



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 19th December 2021

BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS MASS

USING THE FOLLOWING TRYBOOKING LINKS

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Manly Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4pm and 6pm (*Family Masses*), 8pm and 10pm

Christmas Day: 7am, 8:30am and 10:30am

MANLY <https://www.trybooking.com/BVLYF>



Freshwater Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 4pm (*Family Mass in Church*), 5:30pm (*Family Mass Outside*) and 7pm

Christmas Day: 9am

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Reflection In Luke's Gospel today we read about Mary's visit to Elizabeth. This encounter communicates to us the vitality of faith and charity. This animation is the work of the Holy Spirit; the

Spirit of Love. In our preparation for Christmas, we need to leave room for the Love that, seeks to become flesh and to come to dwell in our midst. The real Christmas message points us to meeting God and serving neighbour.

Pope Francis 23 Nov 2018 Angelus

Priest: Father, all powerful Lord of Light, bless + our wreath of evergreens. May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and hearts to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, so that we are ready again to receive in true peace Jesus, the Light of the World, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen

All Candles lit +Hymn Refrain

Priest: Elizabeth recognised Mary's unborn child as her Lord. Let us recall how we have recognised the Lord and prepared for his coming in our everyday life. Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace. Lord have mercy. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy. You are Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father: Lord have mercy.

Collect/Opening Prayer Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

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

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

Presbytery phone out of order – Emergency contact 0499 910 010

LET US PRAY FOR

19th December 2021

Recently Deceased: Hayley Kate Claire Holloway; Joseph Francis

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Meg and Wayne Storey,

Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunson; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam

December

Year C

Mon 20/12 – 4th week of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tue 21/12 – 4th week of Advent

Song 2:8-14; Ps 32:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wed 22/12 – 4th week of Advent

1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1,4-8; Lk 1:46-56

Thurs 23/12 – 4th week of Advent

Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14; Lk 1:57-66

Fri 24/12 – 4th week of Advent

2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Ps 88: 2-5,27,29; Lk 1:67-79

Sat 25/12 – The Nativity of the Lord

Sun 26/12 – The Holy Family

1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28; Ps 83:2-3,5-6,9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

PRAYING with CHILDREN Praying with SUNDAY LITURGY Children which is designed for families with young children to use at home.

Each Sunday's liturgy includes music for gathering, the readings, reflections on the gospel, video, group activity, prayer for the week and a home activity sheet.

This pdf will be sent by email with the newsletter



Mass For You At Home on Channel 10 at 6.00 am each Sunday



ADVENT invites us to prepare ourselves for Christmas, welcoming Jesus without fear. If we open wide the doors of our life, everything takes on a new light and our family, work, suffering, health, friendship, become opportunities to discover His consoling presence



Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au.

PIETY STORE IS NOW OPEN
Living Faith Books now available
at the Piety Store



ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

BIBLE STUDY

Gospel of St Mark Fr John will continue a Bible Study via Zoom on the Tuesday 21 December 2021. You are most welcome to join.

In December the Bible Study will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



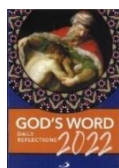
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm

COVID REQUIREMENTS

Please remember you need to...

- QR code before entering the Church
- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing



WORD OF GOD 2022

Daily Reading and Reflection.

Special Price \$15.00

Now available at the Piety Store or contact the Parish Office to purchase

CHRISTMAS OFFERING envelopes are available

Christmas Offering



on the pews. This is a special collection to support the sick and retired priests of our Dioceses of Broken Bay. Thank you for your generous support.

Christmas greetings from Martino Hoang...



Dear Friends of Manly Freshwater parish,

I would like to thank all of you for all your support, encouragement, caring for me and your prayers in my time here at Manly Freshwater parish during my pastoral placement. You have taught me a great deal about the parish life, and you have shared with me many of your experiences of Christian living. I remain a student of the Diocese of Broken Bay, but I will continue my pastoral formation in Manly Freshwater Parish for the time being.

I wish you and your families a happy and joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

God Bless...Martino



Come together and join us for **CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH!**

St Mary's Catholic Church

Enter from Denison Street, School Entrance

11am – 1pm

This year we will be providing a Take Away Picnic and gift. There will be some tables set up to use if you wish to enjoy your Picnic Lunch with some other guests.

