

Diocese of Broken Bay

# MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

## Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

Third Sunday of Advent – 16/12/2018



### Administration Office:

Monday – Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor

Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim

Presbytery: 9977 2100

50 Whistler St, Manly NSW 2095

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

### ADVENT WREATH PRAYER

*God made us for Joy. God is Joy and the joy of living reflects the original joy God felt in creating us. Pope John Paul II*

Advent is a time to open our hearts to receive God's love more fully so that we can recognize the presence of Jesus among us, here and now.

The difference between joy and happiness is simple.

Happiness is a state. We can be happy one moment and sad the next second. But joy is something we cannot change.

No matter what is happening on our life, our problems or hard situations, because we have a real reason to live and that's Jesus Christ. Joy is a gift.

#### **Lighting of the Rose Candle**

P: The One who is mightier than John the Baptist is coming to baptize us with fire and the Holy Spirit.

P: Lord Jesus, You came as our Redeemer.

**R: We rejoice in the Lord.**

P: Christ Jesus, You are the light of the world.

**R: We rejoice in the Lord**

P: Lord Jesus, You lead us to the Father.

**R: We rejoice in the Lord.**

P: Let us Pray

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, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

#### 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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**Parish Pastoral Coordinator:** Michelle Ellis  
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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; Sokee Wescott; Silvia Zambrano;  
Freya Zemek

## December

## Yr C 2018

Mon 17/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Gen 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Tue 18/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24
Wed 19/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Lk 1:5-25
Thurs 20/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Fri 21/12 – 3rd week of Advent	Song 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Sat 22/12 – 3rd week of Advent	1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Sun 23/12 – 4th Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

## LET US PRAY FOR

16th December 2018

**Recently Deceased:** Clare Hunt; James Smyth

**Anniversary:** Stanko Hrestak

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** 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; Callie Shea (baby); Cate Flint; Carmel Keys

**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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **RCIA** Tues 18th Dec @ 7pm
- **St Paul's Staff @ Mass** Wed 19th Dec @ 9:15am
- **Parish Reconciliation** Wed 19th Dec @ 7pm
- **Christmas Day Setup** Sat 22nd Dec @ 9:30am
- **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. Having a break from 23rd Dec '18 until 20th Jan '19



**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.



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.



**PARISH PLAYGROUP** Manly: Mondays 9am -10.30am in the School Undercroft area adjacent to the Church. Come along and be part of a happy, friendly and Christian group of Mums, Dads and Carers and their children aged from 2 weeks to Pre-schoolers. All Welcome



**Please note the Parish email addresses have changed. The changes are noted on Page 2 of the bulletin.**

**The Parish Office is now  
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au**



**Parish website:**  
[bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](http://bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater)

**Parish facebook:**  
[facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)



**PARISH RECONCILIATION**  
Communal 2nd Rite Celebration will be held this Wednesday 19th December at 7pm at St Mary's Church, Manly.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Manly

**24th December**

**6:00pm** – Children's Mass (come dressed as a Christmas character)

**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 (come dressed as a Christmas character)

**7:00pm** – Congregational Singing

**25th December – 9:00am**



### Christmas Day Lunch

Each year the Parish hosts a Christmas Lunch for up to 160 people who would normally be spending Christmas alone.

With only 9 days to go we still need your assistance to ensure that we can host a joyful fulfilled Christmas Day lunch for our guests this year.

We urgently require the following for the lunch and the gift that we give each guest.

### Christmas Day Lunch and Gifts.

- Single chocolate bars, socks, caps, pens, deodorants, t-shirts, hair brushes, hand creams , soaps
- Chocolates and sweets
- Soft Drinks
- Fruit
- Ham and Turkey

**If you would like to make a cash donation it would be greatly appreciated.**

Please drop food and gifts to the Parish Office by Monday next week. If you have any queries please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



### Christmas Masses - Readers, Eucharist Ministers still needed

If you are available to assist over the Christmas Masses please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822.

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Your generosity in the past has allowed people in needy and in some sad circumstances to be happy and to have for themselves, their family members most importantly for their children, a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Please give generously to the Society's Appeal.

*Mick O'Farrell (President Freshwater Conference)*

*Bruce Whittet (President Manly Conference)*

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS



During the week Christmas Cards were sent out to all parishioners who are registered on the parish data system. If you have not received a combined Christmas card from Fr's David & Paul please contact the parish office 9977 5822 so we can update your details or send out a census form for you to complete.

### 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 4pm. Mick O'Farrell will be coordinating and the chairs will need to be returned after the Mass. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU FRANCIS RAYMOND...**we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Francis for his tireless support and coordination of the Freshwater Morning Teas and the Freshwater Beach Carols BBQ

### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SJB MORNING TEA TEAM!

Thank you to all the fabulous people who attended our morning teas through the year. I would like to offer sincere thanks and gratitude to Feledy family, Storey Family and Marg Dent, Leanne and Curtis Raymond, plus the Markwart family for sharing the load with me all year.

