



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater



RECONCILIATION

Parish Reconciliation

Communal 2nd Rite Celebration will be held
Thursday 19th December at 7pm at
St Mary's Church, Manly.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 15th December 2019



Priest: Today we reach the halfway stage of our Advent season and give thanks for John the Baptist, who bore witness to Jesus, the light of the world. As we light the third candle on the Advent wreath let us pray that we too will spread the light of Christ in the darkness of our world so that all may know Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

lights the third candle on the wreath (PINK).

Priest: 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.

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Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim
Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati
Paula Martin
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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
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Manly: Monday 9:15am
Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Mary Immaculate Church
6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church
cnr Johnson & Oliver St,
Freshwater NSW 2096

Baptisms: *by appointment only*
Manly 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:
Manly Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225
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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

December 2019

Year A

Mon 16/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Num 24:2-7,15-17; Mt 21:23-27
Tue 17/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Gen 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Wed 18/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24
Thurs 19/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Lk 1:5-25:15
Fri 20/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Sat 21/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Sun 22/12 – 4th Sunday of Advent	Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

LET US PRAY FOR

15th December 2019

Recently Deceased: Colin Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's father); Helen McKeon (Fr Jim McKeon's mother)

Anniversary: Stanko Hrestak

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Fiona Sweeting; Louise Allara

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

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



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

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **RCIA** Tues 17th Dec @ 7pm
- **SMM End of Year Mass** Wed 18th Dec @ 11:30am
- **Parish Reconciliation** Thurs 19th Dec @ 7pm
- **St Paul's Staff End of Year Mass** Fri 20th Dec @ 9:15am

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass.

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.



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.



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. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am AND Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish End Room.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088 "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading. You can view it through YouTube – search frpaulkim (one word with no space).

Prayer in time of Bush Fire and Drought

Hear our prayers, O God, for the effort to quench the fires that rage in our land; and, sustaining our spirits, keep us graciously from all harm and give success to the work of our hands.

Look upon our parched land and bestow upon it abundant rain, that pastures, fields and paddocks may by your goodness thrive once more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Pope Francis @Pontifex



Let us ask the Lord, in this time of Advent, to revive in us faith in Christ who comes to save us, to help us be always faithful to our vocation as missionary disciples.

Christmas Mass Times



MANLY

24th December

6:00pm – Children’s Mass

8:30pm - Tongan Choir
(Carols from 8pm)

11:00pm - Parish Choir (Carols from 10:30pm)

25th December - 8:30am, 10:30am and 6:00pm

FRESHWATER

24th December

5:00pm - Children’s Mass (Carols from 4:30pm)

7:00pm – Congregational Singing (Carols from 6:30pm)

25th December – 9:00am

FRESHWATER CHRISTMAS EVE SETUP -



Assistance is required at the Christmas Eve 5pm Mass at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater. We need to bring the plastic chairs down from the

hall and set them up outside the Church from 10am. Mick O’Farrell will be coordinating and the chairs will need to be returned after the Mass. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.



Welcome to our Family Mass the Children who will be commencing Kindy at St John the Baptist School in 2020.

Christmas Blessing Letterbox Drop

Thank you to those who have assisted with the distribution of the Cards



St Vincent de Paul Society

Clothing and other donations can NO LONGER be left at St Mary’s Church Manly. Please take your donations to the St Vincent de Paul Centre, 22 Roger St, Brookvale.

There will be regular clothing collections during the year at Manly and Freshwater.



FRESHWATER BEACH CAROLS LAST SUNDAY...

Close to a thousand people enjoyed the Carols last Sunday evening at Freshwater Beach Reserve.

We served 800 sausages in an hour! A great effort by our Parishioners at this hectic time of the year with 20 volunteers which was absolutely fantastic!!!

Francis Raymond coordinator



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

continues this weekend. Our giving tree is available if you would like to make up a hamper

for a needy family. There will also be envelopes on the pews if you wish to help that way.

Freshwater will have a giving basket for donations. We really appreciate all the support that you have given our conferences over the years. Please keep all the needy families in your prayers.

God bless...Bruce and Mick



YOU'RE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH 25 DECEMBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, 50 WHISTLER ST, MANLY
11.30am to 2pm

It's free and non alcoholic
So if you are spending Christmas alone please come along

Hosted by Manly Freshwater Parish
9977 5822



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



Each year the Parish hosts a Luncheon on Christmas Day for those in our community who will be spending Christmas alone.

If you are able to assist with any of the following please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

- Plum Puddings
- Fresh Fruit
- Chocolates and sweets

Christmas Day Lunch Gifts Each year at our Christmas Luncheon we give each of our guests a Christmas parcel made of an assortment of gifts.

