



**Diocese of Broken Bay**

# MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and  
St John the Baptist, Freshwater

**Administration Office:**

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 9am – 4pm

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50 Whistler St, Manly NSW 2095

**Mary Immaculate Church**

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

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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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter 12th May 2019



This Fourth Sunday of Easter is always celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday. This image of Christ the Shepherd caring for his followers has been used since the earliest years of Christianity. In the biblical way of shepherding, the shepherd leads the flock, calling each sheep by name. The sheep know and trust the voice of their shepherd, following him wherever he leads: a fine model for the love of Jesus for his disciples – and for each of us.

Today's world is noisy, and it is not always easy for us to hear the voice of our good shepherd. We are bombarded with so many other voices, so many images, so many ideas. Christ knows this, yet he still tells us, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Prayer, one of God's greatest gifts to us, and one that we often take for granted because Christ is always paying attention to us, just as a good shepherd pays attention to his sheep; He is always speaking to us, just as a good shepherd walks ahead of his flock talking and singing, so they can hear him and follow along.

No matter how noisy, dark, or stormy it gets, he knows how to make his voice heard in our hearts. We can always tune into God - that's the gift of prayer. In the Social Media terminology of today, God is always online, so he can guide us to the meaningful life we long for. Today, as Jesus renews his commitment as our good shepherd, let's renew our commitment to be his good followers, to give daily prayer the place it ought to have in our lives. *Pathways to God* | E Priest

**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 May: Church in Africa**

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members,  
may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for  
the continent.

**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 Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek

**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

## May

Mon 13/5 – 4th week of Easter  
Tue 14/5 – St Matthias  
Wed 15/5 – 4th week of Easter  
Thurs 16/5 – 4th week of Easter  
Fri 17/5 – 4th week of Easter  
Sat 18/5 – 4th week of Easter  
Sun 19/5 – 5th Sunday of Easter

## Yr C 2019

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17  
Acts 12:24-13:5; Jn 12:44-50  
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20  
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6  
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

## LET US PRAY FOR

12th May 2019

**Recently Deceased:** **Brian Michael O' Regan; Ron Grimble, Jennifer Tobin, Elizabeth Fenelon**

**Anniversary:** **Peter Lawler**

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** Joan Knap Hunt (Knappie); Wayne Smedley; Sofia Musso (child); Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Anita Lo Casio; Stephen Taylor; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Norman Cummins; Lauren Hannahan; Virginia Leary; Rosalba Galuis

**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.

**The St Vincent de Paul 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.

**National Attendance Count** During Mass this month you may see someone at the back of the Church counting heads. This is for the annual National Attendance Count & during May all Catholic churches are requested to count attendance numbers at all regular weekend Masses.

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **1st Communion Classes continue** 18th/19th May
- **CWF Appeal** this weekend
- **RCIA** Tue 14th May @ 7pm
- **SMM Yr 2 Class Mass** Thurs 16th May @ 9:15am
- **Wesley Heights Mass** Thurs 16th May @ 1:30pm

## SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

**FRESHWATER:** following the Sunday 9am Mass.

**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.



**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.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am.



**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. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088  
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



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



**The Parish Playgroup** is held during school terms on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.



**POPE FRANCIS** Every morning, God comes to find us where we are. He summons us to rise at his word, to look up and to realize that we were made for heaven.



**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday 2nd June at Manly at the 10.30am Mass and at Freshwater at the 9am Mass. Please remember the children and their families as they continue their preparation program.

## POPE FRANCIS CALL TO HOLINESS GROUP

continues Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish End Room. All Welcome

## Parish Safeguarding TRAINING

Safeguarding in the Diocese seeks to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice.

The Office for Safeguarding will be running training in each Deanery throughout the year. The first for 2019 is in the Northern Beaches Deanery will be held at Manly.

**This training is open to all Northern Beaches Deanery Parishes (Pittwater, The Lakes, Frenchs Forest, Warringah, Manly Freshwater & North Harbour)**

**Learn about Safeguarding – Training for all Parish Staff, Volunteers and Parishioners**

Please register for one of the following training sessions

- Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 2pm – 4pm
- Saturday 25 May 2019 at 10am – 12noon

**Location:** Manly Freshwater Parish, 6 Raglan Street, Manly  
Please RSVP to [safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au)  
(Attention: Lucy) or phone 8379 1605.

