



Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27/1/2019



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Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,

Freshwater NSW 2096

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

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Manly: Monday 9:15am

Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Baptisms: by appointment only

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

In the first reading, Ezra, a prophet of God, brought good news to the chosen people of God. He brought the word of God to them through the Sacred Scriptures, encouraging and animating them in their lives as individuals, families, and as a people. Their life with God, in the covenant, should wipe away their tears and give them joy. God was with them!

In the Gospel, Jesus has returned to His home town of Nazareth, and joined the faithful in the synagogue. He read from the Prophet Isaiah, but this time with a difference adding – “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing”, here He was among them, reading these inspired words that describe what the coming of the Messiah would be like, what to expect and wait for. His life and ministry fulfilled this prophecy. This is Jesus' first homily. In it he tells us exactly what his mission is; he came to bring "good news" to those who suffer, to free captives, to cure the blind. He came because we needed him to come.

Daily we are blinded by the allure of temptation that trips us up again, that makes us think we're on the right path in life as long as enough people (or the right people) accept us, that makes us think we will be happy if we have enough money or success or pleasure or comfort. We aren't experiencing life as God wants us to. We know that we should be better, stronger, more patient, wiser, happier. We need a Saviour. Jesus came to be our Saviour. This was his original job description, and it hasn't changed. He shares the 'spirit' of God, as God-made-human. His power and authority are unique to Him, far more so than the prophets. His 'good news' enlightened the people to the fullness of the Gospel, revealing more fully the Father, and the call to faithful discipleship.

His 'good news' indeed proclaimed the 'favour' of God, uniting all to the truth of God's revelation of love. As our Saviour, Jesus frees us from darkness and doubt. He sets us free from fear. We today are, gathered as God's Chosen People in his Church, still listening to the inspired Word of God. We are part of that same story of salvation. This is our amazing identity in Jesus Christ. *EPRIEST/CELEBRATING*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:

Evangelization – Young People That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community.

The 1st Collection is for the financial support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

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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St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225
Principal: Paul McGuire

St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699
Principal: Judy Slattery

St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111
Principal: Chris Browne

Stella Maris College 9977 5144
Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

Parish Pastoral Council: Vuna Tuifua (Chair);
Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Michael Larkin;
Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Silvia Zambrano; Freya Zemek

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **School Staff Mass** Tues 29th Jan @ 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tue 29th Jan @ 7pm
- **PPC Meeting** Wed 30th Jan @ 7pm
- **School Returns** SJB Thurs 31/1 & SMM Fri 1/2
- **Meditation Group** Mondays @ 6pm
- **Book Club Group** Tuesdays @ 10am
- **Craft Group** Tuesdays @ 10am
- **Lectio Divina** Wednesdays @ 10am

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass each weekend,



MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.

January/February

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Mon 28/1 – St Thomas Aquinas	Heb 9:15,24-28; Mk 3:22-30
Tue 29/1 – 3rd week in Ordinary Time	Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wed 30/1 – 3rd week in Ordinary Time	Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
Thurs 31/1 – St John Bosco	Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
Fri 1/2 – 3rd week in Ordinary Time	Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
Sat 2/2 – The Presentation of the Lord	Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40
Sun 3/2 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

LET US PRAY FOR

27th January 2019

Recently Deceased: John Saunders, Sr Josephine Smith; Domenico Panetta; Peter O'Neill; Monsignor Alan Hart; John McNally

Anniversary: Eunice McEvoy; Angelo Russo; Phil Dryden; Jack Hunt

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Kay Flenady; Paul Miller; Majella McLoughlin; Anita Lo Casio; Stephen Taylor; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Cate Flint

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. 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.

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



There is NO parking in the fenced in area next to the Church from 10:30am – 3:30pm weekdays. The Churchyard parking along Raglan St is only for visitors to the Parish Centre or the Church. Please be aware that the Churchyard is also used by the School and the safety of the students is our priority.

PLEASE NOTE PARKING IS ONLY PERMITTED IN THE MARKED BAYS – NO STACK PARKING!!!!



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.



Please TURN OFF your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



Parish website:
bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater
Parish facebook:
[facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

Changes to 9.15am Weekday Masses next week

MANLY

Mass will be held Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
will be held on Wednesday

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WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We have a wonderful PPC here at Manly Freshwater who works closely with our Priests and the parish community. As we commence a new year we would like to invite you to consider coming on board.

Our first meeting for 2019 will be held on **Wednesday 30 January** at 7pm in the parish centre. **Your contribution would be very welcome**



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2019

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 some 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 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)



Pope Francis

What will remain on the threshold of eternity is not how much we earned, but how much we gave away.



Journeying with Our Lady through Mexico to WYD19 in Panama

Fr Paul Kim and Ivica Covic doing a jump shot at the Ancient Pyramids of the Sun and Moon at Teotihuacan Mexico.



Currently there is need for additional Eucharistic Ministers and Readers at Masses at both Manly and Freshwater.

If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Eucharist or Reader or have once served and would like to come back on the roster, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

LECTORS Readers Training Session

– Fr David will hold a training session next Sunday 3rd February at Manly from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a Reader please come along.

Sacramental Program Dates for 2019

Parents Information evening for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion



- Manly on Tuesday 26th February at 7pm
- Freshwater on Wednesday 27th February at 7pm

Reconciliation

- Manly on Tuesday 2nd April at 6pm
- Freshwater on Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm
- Classes commence on the weekend of the 9/10 March 2019 and run for 4 weeks

First Holy Communion Sunday 2nd June 2019

- Manly at 10.30am Mass
- Freshwater at 9am Mass
- Classes Commence on the weekend of the 4/5 May 2019 and run for 4 weeks

Playgroup Helper Required the Parish Playgroup

which is held on Monday mornings at Manly will be recommencing in a few weeks and we are seeking the assistance of someone who will co-ordinate the group together with parents from the Parish and the School. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.





Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



The St Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin next to the Church has been taken away because of the large amount of rubbish that was being dumped in and around the bin.

This rubbish has to be taken to the tip at considerable expense to SVDP. There will be SVDP clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

Kind regards Fr David Taylor and SVDP Manly



Craft Group returns this week. The 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. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.

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Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina is a traditional way of praying the Scriptures so that the Word of God may penetrate our hearts. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am. All Welcome.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Enquiries: Hazel Cottey 0402 052 088

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



Manly Piety Store

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET ORGANISED.

We have a great selection of Calendars – Divine Mercy,

Columban & Church Art Calendars all with Saints Feast Days & liturgical dates.

We also have a wonderful selection of key rings from around the world Fatima and Rome

Come in and take a look at our new selection of Sacramental Gifts,

CD of the month -How to get the most out of Mass by Dr Scott Hahn. Do you know where the sign of the cross originated from? Be inspired and informed for only \$5, limited stock available.

Fitness Session at Manly

Saturday Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am

Strength, Tone and Balance Training for over 50's both female and male. The class leader Paul Pervan is a fully qualified Cert 4 Fitness Professional. Specialist in training Older Adults, fully insured with First Aid Certificate. Come along and Try!

Church Renovations



If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following details...

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958001 **BSB #** 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark. The donation is set at \$10.00 and \$20.00.

We thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish



St Mary's & St John the Baptist Primary Schools, St Paul's & Stella Maris Colleges

We welcome the students and their families to the 2019 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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP

Compeer is a special work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Compeer's mission is to improve the quality of life and self-esteem of adults experiencing mental health challenges through one-to-one friendship with a caring volunteer.

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ROSTER – February 2019

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries,
please contact the parish office 9977 5822

MANLY

Mass Times	Ministry	Week 1 2nd – 3rd February	Week 2 9th – 10th February	Week 3 16th – 17th February	Week 4 23rd – 24th February
		4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6pm	Acolyte/ Snr Server	Ron Gravolin Freya Zemek	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Freya Zemek
	Junior Server		Bernie Lawler		
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese John Stapleton	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese	John Stapleton Bill Tango
	Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni
	Music	Simon Hyland	CD's	Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Avis Fontaine
	Warden	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek
	Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis
8:30am	Acolyte/ Snr Server	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham
	Junior Server				
	Readers	Patty Thomas Simon Cahill	Paul Walsh Grahame Sproats	Patty Thomas Paul Walsh	Jan Van Den Broek Assistance Required
	Ministers of Communion	Robina Dwyer Laurie de Ambrosis Mary Prager	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Judith O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Madeleine Le Surf Trish McGregor Robina Dwyer Tiere Morgan
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Rory Lynsky
	Warden	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina
	Piety Shop	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
	Morning Tea	Assistance Required	Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Lynn Parkes	Lynn Parkes
	Children's Liturgy	Gabriella	TBC	Fiona S	Fiona C

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10:30am Mass	Acolyte/ Snr Server	Lynn Parkes Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin
	Junior Server	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Marie Downs Marleen Bowring	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Ministers of Communion	Anne Keating <i>Assistance Required</i>	Kim McGrath <i>Assistance Required</i>	Jan Dorsen Marie Downs	Anne Keating Liana Hearn Shaun Hearn
	Music	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall
	AV Screens	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall
	Warden	David Hala	Marika Jones	David Hala	Peter Bartolotta
	Piety Shop	Maria Condomitti	Maria Condomitti	Anne Gaughan	Anne Gaughan
	Morning Tea	Tina & Sokee	Filipino Group	TBC	
	Children's Liturgy				
6pm Mass	Acolyte/ Snr Server	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic
	Junior Server	Ivana Covic	Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan	Ivana Covic	Ivana Covic
	Readers	Kristy Campbell Sandie Cornish	Mark Sing Flora Spiteri	Sandie Cornish Dean Gale	Family Mass
	Ministers of Communion	Pam Rawson	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Richard Heasman Pam Rawson	Val Buono Ali Hassanein
	Music	TBC	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Family Mass
	AV Screens	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Family Mass
	Warden	Mark Wall	Stephen Crowley	Mark Bateman	Family Mass
	Piety Shop	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy

FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 2nd – 3rd February	Week 2 9th – 10th February	Week 3 16th – 17th February	Week 4 23rd – 24th February
5pm Vigil	Acolyte/Snr Server	Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery	Lou Maruca	Lou Maruca
	Readers	Assistance Required	Family Mass	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield
	Ministers of Communion	Angela Vumbaca	Amanda Whitfield	Angela Vumbaca	Amanda Whitfield
	Music	CD's	Family Mass	CD's	CD's
	AV Screens	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly
	Acolyte/Snr Server	Joanne Druery	Lou Maruca	Joanne Druery	Mick O'Farrell
9am Mass	Readers	Pam Brown John Peters	Claire Mullane Richard Feledy	Luke Campbell Pam Brown	Toni Walsh Joshua Wright
	Ministers of Communion	John Dunn	Pam Brown	Toni Walsh	Toni Walsh
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca
	Altar Society	Mary Ann Marles	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	Mari Harkness	Lyn Hillard
	Morning Tea	Feledy family	Storey family Marg Dent	Raymond Family	Markwart family
	Children's Liturgy	Jackie Feledy	Rena Curll	Assistance Required	Leanne Ippolito

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR C

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

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

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

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

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

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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