



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Third Sunday of Easter 23rd April 2023



Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel begins on the afternoon of that miraculous Easter Sunday. Having just completed the observance of the

Passover Sabbath, two disciples of Jesus (one identified as Cleopas) are making the seven-mile trip to the village of Emmaus. By identifying them as disciples, Luke is emphasizing that these two were more than just impartial observers of the events of Holy Week.

Luke writes that their exchange was "lively" – we can well imagine! As well as anger at the great travesty of justice that had taken place, they must have felt emotionally shattered at what had befallen their revered Rabbi Jesus. The two are suddenly joined by a stranger who asks the subject of their "lively" conversation. The stranger then explains, to their astonishment, the meaning of each of the events of the past week. When they reach the village, the two disciples ask the stranger to stay with them. And, in the words from Luke's Gospel that we have come to treasure, the two disciples "come to know (the Risen Christ) in the breaking of the bread."

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Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.

PARISH GIVING – thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory.

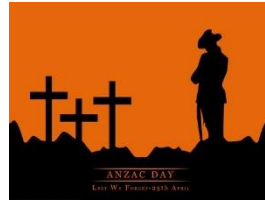
Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am
Mass [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)



EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

are on the pews. Thank you for your generous Easter offering. It is used to support our

Priests, especially those who are sick and retired clergy of our Diocese.



ANZAC DAY 25th April

Service and sacrifice are words well known to the Catholic faithful. They also speak to the solemn day of commemoration we call Anzac Day.

A day of history and tradition when we honour those who fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in WW1 and lost their lives.

With the passing of decades we have come to honour the service and sacrifice of thousands of men and women who have battled through many theatres of war, and have not returned to family and friends.

We also remember the peacekeeping missions where the same Anzac spirit has been borne-out in defence of the defenceless and the fight for freedom.

Anzac Day is an important and much-loved national day. It is not about glorifying war but acknowledging our past and paying tribute to those who fought.

We pray for all those who have died or were wounded in all conflicts, and for those who are still haunted by their memories. We pray for their families and carers. We pray in gratitude and we pray for peace everywhere.

Join Bishop Anthony Randazzo next Tuesday 25 April for our Anzac Day Mass of commemoration at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral at 10.30am when we pray that the service and sacrifice offered by so many has not been in vain and that their spirit may live on in us, and in generations to come.



WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER BBQ THIS SUNDAY AFTER 9AM MASS AT FRESHWATER

Congratulations to our "Manly Freshwater Pilgrims" Josh Wright,

Richard Heasman and Sampson Hyland who plan to attend WYD 2023 in Lisbon Portugal.

Our Parish hopes to support our Pilgrims to meet the significant financial cost of the trip. We plan to have a series of fun events at Manly and Freshwater to achieve this.

We launch our efforts with a BBQ after 9am Mass at Freshwater this Sunday 23rd April. All are welcome.

We will also run a raffle through April and May. The fantastic prize list will be announced in the coming weeks! The support from our local businesses has been fantastic!! Also keep an eye out for when we announce our Curry Night and Cake Stall!

All financial donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office.

Any donations for the raffle would also be appreciated. Please contact Francis Raymond on 0418 850 815. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

LET US PRAY FOR

23rd April 2023

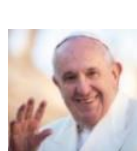
Recently Deceased: Vincenzo Dicembre

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Margaret Burrige; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zachaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady

Dates to remember...

- **ANZAC DAY** Tuesday 25th April Mass 9:15am
- **PPC Meeting** Wed 26th April at 5:30am
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. **Planned Giving:** many parishioners support the parish through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or. **EFTPOS Terminals.**
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Fr John's Jubilee Celebrations -

Thank you everyone for your prayers and participation in the Eucharistic celebration of my Silver Jubilee of my Priestly Ordination.

God Bless...Fr John



On behalf of the Parish Paul Pervan presented Fr John with a framed Papal Blessing for his Silver Jubilee.

Many parishioners and friends joined in the celebrations following last Sundays 10:30am Mass with a BBQ under the big tree.

EVERY THURSDAY DURING TERM TIME 9AM-10AM

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PLAYGROUP

STARTS THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND GAMES. LED BY OUR STAFF & YEAR 6 STUDENTS. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. PLEASE REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE.

Third Sunday of Easter – Year A

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.' 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 (JB)

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' R.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. R.

You will show me the path of life, and the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. R.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Luke 24:32 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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(Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery;

Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall;

Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

Weekend Masses:

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm & Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses:

Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: please contact the parish office

Manly: 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater: 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation: *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

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