It's been a tough year for many, so no matter what your circumstance, you are always welcome to come along!!

- ✓ COVID-19 Safe
- ✓ Free
- ✓ Special Gift Bag for all guests
- ✓ Family friendly
- ✓ Non-alcoholic
- ✓ Friendly Community

Hosted by Manly Freshwater Parish ph: 9977 5822



CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

There will be one Christmas collection at all Christmas Masses using cash or your card on the tap and go machines.

We will require at least 2 wardens at each Christmas Mass to organise the cash collection.

Gloves and sanitisers will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 to confirm your availability.



WE ALSO NEED help for...

To help us plan for the extra Masses this year we ask that you let us know if you are available to assist in one of the ministries listed below

- Servers
- Readers
- Welcomers
- Piety Store

Please advise the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

ASSISTANCE STILL REQUIRED

- Servers
- Readers
- Welcomers
- Piety Store

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JANUARY ROSTER – please let us know if you are away or not available for the Roster



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR THOSE SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE

This year we will be serving a take away picnic lunch and will be preparing 150 Packs.

If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day or for the setup and decorating on Thursday December 23 please volunteer using the following link

<https://volunteersignup.org/H8R89> or by calling the Parish office on 9977 5822

If you would like to donate goods for the Picnic Packs we will be including some of the following:

- Cans of soft drink – coke, lemonade, fanta
- Box of wrapped chocolates
- Fresh Fruit- dropped off just before Christmas.
- Cash donations will be used to purchase the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls, Desserts and anything we are short of.

Please drop the Chocolates and Cans into the Parish Office or in the basket at the Church entrances.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?

Please scan the QR code for Credit Card donations or direct deposit details are below



New: Scan to Donate using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.

2nd collection Parish Bank Account

Funds the running of the Parish
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
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Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

1st collection Parish Bank Account

Supports our Priests
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
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Thank you for your ongoing support



CHRISTMAS VISITS

Dear Friends, many of you have not been able to come back on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest visit you before Christmas, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822

If you have trouble getting through to the Parish Office, please ring the Presbytery on 99772100 and leave a message.

We look forward to seeing you and wish you a Joy fill Christmas.

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 26th December – Please note there will be NO Vigil Mass on Saturday 25th December at both Churches.



Christmas Blessing Letterbox Drop

This Christmas we are calling for volunteers to deliver a Christmas Blessing Card to every home in the parish, wishing all a Joyful Christmas and letting them know about our Christmas services. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822 for further information.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



Please take a card from the GIVING TREE this weekend to adopt a family and make up a hamper for them.

It means a lot to the families we all help to know that someone cares and wants to help them have a better Christmas.

Our giving envelopes are on the pews if you would like to help with a donation.

Bruce and I would like to give you all a very big thank you for all your support over the years.

We understand it has been a very challenging year for all of us so whatever assistance you can give St Vincent de Paul is very much appreciated. We would also like to wish you all a Holy and Peaceful Christmas with your families and love ones.

*Mick O'Farrell Freshwater Conference
Bruce Whittet Manly Conference*

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent each year shift the focus from Advent's call to preparation for the Messiah to setting the stage for the birth of Christ. In today's Gospel, Elizabeth proclaims her joy-filled faith in God's promise of salvation that will be accomplished through Mary's child and praises her young cousin for her "yes" to God's plan.

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Christmas Mass Roster 2021 Manly



4pm Christmas Eve		6pm Christmas Eve	8 pm Christmas Eve	10pm Christmas Eve
Servers	Ivica Covic	Martino Hoang	Ivica Covic Hearn Family	Louise Wareham
Readers	Family Group	Dean Gale	Val Buono Janie Fonua	Rita Bruzzese
Ministers of Holy Communion	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Mary Prager Assistance Required
Welcomers	Assistance Required	Marianna Gale Assistance Required	Paul Pervan Assistance Required	Paul Pervan Mary Prager
Music AV Screens	Jim Stackpool and Family Group	Simon and Family Group	Gina & Robert	Parish Choir
Wardens	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
7:00am Christmas Day		8:30am Christmas Day	10:30 am Christmas Day	
Servers	Martino Hoang	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham	
Readers	Assistance Required	Patty Thomas Jan van den Broke	Jean Halcrow Ron Gravolin	
Ministers of Holy Communion	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	
Welcomers	Assistance Required	Anne Gaugahan Assistance Required	Assistance Required	
Music AV Screens	CD's	Gina & Robert	Bianca Zatz	
Wardens	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	