- Socks, caps, pens, deodorants, t-shirts, hair brushes
- If you would like to make a cash donation it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to know about what’s involved please call the Parish Office on 9977

St Mary's School News...



Mission Project 2019

The Year 6 class, led by the Mission Leadership Team, have been very successful with their Mission Project activities for 2019.

The students have presented at our parish masses and collected donations from our parish community. They have made 100 keyrings, which will be gifts for those attending the lunch, 50 Christmas Trees to be used for decorations and made over 100 Christmas Cards for those attending the lunch. Our Feast Day celebrations also acted as a fundraising day to support the Christmas Day lunch.

Altogether the students will be able to present the parish with over \$2500 to go towards the cost of the food for the lunch and towards care packages for the people who attend.

A special thank you to Margaret Heraghty and Kim Smith for all their assistance with the sewing and creating of the gifts and decorations.

Please congratulate the Year 6 students when you see them on an amazing effort.
Monique Johnston REC

St John the Baptist School News...

A week of celebrations! Congratulations to our Year Six students who celebrated their Graduation on Wednesday. Their final Mass was led by Fr David and was followed by their Graduation Dinner at the Curl Curl Surf Club. The Manly Freshwater Parish and school communities would like to wish them all the best as they start their new journey next year at High School. The students will be greatly missed at St John the Baptist however we know that with each student God given talents they are all destined for great achievements in the future.

We would also like to congratulate all students who have been competing in SJB's Got Talent this year. We are fortunate to have so many students who have taken up the challenge to broadcast their talents with a variety of performances ranging from; singing, dancing, rapping, break dancing, magic tricks and playing multiple instruments. Well done to all those who have participated.
Naomi Kennett REC

Sacramental Dates for 2020 Reconciliation

Tuesday 24th March – Manly

Wednesday 25th March – Freshwater

Program commences weekend of the 1st March

First Holy Communion

Sunday 31st May

Program commences weekend of 3rd May

Confirmation Sunday 30 August



Rejoice! The word that begins the First Reading resounds in today's liturgy. Isaiah wants to show us that it is in the

wilderness – the place of loneliness and desolation, and every human need – where rejoicing is to be found. It is exactly here, in the wastelands (the home of John the Baptist), where God's promise is to be discovered.

And what is God's promise? That he will save us (**First Reading, Psalm and Second Reading**) and therefore we must not lose heart. Even though we may feel we are stuck in the wild places, God is at work here.

The **Gospel** shows salvation explained and opened out: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear and lepers are healed. Christ's actions fulfil the words of the prophet Isaiah and, today, give us hope to face the difficulties of the world and of our day-to-day lives.

Pope Francis reflects: "There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something. Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action". We might pray that Christmas will be happy for others because of us – happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, for that is one of God's biggest gifts.

On this Gaudete ('Rejoice') Sunday, let's give thanks for all that is good, and pray that we might also trust in the joyful hope of that which awaits us.

Pathways to God/ Fr Donal Neary sj.

PIETY SHOP MANLY

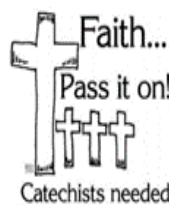
Christmas has come to the piety shop!!!
Come in and take a look at-

- This year's beautiful St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and other Christmas ideas are now available.
- For all of you who love to be organised....*Prepare for the next decade the!!!*
- The 2020 Divine Mercy & Colombian calendars
- 2020 Daily Mass Book have arrived.
- New **Rosary Beads from Fatima & Rome.**

Movie of the month "The Star" A fun, creative and imaginary animation based on how the animals in the Nativity scene played a key role in bringing about the arrival of the King of the Universe. Only \$10 @ the piety store

CD of the month "Prepare the way of the King" Dr Scott Hahn & "The true meaning of Christmas" – Fulton Sheen

Wishing to go deeper into the Christmas mystery this Advent? These CD's unpack some interesting yet glossed over details on the importance of this celebration of Universal significance.



We are currently seeking more Catechists & Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2020.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Wed 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater 1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Walk the Camino! Two Catholic Mission Pilgrimages 2020. Small group led by an experienced guide. Sr Veronica Rosier OP (0451 387 906)

www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

Nine-Day Christmas Novena Masses to be held at St Kevin's, Dee Why - 15-23 December at 7.30pm.

Relics of St Therese of Lisieux tour

For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, visit Australia in 2020 on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, saints Louis and Zelig Martin.

