

Diocese of Broken Bay

# MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3/02/2019

### Administration Office:

Monday – Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor

Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim

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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



In the gospel this week we read that those who listened to the initial speech of Luke's Jesus, rejected it! We are invited to look at our own resistances to Luke's version of Christianity, and to his proposal about the way we live if we want to follow Jesus.

When Jesus returns to Nazareth, in Luke's account, it is to give a sermon before the real commencement of his ministry. He tells the local Jewish community that God is also interested in Gentiles, and in many ways shows a preference for them over Jews. The people are initially delighted by the 'gracious words', literally 'the words of grace', which he spoke. Quite suddenly, the atmosphere changes, as Jesus challenges the people's expectations. He knows that their approval is superficial. Prophets are generally rejected by their own.

Jesus illustrates this by referring to the two Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Elisha. Elijah encountered persecution in Israel and both prophets performed mighty works for those who were not Jews. Jesus stresses that the healing mercy of God is for all. The people of Nazareth react in annoyance, reject their own prophet and threaten physical violence.

Luke anticipates here the different reactions to the preaching of Jesus found in the rest of the gospel. Acceptance, rejection and violence will all be present. The future of Jesus' ministry is thereby different from what it might have been had Nazareth received him well.... At the end of this gospel scene, Jesus – in Luke – leaves Nazareth for good and has no further connection with the place. The people of Nazareth missed the point about Jesus, about his real identity.

This also happens in the church and in the family. We need to be able to live in love with different points of view and different ways of life. We don't give up what is essential to our church, but we are brought into rethinking and sometimes to change, sometimes to stay with what is an everlasting truth.

Jesus is challenging those in Nazareth to see everyone as important, and especially the poor. He would always do this. And they would kill him for it, because he always put love ahead of organised religion before people.

*Donal Neary sj 2016*

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February:**

**Human Trafficking** For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

### **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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**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; Richard Heasman;  
Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **St Paul's College Welcome Mass**  
Tuesday 5th Feb @ 9:15am
- **St Mary's School Opening Mass**  
Thursday 7th Feb @ 9:15am
- **SJB Anointing Mass** Friday 8th Feb @ 9:15am
- **SJB Family Mass** Saturday 9th Feb @ 5pm
- **St John the Baptist School Opening Mass**  
Wednesday 13th Feb @ 9:15am
- **Meditation Group** Mondays @ 6pm
- **Book Club Group** Tuesdays @ 10am
- **Craft Group** Tuesdays @ 10am
- **RCIA** Tue 5th Feb @ 7pm
- **Lectio Divina** Wednesdays @ 10am

## SUNDAY MORNING TEAS



**FRESHWATER:** following the Sunday 9am Mass each weekend,

**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.

## February

## Yr C 2019

Mon 4/2 – 4th week in Ordinary Time	Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tue 5/2 – St Agatha	Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wed 6/2 – St Paul Miki	Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thurs 7/2 – 4th week in Ordinary Time	Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Fri 8/2 – 4th week in Ordinary Time	Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
Sat 9/2 – 4th week in Ordinary Time	Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sun 10/2 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

## LET US PRAY FOR

3rd February 2019

**Recently Deceased:** Juliette Perrottet (newborn baby); Barry Bowyer

**Anniversary:** Jozo Strinic

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** Jonathan Keil, 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; Cate Flint

**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.



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.



Please TURN OFF your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



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



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.



## We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2019

### 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 some 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 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)



Currently there is need for additional Eucharistic Ministers and Readers at Masses at both Manly and Freshwater.

If you are interested in becoming a Minister of the Eucharist or Reader or have once served and would like to come back on the roster, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

## LECTORS Readers Training

**Session** Fr David will hold a training session this Sunday 3rd February at Manly from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. If you are interested in becoming a Reader please come along.



## WELCOME HOME!!!

**Fr Paul Kim and Ivica Covic arrived back home on Thursday from WYD.**

We are all looking forward to hearing all about your special experiences and adventures at WYD in Panama.



