



Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater



Christmas Mass Times

MANLY

24th December

6:00pm – Children’s Mass

8:30pm - Tongan Choir (Carols from 8pm)

11:00pm - Parish Choir (Carols from 10:30pm)

25th December - 8:30am, 10:30am and
6:00pm

FRESHWATER

24th December

5:00pm - Children’s Mass (Carols from 4:30pm)

7:00pm – Congregational Singing (Carols from
6:30pm)

25th December – 9:00am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 22nd December 2019



Priest Today we reflect on Mary’s place in God’s plan for our redemption. By her co-operation, Mary brought Jesus into our world to be our light. As we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath let us pray that through our witness the light of Christ will enter the hearts and minds of those who do not know our Saviour.

lights the fourth candle on the wreath

Priest O wisdom of the Most High,
Adonai our king. Lord have mercy.
O flower of Jesse’s stem and key of David. Christ have mercy.
O long desired of nations, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Lord have mercy.

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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
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Manly: Monday 9:15am
Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Mary Immaculate Church
6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095
St John the Baptist Church
cnr Johnson & Oliver St,
Freshwater NSW 2096
Baptisms: *by appointment only*
Manly 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month
Reconciliation:
Manly Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek
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December 2019	Year A
Mon 23/12 – 4th week of Advent	Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Tue 24/12 – 4th week of Advent	2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Lk 1:67-79
Wed 25/12 – Christmas Day	
Thurs 26/12 – St Stephen	Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Fri 27/12 – St John	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8
Sat 28/12 – The Holy Innocents	1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Sun 29/12 – Holy Family	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23

LET US PRAY FOR *22nd December 2019*

Recently Deceased: Geoffrey Ranson (Fr David Ranson's father)

Anniversary: Antonio Giuseppe La Cava; Angelo Donato; Josephine Donato; Francesco & Marianna La Cava; Sam Sia


Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrel; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Fiona Sweeting; Louise Allara

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

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

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

Pope Francis @Pontifex
 Let us prepare ourselves to receive Him in joy, letting our hearts be invaded by His love for each one of us.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **PARISH OFFICE** closed 25 Dec & re-opens 6 Jan '20
- **RCIA Returns** Tuesday 7th January 2020 @ 7pm

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER Morning Tea Group will serve their last morning tea this Sunday 22nd Dec and will enjoy a holiday and return on Sunday 2nd February 2020



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.



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.



GREETERS - over the Christmas period we have a lot of visitors to our Parish and it would be great to welcome them.

Please feel free to grab a bundle of bulletins and greet our visitors and fellow parishioners at our Christmas celebrations.



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading. You can view it through YouTube – search frpaulkim (one word with no space).

"PARKING IN THE MANLY CHURCHYARD"



During the Holiday Season please be aware of extra cars and safety in the Church yard. If you are able to use the Council car parks (first 2hrs free) please do so as this will leave the Church car park free for those less agile. **PLEASE NOTE PARKING IS ONLY PERMITTED IN THE MARKED BAYS – NO STACK PARKING!!!!**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM CHRISTMAS DAY AND WILL REOPEN MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020



Prayer in time of Bush Fire and Drought

Hear our prayers, O God, for the effort to quench the fires that rage in our land; and, sustaining our spirits, keep us graciously from all harm and give success to the work of our hands.

Look upon our parched land and bestow upon it abundant rain, that pastures, fields and paddocks may by your goodness thrive once more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



YOU'RE INVITED TO A
**CHRISTMAS DAY
 LUNCH**
 25 DECEMBER

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, 50 WHISTLER ST, MANLY
 11.30am to 2pm

It's free and non alcoholic
So if you are spending Christmas alone please
come along



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9977 5822



PIETY SHOP MANLY

Christmas has come to the piety shop!!!

Come in and take a look!

Movie of the month "The Star" A fun, creative and imaginary animation based on how the animals in the Nativity scene played a

key role in bringing about the arrival of the King of the Universe. Only \$10 @ the piety store

CD of the month "Prepare the way of the King" Dr Scott Hahn & "The true meaning of Christmas" – Fulton Sheen

Wishing to go deeper into the Christmas mystery this Advent? These CD's unpack some interesting yet glossed over details on the importance of this celebration of Universal significance.



