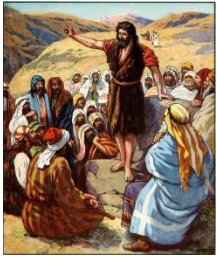




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches Third Sunday of Advent – 12th December 2021



Reflection Today's Gospel is unique to Luke's Gospel: a summary of the themes of John's preaching.

The Baptizer is approached by two groups whose professions were scorned by the Pharisees: tax collectors, who usually made handsome profits by gouging their fellow Jews, and Jewish soldiers who belonged to the Roman peacekeeping force. John requires of them not a change of professions but a change of heart and attitude, that they perform their duties with honesty and integrity. John calls for selfless concern for one's disadvantaged brothers and sisters.

John assures his Jewish listeners that he is not the Messiah; in fact, John considers himself lower than the lowest slaves (only a non-Jewish slave could be required to loosen his master's sandal strap and John does not presume to do even that).

In proclaiming the Messiah's "baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire," John employs the image of a "winnowing-fan." A winnowing-fan was a flat, wooden, shovel-like tool, used to toss grain into the air. The heavier grain fell to the ground and the chaff blew away. In the same way, John says, the Messiah will come to gather the "remnant" of Israel and destroy the Godless.

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2nd Rite Reconciliation will be held on 16 December 2021 Manly 7pm.

A special opportunity to prepare for Christmas is the Communal Right of Reconciliation. We welcome together as a Faith Community to reflect on our shared weaken and sinfulness and to seek forgiveness.



The Joy Candle Reflection: *Let us prepare for the Lord and find joy in salvation in Christ.*

The invitation to joy is characteristic of the season of Advent: the expectation of Jesus' birth that we experience is joyful. What is this joy? Directing ourselves and our life toward Jesus. Jesus is the centre of our faith; He has come as the light that gives full meaning to the life of every man and woman who comes into this world. Joy must be the characteristic of our faith. Joy is the experience of knowing that each one of us are unconditionally loved by God and that nothing can take that love away. Jesus is the centre of our life, and the centre of our joy. Let us rejoice!

Pope Francis Angelus Dec 13 2020

Priest: Father, all powerful Lord of Light, bless + our wreath of evergreens. May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and hearts to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, so that we are ready again to receive in true peace Jesus, the Light of the World, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen

Light pink candle + 2 purple candles +Hymn Refrain

Priest: The Gospel asks today "What should we do? Let us reflect on what the Lord is asking of us to do this Advent season. You came as our redeemer. Lord have mercy. You are the light of the world. Christ have mercy. You lead us to the Father. Lord have mercy.

Collect/Opening Prayer: O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

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

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

12th December 2021

Recently Deceased: Harry Dillon

Anniversary: Matthew Cambouris

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

Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunson; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Joseph Francis

December

Year C

Mon 13/12 – St Lucy Num 24:2-7,15-17; Ps 24:4-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tue 14/12 – St John of the Cross

Zeph 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 33:2-3,6-7,16,18-19,23; Mt 21:28-32

Wed 15/12 – 3rd week of Advent

Is 45:6-8,18,21-25; Ps 84:9-14; Lk 7:19-23

Thurs 16/12 – 3rd week of Advent

Is 54:1-10; Ps 20:2,4-6,11-13; Lk 7:24-30

Fri 17/12 – 3rd week of Advent

Gen 49:2,8-10; Ps 71:1-4,7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17

Sat 18/12 – 3rd week of Advent

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 71:1-2,12-13,18-19; Mt 1:18-24

Sun 19/12 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4; Ps 79:2-3,15-16,18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

PRAYING With CHILDREN Praying with Children which is designed for families with young children to use at home.

Each Sunday's liturgy includes music for gathering, the readings, reflections on the gospel, video, group activity, prayer for the week and a home activity sheet.

This pdf will be sent by email with the newsletter



Mass For You At Home on Channel 10 at 6.00 am each Sunday

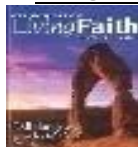


If we put the Gospel at the centre and bear witness to it with fraternal love, we will be able to look to the future with hope, whatever the tempests, great or small, we may experience today.



Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredb.org.au.



PIETY STORE IS NOW OPEN
Living Faith Books now available
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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

— St. Alphonsus Liguori

NO GROUPS ARE MEETING ONSITE

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

The following meetings have been **scheduled for the week ahead:**

- **Rosary with Fr John – Thurs at 7pm**



Rosary with Fr John will meet on 1st Thursday of each month at 6pm and on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



BIBLE STUDY

Gospel of St Mark

Fr John will continue a Bible Study via Zoom on the Tuesday 21 December 2021. You are most welcome to join.

