



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 30th March 2025



First Fruits: A perspective on Giving

When thinking about what we can give back to God in return for the gifts he has given to each of us, it helps to have a PLAN.

At Manly Freshwater Parish, prior to the disruption of COVID, and especially before the Tap and Go terminals were introduced, the number of parishioners who had written a “giving pledge” ie they had a PLAN to which they faithfully committed each week or month, was nearly 3 times the small number of about 130 currently.

Ten years ago, we had about 350 givers who had made a written commitment.

By 2023, this number had fallen to about 150 and by January 2025 only about 130.

Now, most parishioners (and certainly the many visitors here) use the convenience of the Tap machines to extend their generosity to the Parish and reflect on the goodness of God.

Whilst we sincerely appreciate this magnificent support, a specific re-orientation towards God with a PLAN TO COMMIT the First Fruits of our labour is the essence of this campaign.

Of course we would like you to continue tapping the terminals, but for many, this doesn’t engender a true sense of the spiritual “giving back to God”.

If you decide to take one of the First Fruits packs, the decision of how much to give is the next step and, as it should be, is very personal for you and your family.

Across the 2 Churches, over the average weekend we have between 600 and 700 attending mass. If say 300 of these were coffee drinkers and maybe buy 5 coffees a week, that equates to almost \$100 a month.

Shouldn’t we consider God is deserving of something much more than that?

Such a commitment would represent about 1.5% of the gross annual salary for Australians at the last census. The Biblical guide for giving is “tithing” which by definition means 10%. Now that would be the “Gold Standard” but in terms of our commitment to God, it can be our ambition.

John Zemek – Parish Finance Committee



When No One Else Cares: Find God in Life's Struggles

Does God care when nobody else seems to care? Where is God when good people are hurting?

Join us for an evening in which we open the Bible and focus on the Scriptures that teach us about God's intimate care for every single person who suffers, who is lonely, lost, and longing for something they feel is missing. In these verses we will discover the core theme of the Jubilee. We will discover a loving God who cares, who helps, who loves us all, and who gives us a new start every day.



Dr Peter Holmes was trained and served as a Lutheran Minister before working in counseling, consulting and teaching roles within the Catholic Archdioceses of Melbourne and Sydney. He spent 6 years as the Manager of Studies for Catholic Adult Education Sydney. Since 2007, Peter has lectured on Scripture, Theology and Biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek). Peter's research interests focus on the theology of masculinity. Peter is married with eight children.

Event Details:

- **Date & Time:** Friday, April 4th, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- **Location:** Parish Hall, Manly

Evening Highlights:

- **Retreat Talk:** Dr Peter Holmes
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Engage in meaningful dialogue, ask questions, and delve deeper into the evening's themes.
- **Fellowship over Supper:** Enjoy a light meal together, fostering community and connection among parishioners.
- **Concluding Prayer:** Reflect and unite in prayer, drawing closer to God as a community.

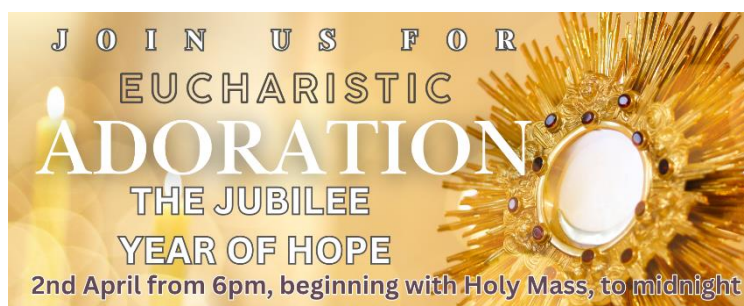
How to Express Interest:

To help us prepare adequately, we kindly ask you to indicate your interest in attending:

- **Sign-Up Sheets:** This weekend, you'll find sign-up sheets at each of the church doors. Simply write “Yes” to let us know you're interested.
- **Contact the Parish Office:** If you miss the sign-up sheet, feel free to reach out to the parish office directly to confirm your interest.

Don't miss this enriching opportunity to prepare your heart for Easter. We look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

Fr Chima





Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope

Inspired by the Life and Witness of St. John Vianney

Heavenly Father, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we thank You for the gift of our parish, Manly Freshwater, chosen as a shrine of hope for priests and vocations. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, the faithful shepherd of souls, renew in us a deep love for the priesthood and a commitment to fostering holy vocations in our community.

