



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd January 2022



**GOSPEL REFLECTION** Luke, the author of this year’s cycle of Gospel readings, is a “second generation” Christian. Greek by birth and physician by profession, he was a traveling companion of Paul, through whom he met Mark and perhaps Peter himself. He writes his Gospel mainly for Gentiles like himself: for Luke, this Jesus fulfills not only Jewish dreams but every people's hopes for wholeness and holiness.

Luke’s Gospel reflects a scientist’s precision in locating dates, places and people; but Luke's Gospel also exhibits an interest in people rather than ideas. His account celebrates the compassion of Jesus for the outcasts and “second class

citizens” of Jewish society, including and especially women.

Luke begins his Gospel in the classic Greek historical style by personally (he is the only one of the four evangelists who ever refers to himself in the first person) assuring his readers (addressed in the singular “Theophilus,” Greek for “friend of God”) of the historical accuracy and theological authenticity of the research he has gathered to assemble this story.

According to Luke’s account, Jesus begins his teaching ministry in Galilee. Galilee – a name which comes from the Hebrew word for **circle** – was a great agricultural region encircled by non-Jewish nations and cultures, thereby earning a reputation for being the most progressive and least conservative area of Palestine. A teacher with a “new” message such as this Rabbi Jesus would be expected to receive a favorable hearing in the openness of Galilean society.

Jesus returns to his hometown, the Galilean city of Nazareth. Nazareth was a city of great importance in Israel’s history and economy, located on the major routes to Jerusalem, Alexandria and Damascus. In the Nazareth synagogue (the places where local Jewish communities outside of Jerusalem would gather for teaching and prayer), Jesus announces, using the words of the prophet Isaiah, the fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah for Israel. *connectionsmediaworks.com*

## COVID REQUIREMENTS

Please remember you MUST...

- QR code before entering the Church
- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing



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*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*

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LET US PRAY FOR

23rd January 2022

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Manoj Manuel;  
Br Norman Hart fms; Ita Cronan

**Anniversary:** John Duncan

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** Meg and Wayne Storey,

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**January**

**Year C**

Mon 24/1 – St Francis de Sales  
2 Sam 5:1-7,10; Ps 88:20-22,25-26; Mk 3:22-30  
Tue 25/1 – The Conversion of St Paul  
Acts 22:3-16; Ps 116:1-2; Mk 16:15-18  
Wed 26/1 – Australia Day  
Is 32L15-18; Ps 84:9-14; 1 Cor 12:4-11  
Thurs 27/1 – 3rd week Ord Time  
2 Sam 7:18-19,24-29; Ps 131:1-5,11-14; Mk 4:21-25  
Fri 28/1 – St Thomas Aquinas  
2 Sam 11:1-10,13-17; Ps 50:3-7,10-11; Mk 4:26-34  
Sat 29/1 – 3rd week Ord Time  
2 Sam 12:1-7,10-17; Ps 50:12-17; Mk 4:35-41  
Sun 30/1 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 1:4-5,17-19; Ps 70:1-6,15, 17; I Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

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**ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM**

**Meeting ID 872 561 5999 / Code: 2512**

**BIBLE STUDY - Tues 25 Feb '22 @ 7pm**  
**Gospel of St Mark** Fr John will continue a Bible Study via Zoom on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month at 7pm.

**MEN'S GROUP – Thurs 3 Feb '22 @ 7pm**  
Fr John will continue to lead a Men's Group via Zoom on the 1st Thursday each month at 7pm.

**You are most welcome to join either group.**

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**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**



The first CCD catechist training program of the year will begin in February for new and provisional (yellow card)

catechists. [Download flyer](#)

The postponed Annual CCD Mass & Presentation of Awards will now be held on Saturday 26 February 2022. Invitation is on back of our latest edition of Connections

[Download invitation](#)

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

## First Reading

*Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 18:8-10, 15 (JB)*

**R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! R.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:12-30 (JB)*

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

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you

hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*cf Luke 4:18 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (JB)*


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

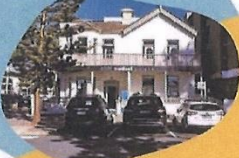
Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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

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

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