



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Fourth Sunday of Easter 8th May 2022

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

we ask you to pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray that more men and women will generously say yes to God's call in their lives and that their parents will support them.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, O Lord, that we may be holy. In your mercy, guard and strengthen us to be disciples who witness to the Good News of Jesus.

Call forth from our community of the Church generous and loving shepherds after your own heart.

May they be zealous preachers of the Word; faithful teachers of the Truth; and devoted servants at the Altar.

Fill their hearts with love for you and your creation; open their minds to a lifetime of learning; and make them humble servants of your holy people.


For you, O God, are kind and merciful, and to you we offer glory, in your holy Church, now and forever.
AMEN.

CRAFT GROUP MARKET

Thanks to everyone who supported our stall last Sunday. We raised nearly \$2,000. If you missed our or regretted, when you got home that you didn't buy something we have another opportunity coming up.

We will be holding a stall on Election Day 21st May from 9am outside the Parish Hall.

 **Our Parish Confirmation** program commences next weekend.

 **PASTORAL CARE** Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

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

COVID REQUIREMENTS -Please remember it is strongly recommended that you...

- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY BLESSING



Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

Amen.

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St Edmund's College
7-12 students with disabilities

Ephpheta Centre
Catholic Deaf Community

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the new name for CWF



Pastoral Works Appeal (formally CWF) Our Parish balance this year is \$38,304.00

Donations are 100% tax deductible

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

Recently Deceased:**Anniversary:** Ann Irvin

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Richard Connelly; John Kiely, Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Prionsias Kearney; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Joe & Pat Smith; John Connor

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?****2nd collection Parish Bank Account**

Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

1st collection Parish Bank Account Supports our Priests

Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

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As we are slowly becoming a cashless society we would like to remind you that we have a Tap N Go facility available. All you have to do is wave your credit or debit card on the scanner which are located close by to both entry doors at Manly. You are also welcome to create an automatic debit to help out our parish. Thank you for your generosity

Thank you for your ongoing support**Piety Store Manly**

Movie of the month – Fatima (2020) \$10
Mary Mother of God? \$5

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL

-Please accept the gratitude of the Society for your recent generosity to this Appeal. \$8,278 was given to help effected people mainly in the Northern Rivers Area of the State..

Mick O'Farrell and Bruce Whittet

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL -Manly conference is looking for a carpenter/handyman to repair a pensioner lady's cabinet and drawer.If you are able to help, please ring Christine on the SVdP Regional Office on 92643017 and leave a message for me. Many thanks for your help

Bruce Whittet, President Manly Conference



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.

Dates to remember...

- **Craft Group** Tues 10am – 12noon
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesdays 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Rosary (Zoom)** Thurs 5th May @ 6pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS****Quiet Prayer & Adoration**

6:00pm – 7pm

Scripture Reflection on the Eucharist & Benediction 7pm – 7:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet will said starting at 6pm

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary – Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater on 1st Friday each month at 9:15am Mass
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

**St Mary's Manly FREE PLAYGROUP for 3 - 5 olds**

Term 2 -Wednesdays May 4 – June 1, 9am

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GOSPEL REFLECTION - Christ the Good Shepherd calls us to listen consciously, deliberately, wisely for his voice in the depths of our hearts, to listen for his voice in the love and joy, the pain and anguish, the cries for mercy and justice of those around us; Christ the Son of God assures us that we are always safe and accepted in the loving embrace of his Father.

Christ speaks in many voices — including our own. We can be the "voice" of Christ's compassion, comfort, forgiveness and peace in even our smallest and simplest words and acts of kindness and generosity.

Jesus calls each one of us to take on the role of "shepherd": to walk and lead one another through the steep paths and dangerous ridges we all must walk, not diminishing the danger or pain but helping one another make our way through it. The challenge of taking up the Good Shepherd's staff is to face the truth despite our own fears, to search for God's light (if only a flicker) in the midst of overwhelming darkness, to reach out to grab another despite our own tenuous grasp.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
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.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 99:1-3, 5 (JB)

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 Rev 7:9, 14-17 (JB)

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.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation


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

Gospel John 10:14 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
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 me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair),
Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary),

Ivica Covic; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall;
Michael McGrath

Weekend Masses:
Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm & Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses:
Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am
Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: please contact the parish office
Manly: 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater: 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation: **Manly** Sat 10am – 11am

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