



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th January 2023



### Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel is the beautiful "Beatitudes" reading from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew's compilation of the sayings and teachings of Jesus. The word "blessed," as

used by Jesus in the eight maxims, was written in Greek as *makarios*, a word which indicates a joy that is God-like in its serenity and totality.

Specific Greek words used throughout the text indicate several important meanings:

**"The poor in spirit"**: those who are detached from material things, who put their trust in God.

**"The sorrowing"**: this Beatitude speaks of the value of caring and compassion – the hallmarks of Jesus' teaching.

**"The lowly"**: the Greek word used here is *praotes* – true humility that banishes all pride; the "blessed" who accept the necessity to learn and grow and realize their need to be forgiven.

**"They who show mercy"**: the Greek word *chesedh* used here indicates the ability to get "inside a person's skin" until we can see things from his/her perspective, consider things from his/her experience mind and feel his/her joys and sorrows.

**"The peacemakers"**: peace is not merely the absence of trouble or discord but peace is a positive condition: it is everything that provides and makes for humanity's highest good; note, too, that the "blessed" are described as *peacemakers* and not simply *peace-lovers*.

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### INVITATION!!! INVITATION!!! INVITATION!!!



We are about to commence a NEW YEAR with the Parish Pastoral Council or Leadership Team.

Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre and then the last Wednesday of each month.

We are inviting YOU to consider joining us and make your contribution to the life of this wonderful Parish. There is much to be done and yet so few to commit and help out.

Here is your opportunity. Please ask the likes of Robert Marshall, Michael McGrath, Ian Press, Val Buono, Margaret Dent, Joanne Drury, Peter Nacard, Ivica Covic and Fr's David or John of their experiences serving on the PPC. I am pleased to be Chair of this terrific group of Parishioners and you too could become part of this.

Please contact any of us to discuss joining and becoming part of our Parish Leadership Team or discuss with Jenny in our Parish office 9977 5822.

Kind regards Paul Pervan – Chair PPC

### Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – CCD



Parishioners from the parish visit Manly West, Manly Village and Harbord Public Schools every week in school time. They teach the children using an approved curriculum which is authorized by Bishop Anthony.

We are looking for 3 – 4 more Catechists as we have vacancies for teachers in 2023.

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

**PLEASE NOTE: All GREEN CARD holders** need to attend the CCD Training on "Classroom Management". Date: Thurs 9th Feb 10am – 12pm in the Parish Meeting Room.



**We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2022**

**What is a Catechist?** A Catechist is someone who is from our Parish Community who volunteers

- To teach and share their faith with the Children in our local government schools.
- Has a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.

**What is involved?** A Catechist needs to be able to:

- Give around 1 hour each week to share your faith in a local government school.
- Do a little bit of preparation at home, using the lesson resources and workbooks provided for students and the catechist.
- Participate in online training and support offered from time to time.

**Who can be a Catechist?** Catechists come in all shapes, ages and from all walks of life, reflecting the rich tapestry of our Church.

- Many Catechists start as a classroom helper and from there are eager to take on a class themselves.

If you put your hand up to be involved, you will be really well supported with online training and resources.

**Currently we have classes at all our schools that do not have a teacher or helper so please consider joining our wonderful team of Catechists and Helpers.**

*If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact*

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or  
Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



**WHAT ARE THOSE ROMANS TALKING ABOUT?** Robert Marshall will be conducting a series of **LATIN classes for BEGINNERS** on Wednesdays at 10am in the Parish Centre. The classes will begin Wed. 1st February 2023 – each class will be an hour long. Naturally, spaces are limited - so please contact Robert on 0413 002 756 or [robert3485@hotmail.com](mailto:robert3485@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

## FEBRUARY ROSTER NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January – For educators** We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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.



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 Mary's & St John the Baptist Primary Schools, St Paul's & Stella Maris Colleges

We welcome the students and their families to the 2023 School Year.

We especially welcome our Kindy and new students as they join us at our parish and school communities. Please keep the students in your prayers.

We also welcome all the new and returning teachers and staff of the Schools. We look forward to working together as a Parish and School Community.

### POSITIONS VACANT

Parent Engagement Coordinators - Northern Beaches

With students at the centre of everything we do, our purpose is to inspire hearts and minds to know Christ and grow in faith. We encourage students to use their talents to be the best they can be. In order to help support this vision, we are looking for an inspiring and faith-led **Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC)**. The following locations are seeking applications for a PEC:

- St John the Apostle Catholic Primary School, Narrabeena
- St Kevin's Catholic Primary School, Dee Why
- St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Freshwater
- St Paul's Catholic College, Manly

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### LET US PRAY FOR

29th January 2023

**Recently Deceased:** Antionetta Quattroville

**Anniversary:**

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Wayne Smedley; 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

### Dates to remember...

- **School Returns** Monday 30th January
- **Rosary** (zoom) Thurs 2nd Feb @ 6pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **St Joseph Men's Group** resumes Thurs 2 Feb @ 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **RCIA** Tuesday 7pm Parish Centre
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm

### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Christian Meditation Group: Tues 12:30pm Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA, A parish run



program to prepare adults for Christian Baptism and full membership in the Church. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.



### SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY

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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.
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### PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY APPEAL (CWF)

Thank you everyone for your generous support for this appeal. The parish has now reached its quota of \$43,846 and at this stage we do not require any further donations until the next appeal.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary – Year A

### First Reading *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145:7-10 (JB)*

**R. Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

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 *1 Corinthians 1:26–31 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and

our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

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

### Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 5:12 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

### Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**St John the Baptist Church**  
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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

**After Hours Sick Calls:** 0499 910 010

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Paul Pervan (Chair),  
Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent  
(Secretary), Joanne Druery; Val Buono;  
Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath;  
Peter Nacard

#### **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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