



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Third Sunday of Lent – 12th March 2023



Gospel Reflection

Jesus' meeting the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well illustrates the principal role of Jesus as the Messiah: to reconcile all men and women to the Father. As a Samaritan, the woman is considered an outcast by the Jews; as a known adulteress, she is scorned by her own village. With kindness and dignity, Jesus reconciles her to God.

This Gospel has long had a special place in baptismal catechesis: In revealing himself as the Messiah to the Samaritan woman, Jesus speaks to her of the fountain of water he will give -- the life-giving waters of baptism. From Jacob's well springs forth the living waters of the Messiah Christ.

The Samaritan woman is, for the evangelist John, a model of a disciple's experience of faith: In a personal encounter with Jesus, she confronts her own sinfulness and need for forgiveness; she then comes to realize the depth of God's love for her; reconciled with God, her life is transformed; she is then sent forth to share with others her "faith story" of what she has seen and heard of this Jesus.

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March –

For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself

a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

PARISH GIVING – thank you for your generous support. At Manly 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.



HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM –The children and their families are attending weekly preparation Masses where the priest can explain the parts of the Mass to the children. Please remember them in your prayers.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Saturday 20th May for children who are in Year 3 and above. Our Parent Information and Registration Evenings will be held on



Manly – Tuesday 14th March @ 7pm

Freshwater – Tuesday 21st March 7pm

Information and Registration packs can be collected for the back of the Churches or from the Parish Office.

Dates to remember...

- **Sacramental Program continues this weekend.**
- **Confirmation Parent Meetings**
Manly: Tues 14 Mar 7pm Freshwater: Tues 21 Mar 7pm
- **Lenten Program** Thurs 15 Mar 7:30pm Parish Centre
- **Stations of the Cross Friday** SJB 9:45am & SMM 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly**
Wed 6pm – 7:30pm

LENT 2023

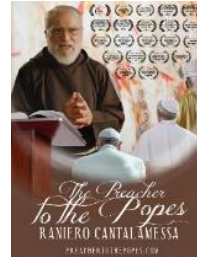


STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross
each Friday during Lent

Freshwater: 9:45am

Manly: 7:00pm



LENTEN GROUP

Thursday 16th March

7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, "The Preacher to the Papal Household", has delivered a yearly homily in St Peter's Basilica during the Good Friday liturgy. He has provided various meditations in

the presence of the last three popes: Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

This Lenten group will reflect on a series of Cardinal Cantalamessa's meditations to allow us to reflect upon the hour of the death of Christ, His exaltation and victory over sin and the Paschal Mystery. His sermons illuminate the mystery of the Lord's Passion and allow us to gaze upon the cross of Christ in the light of our modern world, and the modern world in the light of Christ's cross.

All are invited - and especially our youth and young adults.

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Diocese of Broken Bay
Lenten Program 2023



The Diocesan Lenten Program Book is available in the Church for you to take and do the program at home.



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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available in the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



ST JOSEPH FEAST DAY MASS

will be celebrated on Monday 20 March at 7pm in St Mary's Church Manly.

All are welcome!!

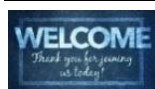
VACATION CARE APRIL 2023 – St Mary’s School

We are very pleased to announce the launch of the **SMM Vacation Care Program** which will start these Easter school holidays. Congratulations to Trish (SMM OOSH Coordinator) who will run the program and has designed the activities. Vacation Care will be held at SMM Parish Hall, the program is open to all primary aged children from the local area.

Dates: Tue 11 April – Mon 24 April 7:30am – 6pm

Bookings: oshc.manly@catholiccaredbb.org.au

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. Parishioners are warmly invited to join together in this celebration. Please contact the parish office before Thursday 16 March should you wish to attend.



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.

LET US PRAY FOR 5th March 2023

Recently Deceased: Maria Nazerena Prestia;

Raffaella Mete

Anniversary: Ernest Argus; Giuseppe Mesite;

Joseph Panetta

Prayers for the sick in our parish: “Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage” Margaret

Burridge; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry

Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken

Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui

Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus 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

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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.**



4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



5. **Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**

- **Church Account** Funds Parish running costs

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

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Account # 100002025

BSB: 062 784

- **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month – Edith Stein – the 7th chamber. A moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert and martyr in Auschwitz. The film shows the great conflicts with her decision and how it was based on her search for truth. Only \$10 @ the Piety store.

CD of the month – The life of Padre Pio – Matthew Arnold. Fascinating details on Padre Pio’s stigmata, ability to read souls and the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession. Pray, hope and don’t worry. Only \$5 @ the piety store.

LIVING FAITH BOOKS – April/May/June now available in the Piety Store

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.



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

OPEN DAY 2023
Thursday 23 March 9.30am – 11.30am

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- Meet our Principal, teachers, students, and parents.
- Learn about St Mary's faith led approach, including appointments for specialised learning programs.
- Visit our classrooms, playground, library, computers, music rooms and hall.
- Gain a real sense of the St Mary's Manly community.

Come and experience first hand why St Mary's Manly is a great choice for your children.

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2023 OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 15 March
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Tour the campus led by our students
Visit subject areas to explore our curriculum
Two sessions of Principal's Address at 5pm and 6pm
Meet and talk to staff, teachers and students

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COLLEGE MANLY

Third Sunday of Lent – Year A

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.'

'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair);

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(Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery;

Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall;

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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

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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