## Sacramental Program Dates for 2019

### Parents Information evening for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- Manly on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm
- Freshwater on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm

### Reconciliation

- Manly on Tuesday 2nd April at 6pm
- Freshwater on Wednesday 3rd April at 6pm
- Classes commence on the weekend of the 9/10 March 2019 and run for 4 weeks

### First Holy Communion Sunday 2nd June 2019

- Manly at 10.30am Mass
- Freshwater at 9am Mass
- Classes Commence on the weekend of the 4/5 May 2019 and run for 4 weeks



### Pope Francis

Meekness and tenderness: these human virtues seem small, but they can overcome the most difficult conflicts.



## Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
 Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
 O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
 and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary  
 Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
 and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories  
 and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
 and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
 that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

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

## Playgroup Helper Required



The Parish Playgroup which is held on Monday mornings at Manly will be recommencing in a few weeks and we are seeking the assistance of someone who will co-ordinate the group together with parents from the Parish and the School. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina is a traditional way of praying the Scriptures so that the Word of God may penetrate our hearts. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am. All Welcome.



## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Monday at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Enquiries: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088

**"Be still and know that I am God"  
 (Psalm 46: vs 10)**

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP

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## Fitness Session at Manly

Saturday Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am

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**The St Vincent de Paul Clothing Bin** next to the Church has been taken away because of the large amount of rubbish that was being dumped in and around the bin.

This rubbish has to be taken to the tip at considerable expense to SVDP. There will be SVDP clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

*Kind regards Fr David Taylor and SVDP Manly*



**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. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.

# Manly and Freshwater Roster 9th – 10th February 2018

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ivica Covic	Joanne Druery	Lou Maruca
<b>Servers</b>	Bernie Lawler		Iona & Teresa Hearn	Michael, Kieran, Gabriele Wan		
<b>Readers</b>	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Paul Walsh Rita Bruzzese	Marie Downs Marleen Bowring	Mark Sing Flora Spiteri	Family Mass	Claire Mullane Richard Feledy
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Kim McGrath <b>Assistance Req</b>	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Amanda Whitfield	Toni Walsh Pam Brown
<b>Music</b>	CD's	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Josh Willard	Family Mass	Pat Brown
<b>AV Screens</b>	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Robert Marshall	Bill Tango	Family Mass	Margie Gruca
<b>Warden</b>	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Marika Jones	Stephen Crowley		
<b>Piety Shop</b>	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Maria Condomitti	Eliza & Lynette Duffy		
<b>Flowers/ Altar Society</b>	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell					Isabella & Phillip d'Souza
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Filipino Group			Storey Family Marg Dent
<b>Children's Lit</b>		TBC				Rena Curll

## 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

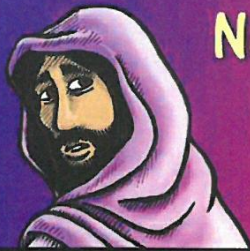
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If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark.

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***



# No prophets are liked by the people of their own town



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.

Thy \_\_\_\_\_ come, thy \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.

A good \_\_\_\_\_ cannot produce bad \_\_\_\_\_.

I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, he who \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ shall not \_\_\_\_\_.

Blessed are the meek, \_\_\_\_\_ inherit the \_\_\_\_\_.

I am the light \_\_\_\_\_.



A spiral-bound notebook with several blank lines for writing a prayer.

Write a prayer to say sorry for the times when you have been angry and said or done things that have hurt others.

When the people got angry at Jesus they tried to harm him. Circle the words below that show the best ways that we can deal with our own anger.

- JEALOUSY      REASON
- STUBBORNESS      LOVE
- PATIENCE      CRUELTY
- FRUSTRATION      HUMILITY
- ARROGANCE
- HATE      FORGIVENESS
- UNDERSTANDING

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR C

### First Reading 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. R.

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. R.

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. R.

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. R.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

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

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other

people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18-19

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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