### MANLY PIETY STORE

**The Piety store celebrates May, The month of Mary**

Our piety store this month is dedicated to our Holy Mother, come and see our stock of books, images and movies, rosary's and bracelet rosary's celebrating our love of Mary

**Movies of the month** – “The miracle of Our Lady Fatima” & “Fatima - the 13<sup>th</sup> Day” - Both are very good films on the apparitions of Our Lady to the 3 shepherd children at Fatima in 1917. The miracle of the sun is the biggest supernatural event ever recorded, even secular newspapers reported it, tens of thousands of people converted on that day with around 70 000 witnesses. Films are \$10 and \$20 - limited stock!

**CDs of the month** “Fatima – living the message” & “Theology of the body and Our Lady of Fatima”

The prophecies of Fatima have all come true and the messages are linked with many of the Church's teachings including Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Divine Mercy. “Fatima” is also the name of the second most revered woman in the Quran (after Mary) and so the fact that such supernatural phenomena occurred in “Fatima” is prophesied to be a part of God's plan to unite all humanity (including Islam) in Jesus Christ. CDs \$5 piety store.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocation

**Prayer for Vocation – Broken Bay**

Loving God,

You are the Lord who calls and sends out labourers into the harvest.

In your great love you call us to belong to you, to be holy as you are holy, to be your people and to live in loving service of others.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the Catholic community of Broken Bay, as we turn to you in faith and hope.

Call from among us priests and deacons, shepherds after your own heart,

to gather and guide us in your name, to serve our faith community,

to proclaim your gospel, in word and deed, to minister through the sacraments and to lead us ever closer to you. Amen



**OUR PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS**

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**CWF APPEAL THIS WEEKEND**

**11th/12th May**

**“How marvelous it would be, if at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others” Pope Francis**

Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to this year's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal. Donations are 100% tax deductible and the 3rd and final collection for this financial year will be held this weekend. These appeals are used to support the charitable activities of our Diocese.

Our Parish quota for this financial year is \$49,203.00 and we have an outstanding balance of **\$29,303.35**.

Envelopes are available in the church foyer or parish office and will be attached to next week's bulletins.

### Election BBQ & Cake Stall

The Federal elections are being held next Saturday 18th May 2019, and there will be voting **St Mary's Parish Hall Manly and St John the Baptist Parish Hall, Freshwater**. There will be a sausage sizzle and cake stall at both venues

**Manly Catenians** are part of a global association that offers a forum for catholic men to socialise. We meet locally each 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed for dinner, generally with a guest speaker but always ensuring a fun night. Try us out. Manly Parish has several members but can do with more. Laurie de Ambrosis is a member and would be happy to provide more details. 0418276186.



### Introducing the brand new Freshwater Morning Tea Crew! ‘

Given the blockbusting Avengers movie in theatres at the moment, it is a good time to tell you about one of the many groups of superheros in our own Parish of Manly Freshwater!!

**Week 1**

### Andy & Becky Thiss & Family.

Their superpowers are the fact that they are from the rare young demographic! Who not only take the time to attend church, but volunteer to help!

Despite bringing up two gorgeous mini heroes and leading extremely busy lives, they somehow still find the time to volunteer and be a part of our team. Welcome.



## Manly and Freshwater Roster 18th – 19th May 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am
Acolytes	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Ron Gravalin
Servers		Evan & Byron Cahill	
Readers	Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas Simon Cahill	Vuna Tuifua Katalina Taefotu
Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	Judy O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Jan Dorsen
Music	Bianca Zatz	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Tongan Choir
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	David Hala
Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Jan Dorsen	Anne Gaughan
Flowers/ Altar Society	Merle Zemek		
Morning Tea		Lynn Parkes	Tongan Group
Children's Lit		Fiona S	

Ministry	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Ivica Covic	Lou Maruca	Mick O'Farrell
Servers	Ivana Covic		
Readers	Paul Novak Dean Gale	Amanda Whitfield	Luke Campbell Pam Brown
Ministers of Communion	Richard Heasman Pam Rawson	Angela Vumbaca	Toni Walsh
Music	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	Mark Bateman		
Piety Shop	Lynette & Sophie Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society		Lyn Hillard	
Morning Tea			Raymond Family
Children's Lit			Assistance Req

### 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



ST MARY'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

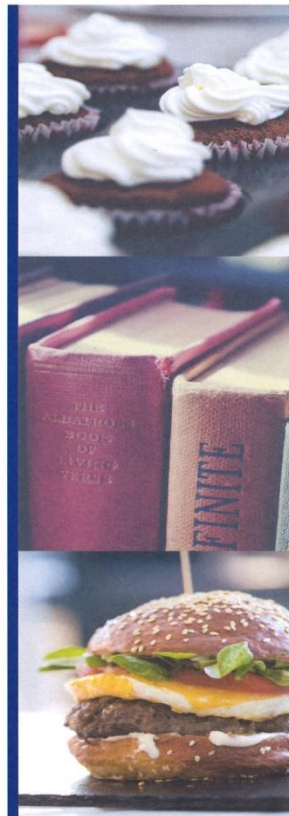
### FEDERAL ELECTION FAIR

MAKE YOUR VOTE REALLY  
COUNT THIS ELECTION!

