



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th November 2020

Dear Friends,

As Christmas draws closer we are giving serious consideration how we can best celebrate this great feast of the birth of the Messiah. If the current Covid restrictions for Mass attendance are still in place we will have extra Christmas Masses at both Manly and Freshwater. Regular parishioners will be given an opportunity to book in to the Mass of their choice early in December.

On our Parish Feast Day of Mary Immaculate, Tuesday 8th December 2020 our Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be saying Mass with us at 6pm. We will also be remembering the 150th Anniversary of the first Mass celebrated in the first Catholic Church on this site dedicated to St Mary on 8th December 1869 We invite you to come along to join us on this import parish anniversary. *Fr David Taylor*

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25: 1-13



These last Sundays of the year focus on the Parousia, the Lord's return at the end of time. The parable of the bridesmaids, found only in Matthew's Gospel, is taken from Jesus' fifth and final discourse in Matthew, the great eschatological discourse (Our Lord's prophecy- concerning the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD and the end of the. world).

According to the Palestinian custom, the bridegroom would go to the bride's house on their wedding day to finalize the marital agreement with his father-in-law. When the bridegroom would return to his own home with his bride, the bridesmaids would meet them as they approached, signalling the beginning of the wedding feast. *Continued page 4*



This weekend Fr Paul will celebrate his final weekend Masses at Freshwater and this will be an opportunity for Freshwater Parishioners to say goodbye. Next weekend 14/15 November Fr Paul will celebrate the Masses at Manly apart from the 6pm Sunday Evening. We are unable to hold a farewell function due to the Covid restrictions

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Account # 13958001

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November – Artificial Intelligence – we pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Facebook – [manlyfreshwaterparish](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish) Sunday 8:30am Mass

We're COVID SAFE

Recently Deceased:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Vanessa Squirrel; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Kathleen Hudson; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Jacqui Dawson; Ken Waller

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

November 2020

Year A

Mon 9/11 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12; Jn 2:13-22
Tue 10/11 – St Leo the Great	Titus 2:1-8,11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wed 11/11 – St Martin of Tours	Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thurs 12/11 – St Josaphat	Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Fri 13/11 – 32nd week in Ord Time	2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Sat 14/11 – 32nd week in Ord Time	3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
Sun 15/11 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



Home Delivery – If you know someone who would like a bulletin delivered please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook:

facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website:

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Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing



St Vincent de Paul Notice during COVID-19

For assistance with food, clothing or other emergencies please call St Vincent de Paul Northern Beaches Regional Office 9905 0424. If you wish to donate clothing it will be accepted at the SVPD Shop Brookvale, Roger Street, between 10am – 3pm.



If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the 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



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

As we draw near to the end of the liturgical year, the readings are concerned with the end of time when Christ Jesus will return again, and God’s kingdom will reign. We are reminded to stay awake, to be ready to notice when and where God is present among us now.

The **First Reading** describes the beauty of Wisdom who seeks to comfort, strengthen and console those who look for her help in troubles and anxiety.

When God may seem distant, we cry out to the Lord with the **Psalms**. We recall with praise the glory and strength that has helped us and rejoice in the shelter of his loving presence.

The **Second Reading** tells us we can be quite sure that those who have died are risen with Jesus, so that we can be comforted by this hope, for them and for ourselves. At the end, we will all be with the Lord forever.

The Lord Jesus will come again but we must be patient, keeping the flame of our love and faith alive in our hearts. We may tire of waiting for him but must be ready to wake up quickly to answer his call. We do not know the day or hour of his coming (**Gospel**).

This week we pray to stay awake, ready to notice the presence of the Lord. In keeping close to him, we may lead others to a sense of the hope and faith we have, both in joy and when our lives are difficult.



Covid-19 Requirements

To assist us with maintaining our attendance registers you now have the option of scanning the QR code with your Phone to register your details to enter the Church at Manly. At the Church please hold your phone over the code with your camera and internet on and follow the link to complete your details.



Sign in sheets will still be available at both Churches. **YOU DO NOT need to register** to attend Mass each week. **The limit is 150 people attending Mass at Manly and 74 people attending Mass at Freshwater.**

Please observe the following Guidelines

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DISTANCING



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HANDS ON ARRIVAL &
DEPARTURE



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TOGETHER)



USE OF FACE MASKS IS NOW
RECOMMENDED BY THE NSW
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PRIVATE PRAYER Churches will be open for private prayer. Parishioners and visitors are asked to 'sign in' each time they visit on the sheet provided or advise the Parish Office. Please follow social distancing rules, and use hands sanitiser on arrival and departure.

Singing at Mass We will continue to have music with a cantor/s at Masses at the weekend but due to the latest recommendations from the NSW Government we ask that the Congregation refrain from singing.



**Leap into Learning
Playgroup** Mondays
9am -10am in the Hall.



We will remember our loved ones who have died in our **Book of Remembrance** which is 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 thru the Parish Office or emailing manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

On Friday we celebrated First Holy Communion with 24 young people from St John's Freshwater. This will be the first of five ceremonies celebrated in the coming weeks. Due to Covid Restrictions all Masses will be held at Manly

Children from St Mary's will be making their First Holy Communion this week. The children from the schools will continue their program and will make their First Communion in the following week. Please remember the children in your prayers.