In December the Bible Study will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



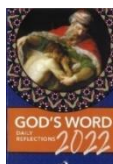
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

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

COVID REQUIREMENTS - Please remember will also need to

- QR code before entering the Church
- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing of 2sqm
- Refrain from congregational singing.
- The Parish Office will remain closed until 15th December but you can contact our parish staff on 9977 5822 or by email

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MANLY

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Manly Mass Times

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December
4pm and 6pm (*Family Masses*) 8pm and 10pm

Christmas Day – 7am, 8:30am and 10:30am

Freshwater Mass Times

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December
4pm (*Family Mass in Church*) and
5:30pm (*Family Mass Outside*) and 7pm

Christmas Day – 9am



CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

There will be one Christmas collection at all Christmas Masses using cash or your card on the tap and go machines.

We will require at least 2 wardens at each Christmas Mass to organise the cash collection.

Gloves and sanitisers will be provided.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 to confirm your availability.

WE ALSO NEED

To help us plan for the extra Masses this year we ask that you let us know if you are available to assist in one of the ministries listed below

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Servers | Readers |
| Welcomers | Piety Store Assistant |

Please advise the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Youth Group Christmas Party

Calling all Youth (Yr 7-12) to join our **Christmas party** on **December 12th from 7pm – 8.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Come for free pizza, garlic bread & snacks and make some new friends. New members always welcome.

Contact manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com for more details. Facebook: Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth
Instagram: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth



Come together and join us for CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH!

St Mary's Catholic Church

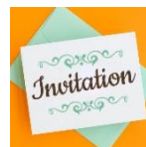
Enter from Denison Street, School Entrance
11am – 1pm

This year we will be providing a Take Away Picnic and gift. There will be some tables set up to use if you wish to enjoy your Picnic Lunch with some other guests.

It's been a tough year for many, so no matter what your circumstance, you are always welcome to come along!!

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MORNING TEA INVITATION! Fr David's 30th Anniversary Ordination Celebration.

St Johns Freshwater this Sunday following 9.00am Mass

As Fr David reaches yet another milestone, please join with us to celebrate the occasion at our 9.00am Mass and morning tea.

We will be breaking out the BBQ this time, for bacon and eggs, among a dozen other savory and sweet items. It is a great opportunity to celebrate a unique home-grown story. And show our appreciation for Fr David's life of service, which along with his great team, enriches our Parish



THANK YOU to all who contributed to our Craft Stalls on Saturday and Sunday last weekend. The proceeds from a group of talented ladies busy hands enabled us to give a sizeable donation to

Vinnies Christmas Appeal, The Woman's Refuge and the Parish Christmas Lunch

PASTORAL CARE

CHRISTMAS VISITS

Dear Friends, many of you have not been able to come back on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest visit you before Christmas, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822

If you have trouble getting through to the Parish Office, please ring the Presbytery on 99772100 and leave a message.

We look forward to seeing you and wish you a Joy fill Christmas.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Please take a card from the GIVING TREE this weekend to adopt a family and make up a hamper for them.

It means a lot to the families we all help to know that someone cares and wants to help them have a better Christmas.

Our giving envelopes are on the pews if you would like to help with a donation.

Bruce and I would like to give you all a very big thank you for all your support over the years.

We understand it has been a very challenging year for all of us so whatever assistance you can give St Vincent de Paul is very much appreciated. We would also like to wish you all a Holy and Peaceful Christmas with your families and love ones.

Mick O'Farrell Freshwater Conference
Bruce Whittet Manly Conference

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December – For Catechists Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Christmas Blessing Letterbox Drop

This Christmas we are calling for volunteers to deliver a Christmas Blessing Card to every home in the parish, wishing all a Joyful Christmas and letting them know about our Christmas services. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822 for further information.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THOSE SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE

This year we will be serving a take away picnic lunch

and will be preparing 150 Packs.

If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day or for the setup and decorating on Thursday December 23 please volunteer using the following link

<https://volunteersignup.org/H8R89> or by calling the Parish office on 9977 5822

If you would like to donate goods for the Picnic Packs we will be including some of the following:

- Cans of soft drink – coke, lemonade, fanta
- Box of chocolates
- Fresh Fruit- dropped off just before Christmas.
- Cash donations will be used to purchase the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls, Desserts and anything we are short of.

Please drop the Chocolates and Cans into the Parish Office or in the basket at the Church entrances.



We are happy to be able to resume the baptisms at both Manly and Freshwater Churches since the Covid

restrictions have eased. During November and December, we have baptized 12 babies at Manly and 7 at Freshwater with more booked for 2022.