**FRESHWATER CHRISTMAS
 EVE SETUP**

Assistance is required at the Christmas Eve 5pm Mass at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater. We

need to bring the plastic chairs down from the school and set them up outside the Church from 10am. Mick O'Farrell will be coordinating and the chairs will need to be returned after the Mass. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH 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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CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH



Christmas Lunch
 2019

Each year the Parish hosts a Luncheon on Christmas Day for those in our community who will be spending Christmas alone. If you are able to assist with any of the following please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

- Plum Puddings
- Fresh Fruit
- Chocolates and sweets

Gifts for men and children are urgently required at the parish office by Monday 23rd Dec by 2pm

e.g. socks, caps, water bottles, coffee keep cups, deodorants, hair brushes, toys

If you would like to make a cash donation it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to know about what's involved please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822

Leaving a Legacy

Are you wondering how you can make a lasting gift to Manly Freshwater Parish? Once you have provided for your loved ones in your Will, you may like to consider leaving a meaningful and profound gift to our Parish. There are many ways to leave a legacy to the Church and your Parish community by including a specific gift or a percentage of your estate in your Will.

To learn more please contact Fr David in the Parish office on 9977 5822 for information on bequests and legacy giving. Thank you for your consideration.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Clothing and other donations can NO LONGER be left at St Mary's Church Manly. Please take your donations to the St Vincent de Paul Centre, 22 Roger St, Brookvale.

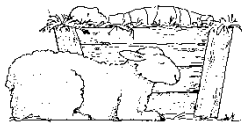
There will be regular clothing collections during the year at Manly and Freshwater.

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 Wed 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



Christmas Mass Roster 2019 Manly

6pm Christmas Eve (Family Mass)		8:30 pm Christmas Eve	11pm Christmas Eve
<i>Servers</i>	Ron Gravalin Bryon Cahill Evan Cahill	Kazuko Fischer	Ivica Covic Ivana Covic Louise Wareham
<i>Readers</i>	Iona Hearn Teresa Hearn	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Rita Bruzzese Paul Cooper
<i>Ministers of Communion (6 required)</i>	Liana Hearn Shaun Hearn Richard Heasman	Mary Prager Peter Nacard	
<i>Warden</i>	Simon Cahill	Tongan Community	Assistance Required
<i>Music AV Screens</i>	Family Group	Tongan Choir	Parish Choir
8.30am Christmas Day		10:30 am Christmas Day	6pm Christmas Day
<i>Servers</i>	Ken Thompson Louise Wareham	Ron Gravalin Ivica Covic Ivana Covic	Louise Wareham
<i>Readers</i>	Patty Thomas	Bill Tango Jean Halcrow	Sandy Cornish
<i>Ministers of Communion (6 required)</i>	Tiere Morgan Assistance Required	Carole O'Donnell	Assistance Required
<i>Warden</i>		Marika Jones	Assistance Required
<i>Music AV Screens</i>	Gina Marshall Kath Papallo Robert Marshall	Bianca Zatz	CD's



Christmas Mass Roster 2019 Freshwater

5pm Christmas Eve Family Mass		7 pm Christmas Eve	9am Mass Christmas Day
<i>Servers</i>	Mick O'Farrell Amorina Wright	Joanne Druery Ian Press	Lou Maruca Francis Raymond
<i>Readers</i>	Jasmine Wright Joshua Wright	Pam Brown Clare Mullane	Pam Brown Toni Walsh
<i>Ministers of Communion</i>	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Toni Walsh
<i>Music</i>	Fergus and Group	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
<i>Screens</i>	Outdoor Mass	Sue Norrie	Assistance Required

*You will see from the roster that we **still require assistance** at some of our Christmas Masses. If you are able to assist at any of the Masses please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.*