YOUTH MATTERS



- Friday 13th November – Praisefest in Parish Centre
- Saturday 14th November – Youth Mass at 6 pm Vigil, Fr Paul's Farewell



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support the Parish financially.

To help you to make your offering you can use one of the following options:



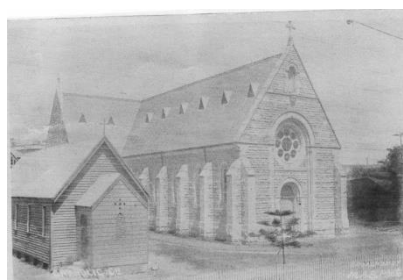
1. Use the **tap and go machines** at the Church entrance **Now at Freshwater and Manly**
2. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (1st collection and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
3. Continue to use direct debit with your **credit cards**

To make a **credit card donation** via the internet please right click below to open hyperlink
<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/manlyfreshwater>



We welcome the families who will be having their babies baptised this weekend at Freshwater. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Thomas Crotty, Sofia Johansson, Charlie Thompson and Lennox Thompson.



Save the Date – Bishop Anthony will be joining us to celebrate our 150th Anniversary of the opening of our first Church (wooden) on the feast day of Mary Immaculate Tuesday 8th December 6pm.

PIETY STORE will be open after the 8:30am Mass this weekend.

Movie of the month – A Hidden Life. A visually stunning and moving film based on a true story. Franz Jaegarstaetter refuses to fight for the Nazis. His faith and love of his family keep his spirit alive, \$15 @ the parish office.



Does Purgatory exist? Raymond De Souza
An exploration into the logical, biblical, historical and archaeological foundations for purgatory. What are the afterlife options? Where do we want to spend eternity? \$5 @ the parish office



We have received a new supply of **Santa Theresa Crosses** which can be purchased from the Parish Office Small crosses \$30 and larger crosses \$50.00

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Cards are available from the Parish Office \$6



EUCCHARISTIC & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



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.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

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The image of the approaching wedding feast is used by Jesus to symbolize his coming at the end of time. Jesus' return will take many by complete surprise. The love we have for others as evidenced in works of kindness and compassion is the "oil" we store in our lamps waiting for Christ's return.

Jesus' parable of the foolish bridesmaids is often played out in our lives when we realize too late that our "lanterns" are empty of the "oil" of responsibility, gratitude, generosity, justice. Our inability to place the common good before our own, our failure to see how our actions affect others, our refusal to accept responsibility for one another extinguishes the light of hope that we thought would never go out.

Too often we fall into the mindset of the five "foolish" bridesmaids of today's Gospel: We carry on convinced that there will always be enough time "later" to make our lives what we want them to be and that there is an unlimited amount of "oil" in our lamps to make it all happen.

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CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THOSE SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE

We are happy to advise that we have been given permission by the NSW Government to host our annual Christmas Day Lunch this year. Due to the regulations our Christmas Day will look different with only 76 guests being able to be seated for lunch in the hall. We will also have Picnic Packs available for collection throughout the day to enjoy at the beach or at home.

If you would like to donate goods for the Picnic Pack we will be including some of the following as well as the take away meal...

- Bottle or can of soft drink
- Box of chocolates
- Beach towel
- Sun cream
- Hat
- Drink Bottle/Cup

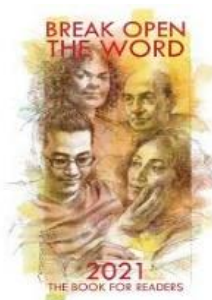
Staff changes in our Parish Schools

After several years of dedicated service as Principal at St John the Baptist Freshwater and to our parish community Judy Slattery left earlier this year taking her long service leave. Fiona Dignan was appointed Acting Principal to the end of this year. She has now been appointed Principal at Our Lady of Good Counsel School Frenchs Forest in 2021.

Alicia van der Merwe who is the current Assistant Principal at St Mary's School Manly has been appointed Principal at St John the Baptist School Freshwater in 2021. We welcome Catherine Gualtieri who has been appointed the new Assistant Principal at St Mary's Manly who is currently the Religious Education Coordinator at St Joseph's School Narrabeen.

Chris Browne who is the current Principal at St Paul's College Manly has been appointed Principal at Kildare Catholic College Wagga Wagga in 2021. We welcome Michael Reid who has been appointed Principal at St Paul's College Manly 2021.

We thank all of the outgoing Principals for their dedicated service to their Schools and the Parish Community and we congratulate them on their new appointments.



READERS – Break Open the Word books are now available for you to collect from the Sacristy in each Church. Please ensure your name has been marked off the list when collecting.

