



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th November 2022

Gospel Reflection



The Sadducees, the wealthy governing class of Judaism at the time of Jesus, were very conservative in matters of religion.

Unlike the Pharisees, they dismissed the oral tradition and any doctrinal developments not specified in the Pentateuch. They put no credence in the thousands of detailed regulations and ritualistic practices that the Pharisees embraced. They rejected the notion of angels or spirits, the belief in an afterlife and the idea of a messiah.

The hypothetical case that the Sadducees concoct based on Moses' teaching on marriage and pose to Jesus in today's Gospel is designed to ridicule the so-called "Messiah's" ludicrous teaching on the resurrection. Jesus, first, dismisses their attempt to understand the reign of God in human, worldly terms: the life of God transcends our understanding of human relationships and values. And second, citing the Sadducees' own cherished Mosaic writings, Jesus reminds them that God spoke to Moses of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the present tense, as still being alive before him and not as long-dead memories. God is not the God of the dead but the God of the living; Christ comes with the promise of always living in God and with God.

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November: Children Who Suffer We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be

guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



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.



Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am
Mass [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)

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.

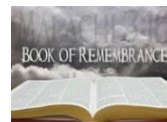
LET US PRAY FOR

6th November 2022

Recently Deceased: Matteo Arena

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; George Fell; Marie Downs

Only the names of recently deceased will be published in the bulletin during November.



During the month of November we prayer for our deceased family and friends. To add the names of your loved ones to our **Parish Book of Remembrance** which will be on display in the Churches during November please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Dates to remember...

- **SJB Yr 3 & 4 Class Mass** Tues 8 Nov 9:15am
- **CCD Compulsory Training** Wed 9 Nov 10am
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tuesday 9:45am
- **RCIA** Tuesday 7pm Parish Centre
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesday 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Bible Study** (zoom) Tues 8 Nov 7pm
- **Rosary** (zoom) Thurs 10 Nov @ 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month: "Father Stu" Mark Wahlburg, Mel Gibson, Jackie Weaver (2022). It will make you laugh and cry. Based on a true story. Rated M. \$15

CD of the month: "Purgatory – our forgotten family" Dr Mark Miravalle. Not only is purgatory true and deeply rooted in sacred scripture and tradition. The practice of offering sacrifices and prayers for our deceased loved ones is our responsibility. \$5.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA

Freshwater: after the 9am Mass.



FR PAUL KIM VISITING MANLY

Fr Paul Kim will be in the Diocese for a week to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the Korean Chaplaincy in late November/early December.

He wishes to celebrate Mass for the parishioners on Friday 2nd December at 12 noon at St Mary's Church, Manly followed by refreshments. Due to a prior commitment in the Church, the 9.15am Mass is unavailable.

He looks forward to seeing as many friends as possible in Manly Freshwater at this Mass.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

- 1. Planned Giving:** many parishioners support the parish through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
- 2. Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you. 
- 3. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**
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- 4. Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card. **EFTPOS Terminals** which have pre-set donation amounts or select "Other Amount" and enter your desired amount to give and then tap your card.

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 9:30am to 3:45pm

Fr John will be leading us in a joyous way to begin Advent with talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Lunch and Fellowship. We invite you to come along and join us.

Book through the Parish Office 9977 5822.



Volunteer driver needed to collect meals for people in need...

Can you spare 2 – 2.5 hours on a Thursday morning?

CatholicCare is looking for a volunteer to drive to Brookvale on Thursday mornings to collect meals for vulnerable members of the community. The volunteer will then need to deliver the boxes to CatholicCare's Artarmon Family Centre. These meals have been made and donated by One Meal. There will be 2-3 boxes full of meals, and the volunteer will need to be able to lift the boxes out of their car boot and onto the trolley at the Artarmon Family Centre.

Volunteers will need to use their own car, but petrol costs will be reimbursed.

If you can help or would like to find out more, please call Sandra on (02) 9481 2600.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – RCIA

RCIA is a process for adults to learn and live the Good News of Jesus as revealed in the Bible, in the Catholic tradition and lived out in our community. We explore the teachings, practices and history of the Catholic Church.

Our aim is for those who are unbaptised or come from another Christian background to come to a deeper understanding and relationship to God and to our Catholic community where you will be welcomed, finding God's love and mercy.

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the parish Centre. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.



First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Program will take place in Term 1 of 2023

Registration for our Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Programs are now open. The Children in Year 4 in 2023, who have made their Confirmation will be preparing for their Sacraments at home with their Parents using the Diocesan Program.

Our Parents workshop will be held on:

- Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm at Manly or
- Tuesday 29th November at 7pm Freshwater

Registration kits can be found at the back of the Church, at the Parish Office or via the Parish Website. Registration right click open hyperlink

Registration will close on Tuesday 29th November 2022. Please note late registrations will not be accepted.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church
Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary – Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater on 1st Friday each month at 9:15am Mass
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading *2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14*

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15 (JB)*

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. R.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. R.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. R.

Second Reading *2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5*

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

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Revelation 1:5, 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 20:27-38 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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
Baptisms: please contact the parish office
Manly: 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater: 2nd Sunday of month
Reconciliation: **Manly** Sat 10am – 11am
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