



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd January 2023



Gospel Reflection

Galilee is the centerpiece of today's readings.

In Jesus' time, Galilee was the most populated and productive region of Palestine. The great roads of the world passed through Galilee, making it a strategic target for invasion. White-sailed ships crept up the Mediterranean coast from Alexandria and caravans traveled through the region from Mesopotamia and Egypt.

Galilee, unlike the rest of Palestine, had an international perspective, in touch with many non-Jewish ideas and influences. Josephus, the Roman historian, wrote of the people of Galilee: "They were fond of innovation and, by nature, disposed to change and delighted in sedition...The Galileans were never destitute of courage ...They were ever more anxious for honor than for gain."

In a few lines, Matthew sketches a new beginning in human history: the arrest of John and the end of the First Testament; the beginning of a New Testament in the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus in Galilee and the call of the first disciples from their fishing nets along the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' beginning his public ministry in Galilee is, for Matthew, the fulfillment of an ancient oracle concerning the Messiah: that, through the darkness of Galilee's Assyrian captivity, the "great light" of their deliverance will appear (Reading 1).

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NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday
8:30am – 4:30pm
FRIDAYS THE OFFICE IS CLOSED



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January – For educators We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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.

LET US PRAY FOR

22 January 2023

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell; Lyn Moffatt; Marites Bagro; Antonietta Quattroville

Anniversary: Marty O'Donnell

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; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard

Dates to remember...

- **School Staff Mass** Fri 27 Jan @ 9:15am
- **Bible Study** (zoom) Tues 24 Jan @ 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **Rosary** (zoom) Thurs 26 Jan @ 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **St Joseph Men's Group** resumes Thurs 2 Feb @ 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **RCIA** Tuesday 7pm Parish Centre
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – CCD



This weekend at Manly we will hear from some of our current Catechists who will be asking for your help in this important ministry. Parishioners from the parish visit Manly West, Manly Village and Harbord Public Schools every week in school time. They teach the children using an approved curriculum which is authorized by Bishop Anthony. We are looking for 3 – 4 more Catechists as we have vacancies for teachers in 2023.

Please speak to Laurie Riley who will be at the back of the Church after each Mass to answer any of your questions and how you can join this wonderful group.

INVITATION!!! INVITATION!!! INVITATION!!!



We are about to commence a NEW YEAR with the Parish Pastoral Council or Leadership Team.

Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre and then the last Wednesday of each month.

We are inviting YOU to consider joining us and make your contribution to the life of this wonderful Parish. There is much to be done and yet so few to commit and help out.

Here is your opportunity. Please ask the likes of Robert Marshall, Michael McGrath, Ian Press, Val Buono, Margaret Dent, Joanne Drury, Peter Nacard, Ivica Covic and Fr's David or John of their experiences serving on the PPC. I am pleased to be Chair of this terrific group of Parishioners and you too could become part of this.

Please contact any of us to discuss joining and becoming part of our Parish Leadership Team or discuss with Jenny in our Parish office 9977 5822.

Kind regards Paul Pervan – Chair PPC

WHAT ARE THOSE ROMANS TALKING ABOUT?



Robert Marshall will be conducting a series of **LATIN classes for BEGINNERS** on Wednesdays at 10am in the Parish Centre. The classes will begin Wed. 1st February 2023 – each class will be an hour long. Naturally, spaces are limited - so please contact Robert on 0413 002 756 or robert3485@hotmail.com if you are interested.



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. Collection plates during Mass**
- 3. Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or. **EFTPOS Terminals.**
- 4. 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.
- 5. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**
 - **Church Account** Funds Parish running costs
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
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 - **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests
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OCEAN ROCKPOOL TOUR The event is a celebration of our beautiful Ocean Rockpools while raising funds and awareness for mental health charities. Catering for all levels of swimming ability, the event provides swimmers a means of challenging themselves to suit their individual preferences. This Northern Beaches Council community event is raising funds for people affected by mental health.

Part of the funds will go to Vinnies Northern Beaches to help people who have mental health issues. You can help by making a donation at

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/ocean-rockpool-tour-2023>

Thanks for your help. – Cheers Mick O'Farrell



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA, A parish run program to prepare adults for Christian Baptism and full membership in the Church. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.



Our Christian Meditation Group meet each Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. The group will follow the tradition of John Main. All are welcome to the join the group.

The 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.



POSITION VACANT

Parent Engagement Coordinators - Northern Beaches

With students at the centre of everything we do, our purpose is to inspire hearts and minds to know Christ and grow in faith. We encourage students to use their talents to be the best they can be. In order to help support this vision, we are looking for an inspiring and faith-led **Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC)**. The following locations are seeking applications for a PEC:

- St John the Apostle Catholic Primary School, Narrabeena
- St Kevin's Catholic Primary School, Dee Why
- St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Freshwater
- St Paul's Catholic College, Manly

For mor info please go to...

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/59767766>



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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS

Quiet Prayer & Adoration 6pm – 7pm
Scripture Reflection & Benediction 7pm – 7:30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Christian Meditation Group: Tues 12:30pm in the Parish Centre
- 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 Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

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

FACE MASKS – please bring a face mask with you if you wish to wear it in the Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary – Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14*

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? R.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. R.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! R.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:23 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 4:12-23 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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After Hours Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair),
Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent
(Secretary), Joanne Druery; Val Buono;
Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath;
Peter Nacard

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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