**BBQ,  
BAKE SALE,  
CRAFT STALL,  
2ND HAND BOOKS  
AND MORE**

*Come along to support us and  
grab a delicious bacon and  
egg roll, sausage sanger,  
yummy homemade cakes,  
a great book to read and  
even some handmade gifts,  
ALL whilst you vote.*

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH  
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CNR WHISTLER & RAGLAN STS  
8 AM ONWARDS



### Outside the Parish

#### Sisters of Life - Australian Tour May 2019 Public Events

- Treasure in the Field - Evening for young women**  
Fri 17 May, 6.00 pm - 18-35 yrs
- Feminine Genius Brunch - Morning for women talk by Sr. Antoniana** Sat 18 May, 10.00 am – women all ages
- Faith, Work & Life - Seminar for UNDA staff, Religious Education Coordinators & employees of Catholic agencies** - Mon 20 May, 10.00 am
- Theology on Tap – 'Keeping Anchored at All Times' talk by Sr Mary Grace** Mon 20 May, 6pm – 18-35 yrs
- A Spirituality of Care, seminar for staff & students from UNDA Schools of Medicine & Nursing, & for employees of healthcare providers** Tues 21 May, 10.00 am
- They left everything and followed him: Vocation stories for the new millennium with all Sisters of Life**
- Public forum on religious and priestly vocations today  
Tuesday 21 May, 6.30 pm – all ages

**Hosted by the University of Notre Dame Australia**

[Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au](mailto:Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au) / (02) 8204 4189

**PRAISEFEST** -Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites all young people to Join young people (youth & young adults) from across the Diocese to catch up with friends, enjoy our Festival consisting of different activities and a free BBQ, encounter God through vibrant and honest worship, and receive spiritual nourishment through an inspiring and relevant message.  
Date: Friday 7 June 2019 Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm  
Venue: Chatswood Parish, 94 Archer St, Chatswood

### TAP TO 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 **Account#** 13958001 **BSB** # 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

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.

**We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish**



# Why is May the Month of Mary?

Marge Fenelon



It's here.

May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics, and making vacation plans.

It's also the Month of Mary.

Having gone to a Catholic grade school run by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, my early childhood memories include honoring Mary during May – a practice I've continued all of my life and taught my children to do as well. It's as natural and essential to me as my morning coffee (only far, far more joy-filled if you can even imagine that).

I know a number of Catholics who see May as the Month of Mary, and we all get the same question from time to time:

Why is May Mary's month?

Here's a brief explanation.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth.

During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month.

This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between. Just do it.

Why?

Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is.

No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor.

Pope Paul VI wrote a beautiful encyclical on the Month of May in which he describes how the faithful reserve this month to honour Mary in a special way: "*For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne.*" Pope Paul VI goes on to say that May is an opportune time to let our petitions fly to Our Lady—especially for the needs of the Church and the whole human race—that most urgently require our Blessed Mother's intercession.

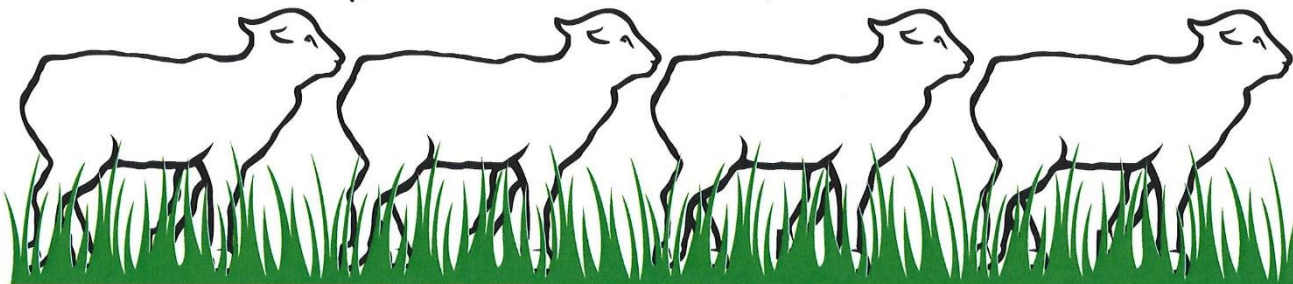
Jesus is our shepherd  
and we follow him