January 2020 Roster – MANLY

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

Mass Times	Ministry	Week 1 4th – 5th January	Week 2 11th – 12th January	Week 3 18th – 19th January	Week 4 25th – 26th January
		<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
6pm Vigil	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ron Gravolin	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Assistance Required
	Junior Server		Bernie Lawler		
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese John Stapleton	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	John Stapleton Bill Tango
	Ministers of Communion		Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni
	Music	Simon Hyland	CD's	Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson
	Warden	Assistance Required	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek
	Piety Shop	Lynette & Helen	Louise Wareham	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis
8:30am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Patty Thomas Sonia Zadro	Rita Bruzzese Anne Walton	Patty Thomas Assistance Required	Jan Van Den Broek Assistance Required
	Ministers of Communion	Mary Prager Assistance Required	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Judith O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Madeleine Le Surf Tiere Morgan
	Music	Parish Choir	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	Warden	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina
	Piety Shop	Lynette Duffy	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
	Morning Tea	Assistance Required	Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Lynn Parkes	Lynn Parkes
	Children's Liturgy				
10:30am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin
	Junior Server	Iona & Teresa Hearn			Bernie Lawler Iona & Teresa Hearn
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Jean Halcrow	Jane Fonua Therese Hava	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Ministers of Communion	Assistance Required	Kim McGrath	Jan Dorsen	Assistance Required
	Music	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Warden	David Hala	Marika Jones	David Hala	Peter Bartolotta
	Piety Shop	Maria Condomitti	Maria Condomitti	Anne Gaughan Kim McGrath	Anne Gaughan Kim McGrath
	Morning Tea	Tina & Sokee	Filipino Group		
6pm Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic
	Server	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill	Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan	Ivana Covic	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill
	Readers	Sandie Cornish Simon Cahill	Flora Spiteri Assistance Required	Paul Novak Dean Gale	Sonia Zadro Dean Gale
	Ministers of Communion	Pam Rawson	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Richard Heasman	Pam Rawson
	Music	Simon Hyland	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland
	AV Screens	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	
	Warden	Mark Wall	Stephen Crowley	Mark Bateman	Assistance Required
	Piety Shop	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy

January 2020 Roster – FRESHWATER

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

5pm Vigil	Ministry	Week 1 4th – 5th January	Week 2 11th – 12th January	Week 3 18th – 19th January	Week 4 25th – 26th January
			<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	Acolyte/Snr Server	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Readers	Shirley Abbott	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield
	Ministers of Communion	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca
	Music	CD's	CD's	CD's	CD's
	AV Screens	Assistance Require	Assistance Require	Assistance Require	Assistance Require
9am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Readers	Claire Mullane	Toni Walsh	Pam Brown	Joshua Wright Jasmine Wright
	Ministers of Communion	John Dunn	Toni Walsh	Toni Walsh	Toni Walsh
	Music	Choir	Choir	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca
	Altar Society	Mary Ann Marles	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	Maria Harkness	Lyn Hillard
	Morning Tea	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays
	Children's Liturgy	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays

Manly and Freshwater Roster 28th – 29th December 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Ron Gravolin	Ivica Covic	Ian Press	Amorina Wright
Servers				Ivana Covic, Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan		
Readers	John Stapleton	Patty Thomas	Katalina Taefotu Rita Bruzzese	Paul Novak Ed Copeman	Shirley Abbott	Toni Walsh
Ministers of Communion	Assistance Req	Peter Nacard	Anne Keating Kim McGrath	Assistance Req	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh Pam Brown
Music	CD's	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Simon Hyland	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Bill Tango		
Warden	Assistance Req	Dom Ferragina	David Hala	Assistance Req		
Piety Shop	Lynette & Helen	Lynette Duffy	Anne Gaughan Kim McGrath	Lynette Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society	Tiere Morgan				Marg Norrie Meg Storey	
Morning Tea		Sophie Ford Rose Redding				Holidays
Children's Lit		Holidays				Holidays

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 7:10-14 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 23:1-6 (JB)*

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

Second Reading *Romans 1:1-7 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him

we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 1:23 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 1:18-24 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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