**Also special thanks to Andy Madikian for providing us with the best calamari, fish and chips in the world. As well as Olivier Valente who treated us to Grand Marnier, Nutella, and Lemon and Sugar Crepes throughout the year as well. All of you make our morning teas special!**

An appeal to come forward and volunteer to help if you can next year. We need you!

Our goal is a few more volunteers so we only have to rostered on every second month as some of us are getting old!

If we can share the load it would be greatly appreciated. Only set up and lock up. I will take care of the food for you.

It's so easy even I can do it!

Thanks for everyone's help in keeping the hall tidy and with packing up every week. It is also greatly appreciated.

Our team is going on a well-deserved and short holiday! Our final morning tea will be Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. , returning on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**BEST EVER CAROLS!** Thanks to a great team effort from our Parishioners, we had the biggest gathering ever at the Freshwater Carols on the Beach!

This was due to the great effort from all the volunteers who letter box dropped thousands of leaflets that gave us a great start. My heartfelt gratitude and thanks to everyone who got involved with that task.

Also, a great many thanks to our helpers on the day that served at least 700 sausage sandwiches in an hour!!

We had the indomitable and tireless Tim Markwart our favourite electrician and R L Grey who kindly donated the sausages.

We had Captain Louie Muruca on the BBQs, who marshalled the lovely Aurelia and Giovanna, with invaluable support from Angelo and Russell to not once run out of sausages. On the serving table we had Leanne, Curtis, Sally, Jackie, Audrey and Michael.

With Toni Walsh marshalling the troops, keeping the bread run happening and inspiring us when we flagged.

And last but by no means least Fr Paul who came all the way from Korea to support us and take some photos!

Our Parish raised \$820 for the great cause of Indigenous Education so well done all. See you next year and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

**God Bless and Merry Christmas! Francis Raymond**

## ADVENT PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

God of this Advent time  
As we watch, wait, long and hope,  
Awaken our hearts to your presence  
Encourage us in our efforts to listen  
humbly to each other.  
Inspire in us the words to speak boldly  
with each other.  
Create within us a spirit of discernment  
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue  
our journey to the Plenary Council.  
We ask this in the name of  
Emmanuel - God-with-us.  
Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Preparation for the **Plenary Council 2020** begins with open Listening and Dialogue. It is the first step to preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council. Your experience of faith and the Church is important. Read about how you can share your story at [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**The Piety Store** has a good selection piety goods. For your convenience and ease in purchasing gifts from Manly Piety Store we now offer a pay wave facility. Come and take a look.. Christmas items now available.



**Our Prayer Intentions** In the foyer of the Church at Manly. we invite you to collect a prayer card from the basket. Write your name or the name of the person you are offering your intention for and journey to the Cross at the front of the Church where you can place your prayer intentions. These intentions will be offered at the Masses this weekend.



### Pope Francis @Pontifex

This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace.

## 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.

A friendship can help to overcome the stigma and social isolation associated with mental illness.

Being a Compeer volunteer is a simple, meaningful way of making a difference in a person's life. Compeer offers a safe, flexible volunteering opportunity that fits into your current lifestyle.

If you are friendly, accepting and looking for an enjoyable volunteer opportunity you can learn more and apply on [www.compeer.org.au](http://www.compeer.org.au) or call us directly on (02) 9564 2097.

**Wedding Invitation** - Dear Parishioners, you are invited to attend the Wedding and Nuptial Mass of Richard Lake and Laetitia Goldsmith on Thursday 27th December at 3:30pm at St Mary's Church Manly.



# 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

## St Mary's School News...

We are looking forward to celebrating with Year 6 on Monday evening at 5:30 in the church. Mrs Williams and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Kindergarten to prepare a special farewell song to their departing buddies in Year 6.

It is hard to believe we have almost reached the end of the year! On Wednesday we will gather as a community to give thanks for the wonderful year at 11:30 am in the church for our Listen and Love - Thanksgiving Mass.

Kind regards Sharon Kelly (REC)

## St John the Baptist Freshwater News

**Buddy Mass** Last Saturday our Year 5 students hosted the annual *Kindergarten 2019 and Year 5 Buddy Mass*. It was wonderful to see our Year Five leaders rise to the occasion in their first official leadership role, welcoming their 2019 buddies to the St John the Baptist Community. Thank you to the Year 5 Class Parents who did a fantastic job organising the BBQ supper after Mass. Thank you to our musicians; Josh and Carolyn Willard who ensured the Mass celebration was filled with joyful melodies.

**Year Six Street Retreat** On Tuesday our Year Six Mission Team and Civics and Citizenship Team leaders were invited to attend a Mission Street Retreat led by Ralph Kershler from St Leo's College, Wahroonga. The students carried out their Mission, Acts of Service by distributing the care packages of toiletries, towels, blankets and sweet treats generously donated by the Manly Freshwater Parish Community. The students demonstrated maturity in their service, living the St John the Baptist values of Courage, Compassion and Humility.

