



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st January 2021

Dear Friends,

We welcome this weekend Martino Hoang to our parish who is a student for the priesthood. He has been sent here by Bishop Anthony for a 12-month pastoral placement where he will participate in the life of our parish community. Martino has completed 4 years of studies at The Good Shepherd Seminary Homebush of a 7-year program. Please make him feel very welcome to his new home and keep him in your prayers. *Fr David Taylor*

Gospel Reading:

For the poor Jews of Jesus' time, the scribes were the voices of authority, the final arbiters of the Law in which God had revealed himself. Their interpretation of the Law was considered absolute.

"Demons" are encountered several times in Mark's Gospel. Anything that the people of Jesus' time could not understand or explain, such as disease, mental illness or bizarre or criminal behavior, were considered the physical manifestations of the evil one – "demons" or "unclean spirits."



Both demons and scribes are silenced in today's Gospel. Jesus' casting out the unclean spirit from the man possessed silences the voices of the demons that plague humanity. In his compassionate outreach to the poor and sick, Jesus "silences" the scribes by redefining the community's understanding of authority: whereas the "authority" of the scribes' words is based solely on their perceived status and learnedness, the authority of Jesus is born of compassion, peace and justice. The casting out of the demons and his curing of the sick who come to him are but manifestations of the power and grace of his words.

Note that the people of the Bible viewed miracles differently than we do. While we, in our high technology, scientific approach to the world, dismiss miracles as some kind of disruption or "overriding" of the laws of nature, the contemporaries of Jesus saw miracles as signs of God's immediate activity in his creation. While we ask, *How could this happen?* they asked. *Who is responsible?* Their answer was always the same: the God of all creation. Those who witnessed Jesus' healings, then, saw them as God directly touching their lives. *Continued page 4*

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January: Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



We're COVID SAFE

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparish
Sunday 8:30am Mass

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

LET US PRAY FOR

31st January 2021

Recently Deceased: Janette Herbert

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Kathleen Hudson; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Jacqui Dawson; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Savannah Baker

February 2021

Year B

Mon 1/2 – 4th week in Ord Time	Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tue 2/2 – The Presentation of the Lord	Malachi 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40
Wed 3/2 – 4th week in Ord Time	Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thurs 4/2 – 4th week in Ord Time	Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Fri 5/2 – St Agatha	Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
Sat 6/2 – St Paul Miki and companions	Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sun 7/2 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

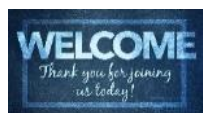


If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the Church.



ASSISTANCE REQUIRED -

More Welcomers needed for Weekend Masses – if you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



The 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.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

PIETY STORE MANLY

Movie of the month "Bakhita – from Slave to Saint". A moving and extraordinary film on the story of "St Bakhita", the patron Saint of "refugees". Set in Africa and Italy. Italian with English sub-titles. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

The real story of the Inquisition – Steve Weidenkopf. The truth will surprise you. For e.g. the inquisition began because secular authorities unqualified in theology were putting people to death for heresy. Only \$5 @ the piety store

2021 Columban & Divine Mercy Calendars reduced to \$8.50



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

As we live through these challenging times, we may be comforted by the words of the **Psalm** which encourages us to listen to the Lord's voice and not to grumble as the Israelites did at Massah and Meribah in the desert.

In the **First Reading**, Moses announces a true prophet speaking God's words and commandments.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul, believing that the end of the world is near, encourages the Corinthians in an attempt to free them from all worry. Whatever their marital status, he urges them to focus their undivided attention on the Lord, showing their devotion to him.

In the **Gospel**, we meet this true prophet in the person of Jesus, who teaches the people with authority, making a deep impression on his audience. Even unclean spirits obey him.

This week we may want to pray for all those who find it difficult to listen to God's voice, especially if God chooses to speak through the people we meet.

We also can focus on keeping our full attention on the Lord, trusting that he will help us to avoid distractions from the one thing that matters: listening to him. *Pathways to God 2021*



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2021

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?

