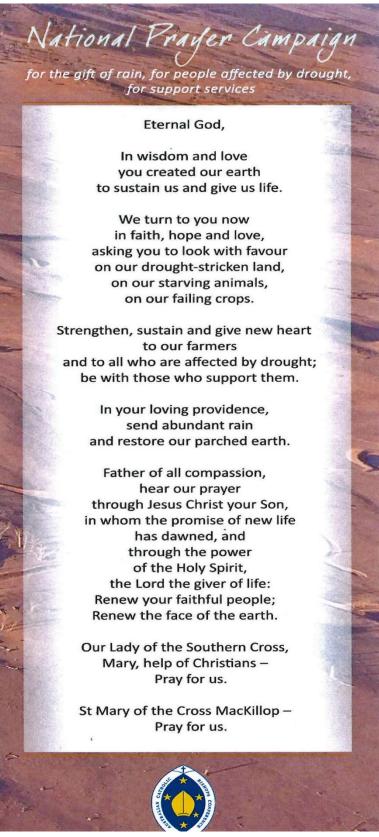
Icon of St Luke the Apostle and Evangelist: This is a copy of an icon of St Luke hand-painted (written) in the traditional 14th Century Greek Orthodox style, using the traditional technique with egg tempera and gold leaf background. St Luke was a Greek physician. He was born in Antioch and



became a disciple of St Paul whom he followed. However, St Luke never met Jesus. The authorship of the Gospel of St Luke and also the Acts of the Apostles is ascribed to him. St Luke is said to be the first icon painter. He painted an icon of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus. It is believed that he also painted icons of St Peter and St Paul. He faced martyrdom when he was hanged in Greece in March 84 AD. His name means "bringer of light" (Luke). In his Gospel, St Luke mainly emphasises God's Salvation and Mercy.

National Prayer Campaign

for the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services. The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought



St Mary's School News...

Family Mass Our October Family Mass was a wonderful celebration. Thank you to all families who attended and to our beautiful Kindergarten students and their families who hosted the Mass. We congratulate the children who made their Confirmation during this mass. A special thank you to Josh Willard for stepping in for Simon Hyland and leading the music for us at our October Family Mass.

Our last Family Mass for the year will be held on **Sunday** the 24th November at 6pm.



Mission Mass Our Mission Leadership Team attended the annual Children's Mission Mass for the Diocese, at Our of the Lady Way Cathedral in Waitara last Thursday, organised by Catholic Mission. Around 400 students from schools

across the Diocese came together in celebration of mission. It was an extra special occasion as our new Bishop-elect, Bishop Anthony Randazzo, concelebrated the Mass with Fr David Ranson and several other priests from the Diocese. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to meet our new Bishop-elect. Bishop Anthony's installation will be held on Monday 4th November.

Catholic Mission Month Dorothy Makasa, Mission Education Officer from Catholic Mission, visited the school this week and presented 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*

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.

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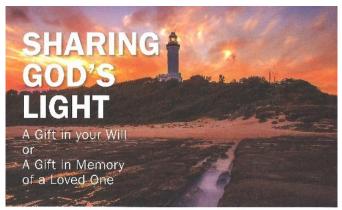
make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs,** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following **Account Name**: Manly

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 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





Leaving a Legacy.

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Manly Freshwater Parish? Once you have provided for your loved ones in your Will, you may like to consider leaving a meaningful and profound gift to our Parish. There are many ways to leave a legacy to the Church and your Parish community by including a specific gift or a percentage of your estate in your Will.

To learn more please contact Fr David in the Parish office on 9977 5822 for information on bequests and legacy giving. Thank you for your consideration.



150th Anniversary - 8th December 1869

On 8th December 2019 our parish begins the celebrations of the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the first weatherboard Church in what was then Manly Beach Parish, dedicated to Mary Immaculate.

We will continue our Anniversary celebrations throughout 2020.

We welcome your celebration suggestions and your participation.

Kindest regards Fr David Taylor

Manly and Freshwater Roster 9th - 10th November 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ivica Covic	Ian Press	Francis Raymond
Servers	Bernie Lawler			Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan		
Readers	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Ritz Bruzzese	Jane Fonua	Mark Sing Flora Spiteri	Family Mass	Toni Walsh
Ministers of Communion	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Kim McGrath	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh
Music	CDs	Parish Choir Bianca Zatz	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Choir
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Robert Marshall	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Marika Jones	Stephen Crowley		
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Maria Condomitti	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell					Jacqui Good Mary Arcus
Morning Tea		Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Filipino Group			Storey Family
Children's Lit		Claire Shefford				Rena Curll



Empowering women in Nepal and caring for our planet. Environmentally-friendly shopping bags made from RPET, a polyester from recycled plastic bottles @ \$15ea will be sold in Manly before and after Masses next weekend 9th/10th

Nov by parishioner, Martine Valentine, on behalf of Sarangi Social Enterprise.

Sarangi empowers marginalised women in Nepal by offering dignified work and training. 100% of Sarangi's profits go towards creating more training and employment opportunities.

Martine, is raising her airfare to volunteer with Sarangi, as a consultant artist, for two murals in January 2020. One mural will be at Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, a Christian organisation, with an Australian medical connection. It serves Nepalis affected by leprosy, as well as other ill, needy, marginalised, disabled and poor people www.nepalleprosy.com. The other mural will be at the Australian Embassy in Kathmandu.

Sandra Fiedeldy, an Australian woman, established Sarangi alongside local people in 2014. These bags are sewn by refugees and formerly trafficked woman in Nepal. Each bag removes approx 5 plastic bottles from the environment. The designs are original and support indigenous peoples from Nepal & Australia. For further information about Sarangi's projects see their website: sarangi.com.np

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR C

First Reading

Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps* 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures R.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. R.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all hid deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. R.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be

glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





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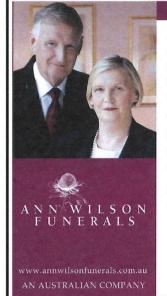
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