Christmas Mass Roster 2021 Freshwater



4pm Christmas Eve		5:30pm Christmas Eve	7pm Christmas Eve	9am Christmas Day
Servers	Ian Press	Amorina Wright	Joanne Druery	Francis Raymond
Readers	Jessica & Joseph Press	Josh and Jasmine Wright	Pam Brown	Toni Walsh
Ministers of Communion	Sandra Francisco	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
Music	Bianca Zatz	Fergus and Family Group	Pat Brown and Choir	Pat Brown and Choir
Screens	Assistance Required	N/A	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca
Welcomers	Assistance Required	John Brannan Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
Wardens	Jan Duncan Assistance Required	John Brannan Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required

MINISTRY ROSTER – JANUARY 2022 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1 1 – 2 January	Week 2 8 – 9 January	Week 3 15 – 16 January	Week 4 22 – 23 January	Week 5 29 – 30 January
		Epiphany of the Lord	Baptism of the Lord	2nd Sun Ord Time	3rd Sun Ord Time	4th Sun Ord Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Freya Zemek	Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese	Bill Tango	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	CD'S	CD'S	CD'S	CD's	CD's
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Mary Prager	John & Merle Zemek	John & Merle Zemek Mary Prager	John & Merle Zemek	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis	Louise Wareham
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson	Martino Hoang	Ken Thompson	Martino Hoang	Martino Hoang
	Readers	Jan van den Brock	Patty Thomas Olivia Ellis	Patty Thomas	Jan van den Brock	Patty Thomas
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Paul Cunningham	Paul Cunningham	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Server	Lynne Parks	Ivica Covic Iona & Teresa Hearn	Kieran Wan	Louise Wareham	Martino Hoang Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Jean Halcrow Ron Gravalin	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	Janie Fonua	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	Carmel Lawler Janie Fonua
	Music	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall
	AV Screens	TBC	Robert Marshall	TBC	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Lynette Duffy	Lynette Duffy	Lynette Duffy	Lynette Duffy	Lynette Duffy
6pm Mass	Server	Ivica Covic	Kieran & Michael Wan	Ivica Covic Silvio Porcelli	TBC	Ivica Covic
	Readers	Dean Gale	Sandie Cornish	Youth	Ed Copeman	Sandie Cornish
	Music	Simon Hyland	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland	CD's	TBC
	Welcomers	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required

MINISTRY ROSTER – JANUARY 2022 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 1 – 2 January	Week 2 8 – 9 January	Week 3 15 – 16 January	Week 4 22 – 23 January	Week 5 29 – 30 January
		Epiphany of the Lord	Baptism of the Lord	2nd Sun Ord Time	3rd Sun Ord Time	4th Sun Ord Time
5pm Vigil	Server	Ian Press	Mick O'Farrell	Lou Maruca	Ian Press	Mick O'Farrell
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield	Nela & Zara Hornikova	Amanda Whitfield	Jessica & Joseph Press	Amanda Whitfield
	Music	CD's	CD's	CD's	CD's	CD's
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott
	Server	Lou Maruca	Joanne Druery	Francis Raymond	Amorina Wright	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Luke Campbell	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic	Toni Walsh	Josh Wright Jasmine Wright	Toni Walsh
9am Mass	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt
	Altar Society	Maria Harkness	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	Patricia & Solo Brown	Mary Anne Marles	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C

First Reading

Micah 5:1- 4 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. R.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations,

the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1:38 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-44 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

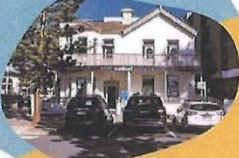
The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Presbytery: Phone out of order

Emergency contact: 0499 910 010

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

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

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