To be a Catechist you need 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 work books 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)



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

We welcome the students and their families to the 2021 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 especially Alicia van der Merwe - new principal at St John's Freshwater; Cathy Qualtieri - new Assistant Principal at St Mary's Manly and Michael Reid - new Principal at St Paul's College Manly. We look forward to working together as a Parish and School Community.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support the Parish financially.

To help you to make your offering you can use one of the following options:

1. Use the **tap and go machines** at the Church entrance **Now at Freshwater and Manly**
2. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (1st collection and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
3. Continue to use direct debit with your **credit cards**
4. **Parish Bank Account – 2nd collection** funds the running of the Parish



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Parish Bank Account – 1st collection Support of our Priests
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Welcome to the Northern Beaches Refugee Sanctuary - Summer 2020 Newsletter

This will be the shortest newsletter ever, as there is very little to report.

The last six months has been a very difficult time for the whole world. Here in Australia we have seen borders closed and flights cancelled. We have seen the virus controlled due to lockdowns and wonderful contact tracing. We have a lot to be grateful for.

We have only helped 7 people with airfares in the last 6 months. It brings our total 7057.

Our bank balance is increasing with the repayments of outstanding loans. We currently have over \$550,000 in the bank which will continue to grow as I can't see the borders opening for many months. When the borders do open, we will have money in the bank ready to help. Hopefully, the cost of airfares will fall once there is a vaccine.

We were extremely disappointed to see the Government cut the number of visas granted to refugees. It has been reduced from 18,750 to 13,750 per year for the next four years. We should be increasing the number of refugee visas granted not reducing them.

We are not looking donations at this time.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a better 2021.
David Addington 02/12/2020

Gospel Reflection: cont. from page 1

Jesus' "authority" inspires rather than enforces, lifts up rather than controls; he sees his call to "lead" as a trust, as a responsibility to serve others by revealing the God who calls us to compassion and mercy for the sake of his kingdom of peace, instead of a God of judgment and vengeance. Authority comes not from power to enforce but from the ability to inspire.

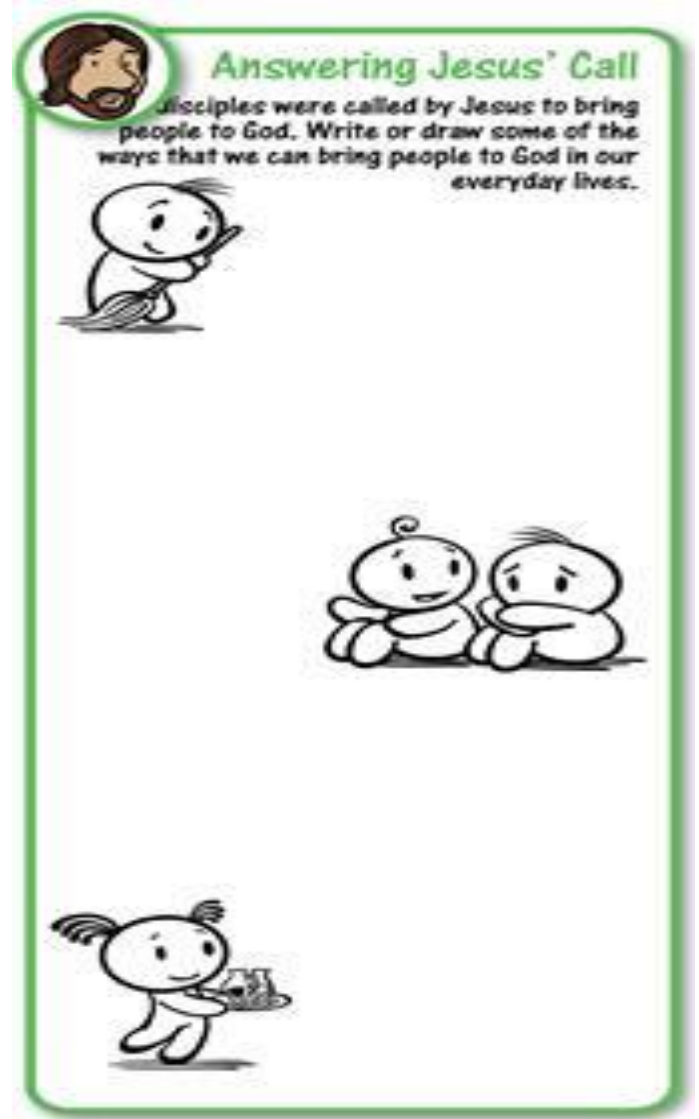
The "unclean spirit" that Jesus casts out of the poor man in today's Gospel serves as a symbol of the voice of evil that sometimes speaks within us – the voice of revenge, self-centeredness, self-righteousness, greed, anger. We can be "possessed" by "demons" who discourage us and plague us with fear when we consider the unpopular position that we know is right and just; or the "demon" of rationalization that falsely justifies actions – or inactions – we know in our heart of hearts is contrary to the spirit of the Gospel. The compassionate Jesus of the today's Gospel speaks to those "unclean spirits" as well, offering us the grace and courage to cast them out of our minds and hearts forever.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Mon 9am – 10:30am Manly
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly 2nd Mon each month at 4:30pm & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm



St Mary's Church Roof repairs



Our Manly Church roofing repairs are now well underway. The repairs are being done in stages and will take up to 8 weeks. The cap ridging will be sealed to help prevent sand and debris being blown in from the sea winds. These repairs will preserve our beautiful building for at least the next 25 years. As we are so close to Manly Beach wear and tear and corrosion will always be with us in this location.



MINISTRY ROSTER – FEBRUARY 2021 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1 6th – 7th February	Week 2 13th – 14th February	Week 3 20 – 21 February	Week 4 27th – 28th February
		5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1st Sunday of Lent	2nd Sunday of Lent
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Freya Zemek	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Freya Zemek
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese	Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango
	Music	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Josh Willard
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis
8:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Jan van den Brock	Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody Laurie & Liz deAmbrosis	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody Laurie & Liz deAmbrosis	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody Laurie & Liz deAmbrosis	Veronica Renaud Clare Carmody Laurie & Liz deAmbrosis
10:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham Lynne Parks	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin Bernie Lawler	Ron Gravolin Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Jean Halcrow	Janie Fonua	Janie Fonua Carmel Lawler	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Music	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
6pm Mass	Server	Ivana Covic	Kieran & Michael Wan	Ivica Covic	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Ed Copeman Paul Novak	Sandie Cornish Dean Gale	Ed Copeman Paul Novak	Dean Gale Sandie Cornish
	Music	Simon & Youth	Josh Willard	Simon & Youth	Simon & Youth
	Welcomers	Gerard McMahon Hanaut Family	Marianna Gale Assistance Require	Hanaut Family Gerard McMahon	Marianna Gale Assistance Require

MINISTRY ROSTER – FEBRUARY 2021 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 6th – 7th February	Week 2 13th – 14th February	Week 3 20 – 21 February	Week 4 27th – 28th February
		5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1st Sunday of Lent	2nd Sunday of Lent
5pm Vigil	Server	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield	Assistance Required	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield
	Welcomers	Amanda Whitfield	Assistance Required	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield
9am Mass	Server	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
	Readers	Luke Campbell Patricia Brown	Toni Walsh Patricia Brown	Pam Brown	Josh & Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	Altar Society	Lyn Hillard	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	Pat & Solo Brown	Mary Ann Marles
	Welcomers	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (JB)*

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 kneel 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 *1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (JB)*

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

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about

the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:16 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 1:21-28 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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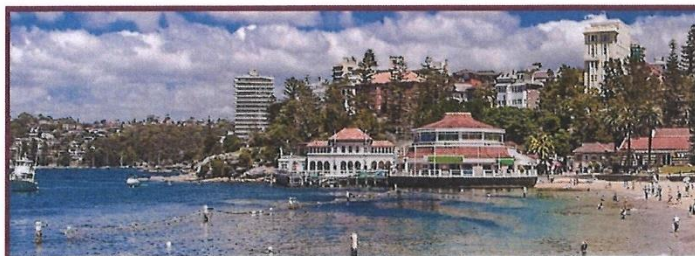
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Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary),
Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery;
Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath

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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