



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater

Diocese of Broken Bay

MEET THE *Bishop*



**Saturday 23rd
November**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO MEET
BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO**

who will be celebrating the 6pm Vigil
Mass at Mary Immaculate Church
Manly on Saturday 23rd November.
Supper will follow afterwards.

RSVP for supper by Wed 20/11/19 to the Parish Office 9977 5822 or
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th November 2019



This Sunday's readings focus on God being at our side at all times. Through our belief in the resurrection, we are his children. Our God is the God of

the living. In the **First Reading** it is this belief in the resurrection that gives strength to a mother and her seven children to endure martyrdom, rather than prove unfaithful to the Law. The **Psalm** is a prayer of trust in God who answers the petitioner's cry. Paul prays for the young church in Thessalonica that they may remain strong and faithful to Christ Jesus in the sure hope of his coming again. The Lord is always faithful, so they can be confident and turn their hearts towards the love of God. (**Second Reading**). In the **Gospel**, Jesus answers a treacherous query from the Sadducees. They try to ridicule his belief in the resurrection, but he explains that they have not understood at all the transformation which will take place at the time of resurrection. He does this by using arguments from the Pentateuch which, being Sadducees, they have to accept. Jesus is the God of the living. The Sadducees had

rejected the idea of an afterlife and the resurrection of the dead. So, they think that by posing the right question to Jesus they can show that these are foolish ideas. Jesus, in answering them, does not tell us anything about heaven as such, he simply shows that their reasoning is false because they have too narrow an idea of God. Belief in the resurrection radically changed the way people looked at life. It gave them a new hope that enabled them to live through dreadful hardships and persecutions. For the early church, faith in the resurrection of Jesus was the cornerstone of all their preaching and it was this that allowed a message of indestructible hope to reach many whose lives were filled with despair. As we place our candle at the altar for our loved ones in November, we are letting them go off into what death really is – our finding our way to the arms of God. Words of Pope Francis – "Hope is not looking at a half-full glass, which is simply optimism, which is a human attitude that depends on many things. Christian Hope is a gift of Jesus, of His very self, His very name is hope. It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. This is the eternal hope, which is the root of our joy even in the losses of our lives.

Pathways to God/ Donal Neary sj/Sean Goan 2019

Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor

Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim

Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati
Paula Martin

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Mon – Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fri: 9am – 4pm

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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 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 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 12th Nov @ 7pm
- **SJB Yr 3 Class Mass** Tues 12th Nov @ 9:15am
- **SMM Yr 3 Class Mass** Thurs 14th Nov @ 9:15am
- **Wesley Heights Nursing Home Mass**
Thurs 14th Nov @ 1:30pm

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.

November

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Mon 11/11 – St Martin of Tours	Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
Tue 12/11 – St Josaphat	Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wed 13/11 – 32nd week in Ordinary Time	Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
Thurs 14/11 – 32nd week in Ordinary Time	Wis 7:22-8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Fri 15/11 – 32nd week in Ordinary Time	Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Sat 16/11 – 32nd week in Ordinary Time	Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
Sun 17/11 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

LET US PRAY FOR

10th November 2019

Recently Deceased: Lupe Fonua

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 Squirrel; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Fiona Sweeting; Louise Allara


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

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.

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).



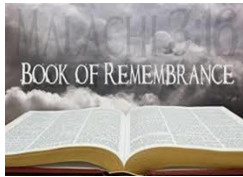
Charitable Works Fund Appeal this weekend

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.



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

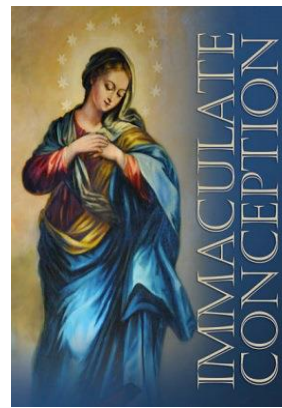
Tues 12th Nov at 7pm Parish Centre Manly

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 able to join us 9977 5822 or manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au.



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

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



8 DECEMBER

*Feast of the
Immaculate
Conception*

**YOU'RE INVITED
TO OUR**

***Parish Feast Day and Thank You
Celebration***

10.30am Mass at Manly followed by Lunch under the Big Tree in the School yard.

RSVP by 4 December to 9977 5822
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



**CHRISTMAS DAY
LUNCH**

7 weeks till Christmas

Each year the Parish hosts a Luncheon on Christmas Day for those in our community who will be spending Christmas alone. We thank those in our Parish who volunteer on the day and those who donate to the luncheon which ensures that our guest enjoy a festive Celebration. Last year around 200 people attended.

This year again we are asking for your assistance. If you are able to assist with any of the following please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

- Easy carve Ham
- Plum Puddings and Christmas cakes
- Fresh Fruit
- Chocolates and sweets
- Gifts



We are seeking some helpers to act as an assistance co-ordinator for the setup, the early morning and clean up. If you would like to know what's involved please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



**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 PP



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 this 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

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.