The relics will visit the following parishes in the Diocese of Broken Bay:

- 5 March: St Ives Parish
- 6 March: The Lakes Parish
- 7 March: Hornsby Cathedral
- 8 March: Gosford Parish
- 9 March: The Entrance Parish

Find out more about this significant event as Australia prepares for the Plenary Council by visiting: catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-thérèse-of-lisieuxv

Roster 21st – 22nd December 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am
Acolytes	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin
Servers			Bernie Lawler
Readers	John Stapleton Bill Tango	TBC	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
Ministers of Communion	John Bigeni	Madeleine Le Surf Tiere Morgan	Assistance Reg
Music	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Robert Marshall
Warden	Assistance Req	Dom Ferragina	Peter Bartolotta
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Ann Gaughan
Flowers/ Altar Society	Liz de Ambrosis		
Morning Tea		Lynn Parkes	
Children's Lit		Fiona C	
Ministry	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Ivica Covic	Lou Maruca	Francis Raymond
Servers	Ivana Covic		
Readers	Sandie Cornish	Assistance Req	Joshua & Jasmine Wright
Ministers of Communion	Assistance Req	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh
Music	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens		Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden			
Piety Shop	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society			Jacque Good Mary Arcus
Morning Tea			Brigid, Lynn, Wright family

DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

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

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The Manly Christian Meditation group will be in recess over the Christmas holidays. Our last meeting will be on Monday 16th December and will resume on Monday 20th January 2020.

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 Cottee 0402 052 088



Parish 2nd Rite Reconciliation

Thursday 19th
December @

RECONCILIATION

7:00pm in St Mary's Church,
Manly

An examination of life in preparation for
Reconciliation

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

- Do I show reverence and respect for God and the divine name?
- Do I spend adequate time in prayer?
- Do I keep Sunday holy by actively participating in Mass?
- How well do I pray at Mass?
- Do I listen attentively to the readings of the Word of God, respond to them, and take them to heart in a personal way?
- Do I receive Holy Communion reverently, with preparation and thanksgiving?
- Am I sufficiently prepared to take some responsibility in my parish community, whether in the liturgy or in other practical works?
- Do I make a reasonable contribution to my parish each week?

Love one another as I have loved you

- How well do I show my love for the members of my family as parent, spouse, son / daughter, brother / sister?
- Should I do more on my part to listen, to communicate, and to be more open to forgive?
- Do I harbour hurts longer than I should, or use silence and resentment to get my way?
- Am I guilty of anger or violence towards others, whether physically, verbally or in any other way?
- Have I hurt others by lying or criticising, by harshly judging or by holding grudges?
- Do I harbour feelings of racism or other forms of discrimination, and have I ever encouraged others to think, talk or act the same?

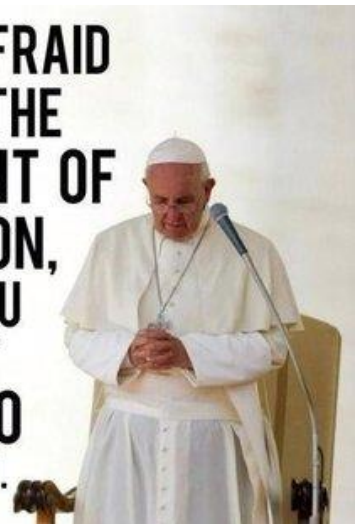
Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect

- Am I honest and truthful in my relations with others?
- Have there been times when I have shown arrogance and pride, or used my talents to be hurtful or make others uncomfortable?
- Do I respect my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, have I respected the gift of sex, or have I given way to my vices and passions?
- Am I careful to discipline my mind in what I see and read, and what I watch on TV or other media?
- Have I been faithful to God's will for me regarding the commitment of marriage and faithful relationship of love? Have there been instances of unfaithfulness?
- How well have I dealt with the sorrows, losses, disappointments and difficulties of my life?

Wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be too

- Have I stolen the property of others, or misused or damaged what does not belong to me?
- Have I been fair and just in my work, either as an employee or as an employer?
- Am I ready to share my possessions, and to give money or assistance to needy people or causes, or do I choose instead to close my heart or find excuses?
- Am I responsible in my use of food and drink, or have I over-indulged because of greed or other reasons?
- Have I taken reasonable care of my own body, looked after myself properly, and tried to maintain a healthy environment?
- Does my use of medications, drugs, cigarettes or alcohol mean possible harm to myself or potentially adverse effects on the lives of those around me?

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.**
Pope Francis





Third Sunday of Advent – Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145:6-10 (JB)*

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

Second Reading *James 5:7-10 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St James

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had

the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 *Matthew 11:2-11 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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