My name is

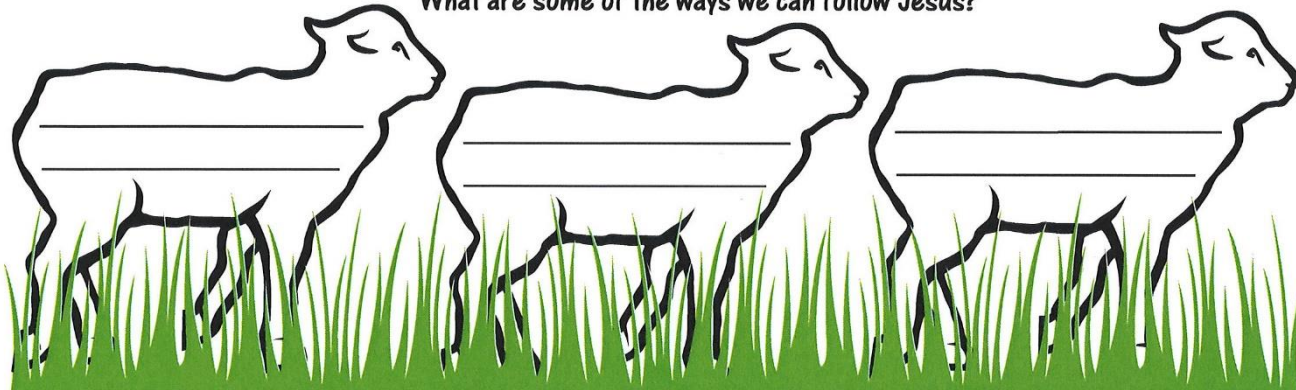


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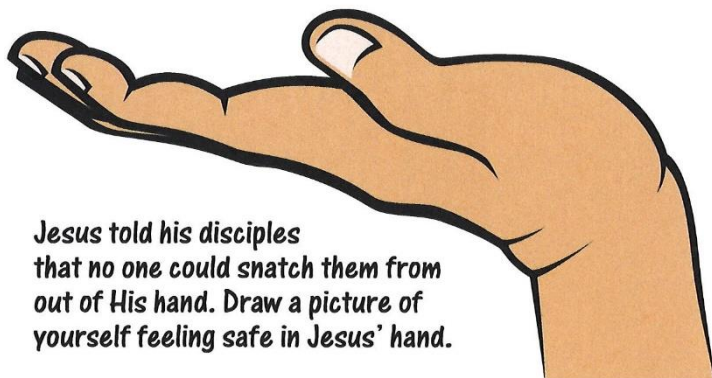
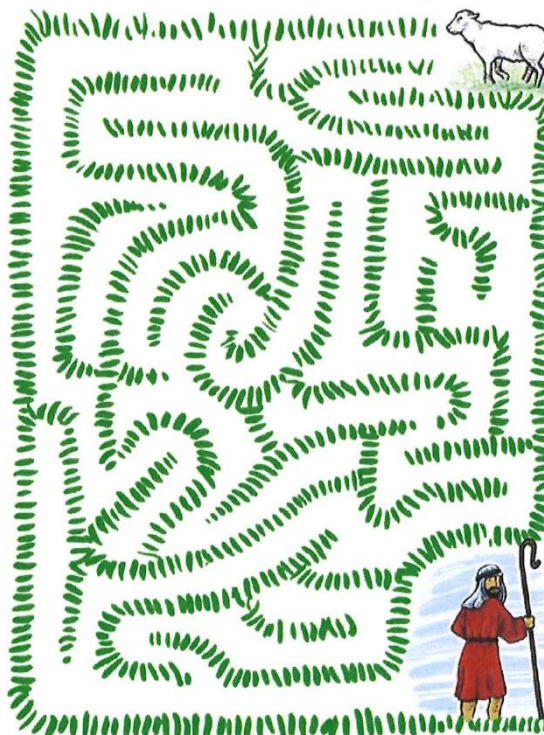
In each of the sheep, write down the name of someone you know who is a follower of Jesus.



What are some of the ways we can follow Jesus?



Jesus' sheep will never be lost. Help the sheep follow the path to the shepherd.



Jesus told his disciples  
that no one could snatch them from  
out of His hand. Draw a picture of  
yourself feeling safe in Jesus' hand.

Acts 13:43-44. 47-48 Ps 100:1-2. 3. 5 R.v.3c Jn 10:27-30

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter – YEAR C

**Note: Readings for the Family Mass at Freshwater will be taken from the Children's Lectionary**

**First Reading** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52  
*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 99:1-3, 5  
**R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. R.

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. R.

**Second Reading** Revelation 7:9, 14-17  
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse  
*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** John 10:14  
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:27-30

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to

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