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

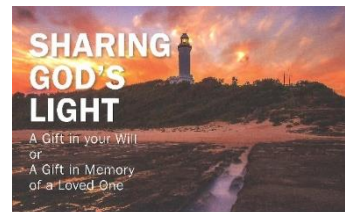
Christmas Blessing Letterbox Drop



This Christmas we are calling for volunteers to deliver a Christmas Blessing Card to every home in the parish, wishing all a Joyful Christmas and letting them know about our Christmas services.

By reaching out to our community in this way, we hope to welcome and invite others to join us at our Christmas Celebrations.

We are also seeking a volunteer co-ordinator to help with organizing the distribution of the Cards. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822 for further information.



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.

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



Pope Francis @ Pontifex

We face this choice many times in our lives do I accept the Lord's invitation or close myself off in my interests, in my smallness? Let us ask the Lord for the grace always to accept the invitation to His feast, which is free.

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.

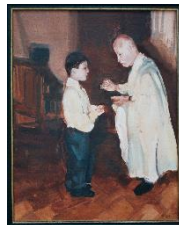
Cards from original art are available at the Piety Store.



St Joseph Lilies: St Joseph Lilies symbolise the purity and honesty of St Joseph. He trusted God and was entrusted with the holy honour of taking care of Mary and Jesus. The lights and darks in the painting represent the hard work and many sacrifices made for others by those who love God and who try to serve Him. The

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

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Eternal God,

In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our drought-stricken land,
on our starving animals,
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain
and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned, and
through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.

St John the Baptist School News...

Over the last two weeks Year Six and Year Five have shared in their Class Masses at St John the Baptist. Well done to all of the students who participated in the Mass by volunteering to read, present the Offertory Procession and by joining in with our hymns and responses. Fr David visited Year Six last week also, sharing and discussing their learning in their final weeks of school at St John the Baptist.



Our Mission Team has had an exciting start to the term as they travelled to Waitara joining the Mission Leaders from the Broken Bay Diocese to celebrate in the 2019 Mission Mass.

The Mission Team were also fortunate enough to meet our new Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Bishop Anthony spoke to the children regarding their role as leaders of God's Mission, thanking them greatly for their school's wonderful contributions and also asking that they continue to contribute to Jesus' Mission through advocacy, leadership and prayer.

Year Four took part in a fantastic Mission based initiative this week. Their excursion involved travelling to Bondi to cook meals for those less fortunate through the Cook 4 Good Program. Students were involved in making meals and were able to hand deliver the meals made to those who would be benefitting from them.



Continuing with their focus the Year Four students would like to invite people to visit them in Freshwater Village on Saturday 16th from 8.30am – 12.30 at their Cake Stall. Money

raised from the stall will be donated to the Cook for Good program, helping to supply meals to those less fortunate. What a great example of Jesus' Mission Year Four!

Naomi Kennett REC

St Mary's School News...

Catholic Mission Month Dorothy Makasa, Mission Education Officer from Catholic Mission, presented to the Year 3-6 students last week as part of Catholic Mission Month.

Dorothy led the Year 3 and 4 students through an activity called 'Know Me, which is an interactive and multi-modal story telling workshop. During this workshop several objects were concealed in a bag. Each object represented an issue that significantly affects the lives of children in the Majority World. The students then role-played an action based on that object. Dorothy then shared a story, supported by images, of a Catholic Mission project that meets the needs of children regarding the issue.

During the Year 5/6 workshop, Dorothy took the students through an activity called 'The haves and the have nots,' which is an interactive simulation that explores relevant global issues. The students were randomly designated as a Have or a Have Not at the start of the workshop. Dorothy gave some background information about global inequality and the students personally experienced inequality and its consequences through several scenarios in a simulation game. This activity helped the students gain an appreciation of how many children in our world go without basic needs such as clean water, food, education and housing, while other children have all these things and more. The students found both workshops very engaging and they helped them appreciate the relevance and importance of the work of Catholic Mission. *Monique Johnston REC*

Manly and Freshwater Roster 16th – 17th November 2019

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	Lou Maruca	Joanne Druery
Servers			Iona & Teresa Hearn	Ivana Covic		
Readers	Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas	Vuna Tuifua Katalina Taefotu	Paul Novak Dean Gale	Amanda Whitfield	Pam Brown
Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	Judy O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Jan Dorsen	Richard Heasman	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh
Music	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Avis Fontaine	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	David Hala	Mark Bateman		
Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Jan Dorsen	Anne Gaughan	Lynette & Sophie Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Merle Zemek				Marg Norrie Meg Storey	
Morning Tea		Assistance Required	Tongan Group			Raymond Family
Children's Lit		Assistance Required				Assistance Required

32nd 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 his 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

Simplicity Funerals



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