MANLY

	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	14th – 15th November
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow
	Music	Josh Willard
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Merle Zemek
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson
	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud Claire Carmody Laurie & Liz de Ambrosis
10:30am Mass	Servers	Ron Gravolin Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Janie Fonua Carmel Lawler
	Music	Bianca Zatz
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
6pm Mass	Server	Ivica Covic
	Readers	Ed Copeman Paul Novak
	Music	Simon & Youth
	Welcomers	Gerard McMahon Hanaut family

FRESHWATER

	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	14th – 15th November
5pm Vigil	Server	Ian Press
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield
	Welcomers	Amanda Whitfield
9am Mass	Server	Francis Raymond
	Readers	Pam Brown
	Music	Pat Brown
	Altar Society	Lyn Hillard
	Welcomers	Assistance Required

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly
Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly 2nd Mon each month at 4:30pm & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm



Charitable Works Fund appeal - 14/15 November

Next week is our CWF collection and we appreciate your support.

The November appeal highlights the spiritual need of about 21,000 Catholic students who attend State Schools across Broken Bay.

Giving to CWF supports the wonderful work of Catechists, nourishing our children and young people with solid faith education. Raising them up to be passionate young people who love Jesus Christ and His Church.

Nurturing faith in our children and young people is one of the most powerful things we can do to support our parishes. Please take time to watch the short film of Christine Jap - former student and current Catechist - who shares what SRE means to her. https://youtu.be/qs3C_P0DxVA

Support by completing the CWF envelope, scanning the QR code, or visiting www.bbcatholic.org.au/give.

The opening prayer used at Lectio Divina last week...

Lord, the meaning of our life is to seek your Word, which came to us in the person of Christ. Make me capable of welcoming what is new in the Gospel of the Beatitudes, so that I may change my life. I would know nothing about you were it not for the light of the words spoken by your Son Jesus, who came to tell us of your marvels. When I am weak, if I go to Him, the Word of God, then I become strong. When I act foolishly, the wisdom of his Gospel restores me to relish God and the kindness of his love. He guides me to the paths of life. When some deformity appears in me, I reflect on his Word and the image of my personality becomes beautiful. When solitude tries to make me dry, my spiritual marriage to him makes my life fruitful. When I discover some sadness or unhappiness in myself, the thought of Him, my only good, opens the way to joy. Therese of the Child Jesus has a saying that sums up the desire for holiness as an intense search for God and a listening to others: «If you are nothing, remember that Jesus is all. You must therefore lose your little nothing into his infinite all and think of nothing else but this uniquely lovable all... (*Letters, 87, to Marie Guérin*).

For an excellent online Catholic library, see <http://sharingtheword.info>.

The resource is sponsored by Catholic Mission (Australia) and the Pontifical Mission Societies (Rome).

St Mary's School News...

Last Friday we held our Catholic Mission Socktober Fundraiser Challenge Day! We were fortunate to have the support of Sydney FC who were represented by Taylor, the Community Development Officer for Sydney FC. He talked to the children about teamwork and how practice and training are important in developing our skills. We raised \$1000 and counting! Thank you Mr McGuire for being such a good sport! *Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)*



St John's School News...

At St John the Baptist we pride ourselves on taking action on our learning. This week, as part of their Mission action, our Year 4 classes held their annual Year 4 Cake Stall to raise money for St Vincent de Paul. The children have taken ownership over each step within this process from completing chores at home to raising the funds for their cake stall, researching recipes, calculating the cost and pricing of items through to promoting the cake stall and it's cause within the school community. Congratulations to the children and teachers of Year 4 who raised over \$600 for St Vincent de Paul.

Kind regards Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)



Pope Francis @ Pontifex




Let us attend the school of Jesus Christ, teacher of prayer. May we learn from Him that prayer is primarily listening and encountering God, an art to be practiced with insistence, the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to Him.



Be prepared !

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Help Jesus tell the story of the girls with oil lamps. Add words and pictures to the story.



Ten girls went to a _____ and waited for the groom.

Five were foolish. They took their lamps but no extra _____.

Five were _____. They took extra oil for their lamps.

The _____ was late. The foolish girls asked for some oil, but the wise girls did not have enough to share.

While the _____ girls were buying more oil, the groom arrived. Everyone went inside and closed the doors.

The foolish girls returned. They shouted, "Open the _____!", but they were not allowed inside.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading *Wisdom 6:12-16 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 62:2-8 (JB)*

R. My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 (JB)*

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other

people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42, 44 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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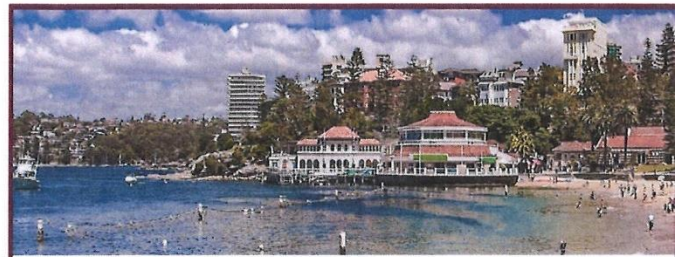
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Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath

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

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225

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