Kind regards, Sharna Taranto (REC)

**Parish 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December @  
7:00pm in St Mary's Church, Manly**

An examination of life in preparation for  
Reconciliation

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***Love the Lord your God with all your  
heart***

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- 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?

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***Love one another as I have loved you***

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- 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?

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***Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is  
perfect***

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- Am I honest and truthful in my relations with others?

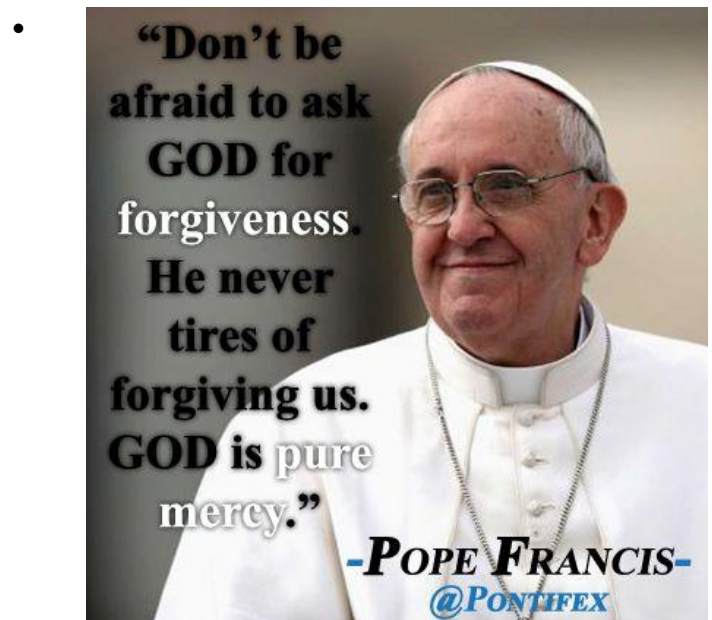
- Have there been times when I have shown arrogance and pride, or used my talents to be hurtful or make others uncomfortable?
- Do I respect my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, have I respected the gift of sex, or have I given way to my vices and passions?
- Am I careful to discipline my mind in 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?

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***Wherever your treasure is, there will your  
heart be too***

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- 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?



# Manly and Freshwater Roster 22nd – 23rd December 2018

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Freya Zemek	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravalin	Ivica Covic	Lou Maruca	Joanne Druery
<b>Servers</b>			Bernie Lawler	Ivana Covic		
<b>Readers</b>	John Stapleton Bill Tango	Marlene Bowring Jan Van Den Broek	Carmel Lawler Rita Bruzzese	Sandie Cornish	Amanda Whitfield	Toni Walsh Josh Wright
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	Trish McGregor Robina Dwyer Tiere Morgan	Anne Keating Liana Hearn Shaun Hearn	Val Buono Ali Hassanein	Amanda Whitfield	Toni Walsh
<b>Music</b>	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
<b>AV Screens</b>	Avis Fontaine	Rory Lynsky	Robert Marshall	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
<b>Warden</b>	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Peter Bartolotta	<b>Assistance Req</b>		
<b>Piety Shop</b>	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Anne Gaughan	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
<b>Flowers/ Altar Society</b>	Liz de Ambrosis				Mary Ann Marles	
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Lynn Parkes				
<b>Children's Lit</b>		Fiona C				Leanne Ippolito

## 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  
Monday to Friday from 9:45am -11:00am  
Adoration on Wed continues from 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

## ***TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH***

**What Needs to be done and how much will it cost?**

### **Manly**

#### **Stain Glass Windows**

- Supply and Installation of new brass screens  
**\$18,350.00**
- Works to window frames, hardware and glazing repairs  
**\$16,455.00**

**Stonework Repair** to the Church beginning at the eastern end of the Church where corrosion is worst **\$212,860.00**

**Grand Total = \$247,665.00**

### **Freshwater**

- External and internal painting of the Church
- Repainting of the Church roof.
- Quotes are being obtained

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 **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.

At **Freshwater** there is a unit at the front entrance.

The donation is set at \$10.00.

***We thank you for your generosity and commitment to  
our parish***

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

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

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

*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 (JB) Philippians 4:4-7

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 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 (JB) Luke 3:10-18

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.**



3rd SUNDAY OF Advent

## Simplicity Funerals



**Jenny Smith,  
Funeral Director**

340 Sydney Rd  
Balgowlah  
9907 9765

Offering Australia's leading prepaid funeral plan.  
All area  
Australian owned.

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## Wesley Taylor Village

Seaside retirement living and residential care in Narrabeen

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For further information or a guided tour please contact us on (02) 9913 7040  
[wesleymission.org.au](http://wesleymission.org.au)



Wesley Taylor Village  
156 Ocean Street  
Narrabeen



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