



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th January 2021

Dear Friends,

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has asked me and the parish to welcome Martino Hoang for a 12month pastoral placement. He will live with Fr John and I in the presbytery. Martino has completed 4 years of studies at The Good Shepherd Seminary Homebush and this will be the 5th year of his 7-year preparation program for Catholic Priesthood. Martino’s homeland is Vietnam. Please make him feel very welcome to his new home and keep him in your prayers.

After 2 years of preparation, work on replacing the corrosion in the Church Roof at Manly has begun. The current ceramic tiles will be reused wherever possible but the corroded steel batons and link channels will be replaced with a better product. The Church remains open for prayer, but weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Meeting Room. Weekend Mass will continue to be held in the Church. We are advised that the work will take about 2 months. *Fr David Taylor*

**This Sunday’s Gospel** The day of the Messiah has dawned; but newness demands change: a “turning away” (the original meaning of the word **repentance**) from business as usual and a complete trust in the life and love of God. Simon and Andrew’s “abandoning” of their nets and James’ and John’s “abandoning” of their father in today’s Gospel illustrate the total trust and commitment Jesus demands of those who would be his disciples.



**Gospel Reflection:** When Jesus calls us to “repent,” he’s not calling us to cease and desist; he’s not calling us out for our sins and failures. “Repentance” is a call to change, to look at our lives and our world in a new light, to become the person of hope and faith we seek to be; to repent is to look, not backward with regret, but forward with hope — not downwards at our own shortcomings, but upwards at God’s love.

Jesus began his ministry by calling simple fishermen to be his most trusted friends. Although the Twelve were hardly scholars or men wise in the ways of the world, Jesus saw beyond their gruff simplicity to call forth from them faith, sincerity and integrity. As Mark’s Gospel unfolds each Sunday this year, the first disciples will misunderstand Jesus (if not miss the point entirely), desert him and even deny and betray him.

To follow Christ means “abandoning our nets” of self-interest to embrace the needs of others; Jesus calls us to follow him along the difficult path of humility and selflessness. If we are going to realize his call to be “fishers of men,” we have to be willing to cast our nets into waters that are deep and turbulent, waters we do not know, waters that threaten the safety and security of our small boats.

The Gospel is about possibilities: Christ came to show us how it is possible to love life to the fullest, if we dare to make forgiveness, reconciliation and selfless charity the center of our lives.



**St Mary’s & St John the Baptist Schools, St Paul’s & Stella Maris Colleges**  
We welcome the students and their families to the 2021 School Year. We especially welcome our Kindy and new students as they join us at our parish and school communities. Please keep the students in your prayers.

We also welcome all the new and returning teachers and staff of the Schools. We look forward to working together as a Parish and School Community.

## AUSTRALIA DAY 26th January



This is the date of the arrival in 1788 of the first European settlers in Australia. The liturgy marks Australia’s national day with prayers seeking God’s blessing on all its peoples, old and new. The liturgy prays for harmony and respect among all Australians and commends the nation and its leaders to God’s care.



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January: Human fraternity** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



**Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparish**  
Sunday 8:30am Mass

We’re COVID SAFE

*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

24th January 2021

**Recently Deceased:** Archbishop Philip Wilson (formally Adelaide)

**Anniversary:**

**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; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Kathleen Hudson; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Jacqui Dawson; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Savannah Baker

**January 2021**

**Year B**

Mon 25/1 – The Conversion of St Paul	Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18
Tue 26/1 – Australia Day	Is 32:15-18; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Mt 5:2-12
Wed 27/1 – 3rd week in Ord Time	Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
Thurs 28/1 – St Thomas Aquinas	Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
Fri 29/1 – 3rd week in Ord Time	Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
Sat 30/1 – 3rd week in Ord Time	Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Mk 4:35-41
Sun 31/1 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

**Parish website:** bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

**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



If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the Church.



### ASSISTANCE REQUIRED -

More Welcomers needed for Weekend Masses – if you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office.



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.



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**
4. **Parish Bank Account – 2nd collection** funds the running of the Parish

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

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Please include name or envelope number as reference



**Parish Bank Account – 1st collection** Support of our Priests

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

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We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2021

### What is a Catechist?

A Catechist is someone who is from our Parish Community who volunteers

- To teach and share their faith with the Children in our local government schools.
- Has a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.

### What is involved?

To be a Catechist you need to be able to:

- Give around 1 hour each week to share your faith in a local government school.
- Do a little bit of preparation at home, using the lesson resources and work books provided for students and the catechist.
- Participate in online training and support offered from time to time.

### Who can be a Catechist?

- Catechists come in all shapes, ages and from all walks of life, reflecting the rich tapestry of our Church.
- Many Catechists start as a classroom helper and from there are eager to take on a class themselves.

If you put your hand up to be involved you will be really well supported with online training and resources.

**Currently we have classes at all our schools that do not have a Teacher or Helper so please consider joining our wonderful team of Catechists and Helpers.**

*If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact*

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY

**HOLY HOUR** Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



**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.



**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.

### PIETY STORE MANLY OPEN THIS WEEKEND

**Movie of the month – Ride like a girl** A feel-good family movie, the true story of Michelle Payne the youngest of 10 children raised in a catholic family and her epic journey to win the Melbourne Cup. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month – Lectio Prayer – Dr Tim Gray-** Hearing God's voice through sacred scripture. Lectio divina is a proven means to encounter God in daily life. Interested to learn more? Only \$5 @ the piety store.

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

### First Reading *Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Jonah

*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-9 (JB)*

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

### Second Reading *1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (JB)*

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

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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

### Gospel Acclamation *Mark 1:15 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

### Gospel *Mark 1:14-20 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



### 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.

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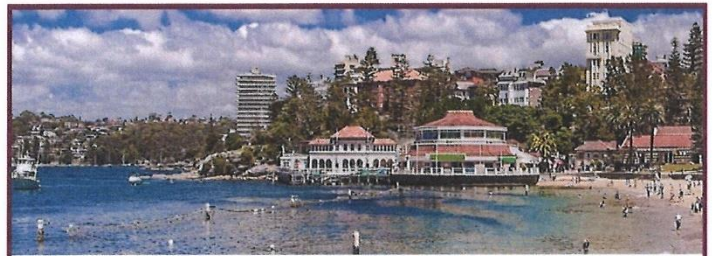
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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

**After Hours Urgent Sick Calls:** 0499 910 010

**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

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