If you would like to have a baptism please contact the parish office 9977 5822.

Last week 100 young people from the Parish made their First Reconciliation. A Big thank you to the families and our Schools for preparing the Children.

The Parish Office will reopen its doors on Wednesday 15th December.

During the week the office has experienced outages with NBN which disabled our telephone and computer systems. We apologise for the inconvenience if you were trying to contact us. We hope the system will be up and running soon.

St Mary's School News...



Congratulations Father David on your 30th year anniversary of your Ordination. The staff and students of St Mary's send their love.

Hampers:

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating to our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. We were overwhelmed with the donations! Our amazing team of Santa's Elves helped put together over 20 beautiful hampers which will be gratefully received by those in need this Christmas. Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause!



On Wednesday we celebrated the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary- our school's Feast Day. Thank you to our wonderful Mission Leaders who led us in a reverent liturgy over Zoom this morning. A huge thank you also to Mrs Adler for planning such a fun day of games and athletics for the children.

Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)

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1st collection Parish Bank Account Supports our Priests

Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
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Thank you for your ongoing support

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 26th December – Please note there will be NO Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th December at both Churches..



CHRISTMAS ROSTER ASSISTANCE STILL REQUIRED

Servers Readers
Welcomers Piety Store
Please advise the Parish Office
on 9977 5822 or email

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JANUARY ROSTER – please let us know if you are away or not available for the Roster.

Ministry Roster – Manly

	4th Sunday of Advent	18-19 December
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	CD's
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek
	Flowers	Merle Zemek
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson
	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Parish Choir
	Welcomers	Clare Carmody
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Servers	Kieran Wan Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Carmel Lawler
	Music	Bianca Zatz
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Janie Fonua
6pm Mass	Server	Ivica Covic Silvio Porcelli
	Readers	Youth
	Music	Simon Hyland
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Assistance Required

Ministry Roster – Freshwater

	4th Sunday of Advent	18-19 December
5pm Vigil	Server	Mick O'Farrell
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield
	Music	CD's
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott
9am Mass	Server	Francis Raymond
	Readers	Toni Walsh
	Music	Pat Brown
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt
	Altar Society	Mary Anne Marles

Christmas Mass Roster 2021 Manly



4pm Christmas Eve		6pm Christmas Eve		8 pm Christmas Eve		10pm Christmas Eve	
Servers	Ivica Covic	Martino Hoang		Ivica Covic Hearn Family		Louise Wareham	
Readers	Family Group	Dean Gale		Val Buono		Rita Bruzzese	
Ministers of Holy Communion	Assistance Required	Assistance Required		Assistance Required		Assistance Required	
Welcomers	Assistance Required	Marianna Gale Assistance Required		Paul Pervan Assistance Required		Paul Pervan Mary Prager	
Music AV Screens	Jim Stackpool and Family Group	Simon & Family Group		Gina & Robert		Parish Choir	
Wardens	Assistance Required	Assistance Required		Assistance Required		Assistance Required	
7.00am Christmas Day		8.30am Christmas Day		10:30 am Christmas Day			
Servers	Martino Hoang	Ken Thompson		Louise Wareham			
Readers	Assistance Required	Patty Thomas Jan van den Broke		Jean Halcrow Ron Gravolin			
Ministers of Holy Communion	Assistance Required	Assistance Required		Assistance Required			
Welcomers	Assistance Required	Anne Gaugahan Assistance Required		Assistance Required			
Music AV Screens	CD's	Gina & Robert		Bianca Zatz			
Wardens	Assistance Required	Assistance Required		Assistance Required			

Christmas Mass Roster 2021 Freshwater

4pm Christmas Eve		5.30pm Christmas Eve		7pm Christmas Eve		9am Christmas Day	
Servers	Ian Press	Amorina Wright		Joanne Druery		Francis Raymond	
Readers	Assistance Required	Josh and Jasmine Wright		Pam Brown		Toni Walsh	
Ministers of Communion	Sandra Francisco	Assistance Required		Assistance Required		Assistance Required	
Music	Bianca Zatz	Fergus and Family Group		Pat Brown and Choir		Pat Brown and Choir	
Screens	Assistance Required	N/A		Margie Gruca		Margie Gruca	
Welcomers	Assistance Required	Assistance Required		Assistance Required		Assistance Required	
Wardens	Assistance Required	Assistance Required		Assistance Required		Assistance Required	

Third Sunday of Advent – Year C

First Reading *Zephaniah 3:14-18 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Isaiah 12:2-6 (JB)*

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. R.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. R.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R.

Second Reading *Philippians 4:4-7 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater

than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 3:10-18 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke


What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'


A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

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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