Lord, may this parish be a beacon of hope, where priests find strength and renewal, where Your faithful discover peace and encouragement, and where hearts are inspired to answer Your call with courage and joy.

Teach us, through the example of St. John Vianney, to love prayer deeply, to serve with humility, and to bring Your mercy and hope to those who seek You.

We entrust Manly Freshwater Parish and this Jubilee Year of Hope to Your loving care, confident that You will guide us to renewal and bless us with abundant vocations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mary Immaculate Church Manly New Mass Times and "Hours of Mercy" A Jubilee Year of Hope Initiative

As part of our commitment to being a **Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations** during this Jubilee Year of Hope, our Parish Pastoral Council has introduced new opportunities for prayer and spiritual renewal.

◆ **New Early Morning Masses** – To accommodate those unable to attend our regular 9:15 am weekday Mass, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, we will offer **7:00 am Mass every Tuesday and Friday**. This provides an opportunity for some working parishioners to begin their day with the Eucharist.

◆ **"Hours of Mercy" – Every First Wednesday** – On the **first Wednesday of each month, from 6:00 pm to midnight**, we will hold a special time of grace and prayer. The evening will begin with **Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. This extended time of prayer allows us to deepen our relationship with God and receive the gift of **Plenary Indulgences**.

◆ **Regular Wednesday Adoration** – On all other Wednesdays, Adoration will continue as usual from **6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**.

The commencement for these new initiatives is from Tuesday 4th March 2025.

More details on what to expect during the **"Hours of Mercy"** are in the bulletin. We encourage you to take advantage of these spiritual opportunities to encounter God's grace in a profound way. *Fr Chima*

APRIL MINISTRY ROSTER IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH



Easter Ministry Roster

If you are a reader or a senior server and are able to assist with our Easter Services, please advise the Parish Office.

LET US PRAY FOR

30 March 2025

Recently Deceased: William (Bill) Outch; Phillip Gelonesi;

Anniversary: Joan McKeown

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Rena Cull; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Peter Hoang Ngoc Thai; John Santos; Garry Kirkman

Dates to remember...

- **ALPHA continues** Monday 31 March 7pm
- **Anointing of the Sick Mass** Fri 4 April 9:15am
- **Parish Retreat** Fri 4 April 6pm
- **Confirmation Classes continue** Sat 5 & Sun 6 April
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES

at Manly and Freshwater Churches
on Friday 4th April at 9:15am



Sacrament of confession/reconciliation

is available in Manly every
Saturday from 10am to 11am and
Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm

**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and
reconciliation will be available**
6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

Welcome to Our Parish!

If you are new to the Parish or are not currently registered, we warmly welcome you and ask that you complete a Parish Census form. This will assist us to connect with you and your family and advise you of any of 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 or emailed to the Parish Office - manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

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

PARISH MORNING TEAS

MANLY: 3rd Sunday after 10:30am Mass

FRESHWATER: Sunday after 9am Mass.

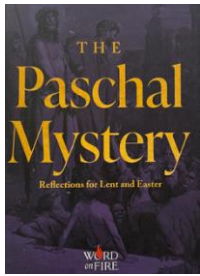
Join us for morning tea and a chat.
All welcome and bring a friend



LENTEN PROGRAMS



The Diocesan Lenten Program is available in the Church for you to do at home.



Fr Sam will be holding 2 Lenten Groups using *The Paschal Mystery* (Word on Fire), a guide through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, exploring themes like repentance, prayer, and the Passion of Christ.

Thursday 7pm & Saturday 12pm in the Parish Centre.



Manly Freshwater Parish –QR Code

CHECK OUT Fr Sam's new 90 second Jubilee YouTube video by scanning the QR Code. Other parish information can also be found.

Introducing Morning Prayer

During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are all invited to a deeper spiritual renewal, embracing prayer as a way to grow in faith and trust in God's providence and love. As part of this journey, Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) will be prayed at 8:45am, Tuesday to Friday, before Mass, at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly. This ancient prayer of the Church unites us in praise and reflection through Scripture and psalms, drawing us into the rhythm of daily prayer with the universal Church. Prayer books will be provided, and all are welcome to join.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent



Irene is a 25-year-old single mother of two boys living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Despite experiencing extreme poverty, she has become a skilled seamstress and can now support her children's education with her income.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.



Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

JOIN US FOR

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

2nd April from 6pm,
beginning with Holy Mass, to midnight

6.00 - 6.35 pm : Holy Mass
6.40 - 7.30pm: Exposition and usual Adoration
7.30 - 8.00 pm : Rosary with Lectio Divina Group
8.00 - 8.30 pm: Silent Adoration
8.30 - 9.00 pm: Rosary to the Holy Spirit with Larissa
9.00 - 9.15 pm: Silent Adoration
9.15 - 10.00 pm: Praise and Worship in Spanish with Spanish Prayer Group
10.00 - 10.15 pm: Silent Adoration
10.15 - 10.45 pm: Divine Mercy in my Soul with Fr Marek
10.45 - 11.00pm Silent Adoration
11.00 - 11.45 pm : Vocations and Young Adults with Fr Sam
11.45 - 12.00 pm: Benediction

Confession will be available at every full hour from 7pm to 11pm
Light refreshment available from 7pm to 11.30pm at the Prayer Room in the Parish Office

Stations of the Cross

will be held each Friday during Lent at

- Freshwater 9:45am
- Manly 7pm



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held in Term 2.

If your child is in Year 4 and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and you wish them to take part in this program it is essential, you attend one of these sessions. If you have any queries, please email michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au

CONFIRMATION 2025 We currently have 86 children registered for Confirmation, which will take place in May. This weekend the children will continue their Sacramental Program and will be presented to the Parish community. You are invited to take a prayer card for one of the children and to pray for them and their families during this preparation time.



Please pray for me as I prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation



OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM WELCOMING

Please keep the children who are preparing for baptism in your prayers.



FRESH PALMS OR OLIVE BRANCHES NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY.

Please bring your Palms to the parish centre on Friday 11th April between 9am -2pm. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

PIETY STORE

There are St John Vianney candles, prayer books and holy water bottles available in the Piety Store along with books on St Joseph for the month of March, a variety of crosses, rosary beads, CD's, DVD's and much more.

Movie of the month - The miracles of Padre Pio

Renowned as the greatest wonder-working saint in modern history. This documentary explores; Padre Pio's stigmata, levitations, prophecies, bilocations and the remarkable intercessory miracles and favours attributed to him. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD of the month - The sacrament of penance - Fr William Casey

An excellent description of the sacrament of reconciliation. "Sin clings to us, have it removed and feel so much better!" take advantage of this sacrament. Only \$5 at the piety store.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR READER AT MASS?

As we start a new year, we are looking to hold training for new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. If you are interested in this very important and fulfilling ministry, please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to register.



Places of Pilgrimages Jubilee of Hope 2025

The three diocesan "Jubilee Shrines of Hope" which will form significant places of pilgrimage, worship, prayer, and hope for God's people in Broken Bay during the Jubilee Year

- The **Parish of Gosford** with the **Relic of Saint John Paul II** a **Shrine of Hope** for our families.
- The **Parish of Chatswood** with the **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** a **Shrine of Hope** for our young people.
- The **Parish of Manly Freshwater** with the **Relic of Saint John Vianney** will **Shrine of Hope** for our Priests and Vocations.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of March – For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

DON'T MISS OUT

On Gaining Jubilee Plenary Indulgences

Did you know there are numerous ways to gain a Jubilee Plenary Indulgence during this Jubilee Year of Hope. A plenary indulgence is the *remission of all temporal punishment due to sin*. And you can earn these indulgences frequently, even daily, not only for yourself but also for souls in purgatory! So don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity. Here are some of the ways you can do this:

1. Going on Pilgrimage

Embark on a pious pilgrimage to one of the designated shrines. In the Broken Bay Diocese, these include Manly, Chatswood, Gosford, and the Cathedral. While there, you can participate in any of the following sacred activities:

- Holy Mass
- Liturgy of the Hours (e.g., morning prayer)
- Stations of the Cross
- Marian Rosary
- Reciting the Akathist Hymn (an ancient hymn dedicated to Mary)

2. Pious Visits to Sacred Places

Visit any Jubilee site and spend a suitable time engaging in Eucharistic Adoration and meditation. Conclude with the following:

- The Our Father
- The Profession of Faith (or the Creed)
- A prayer or hymn to Mary, Mother of God

For those who are unable to visit in person, such as those confined to their homes or other places, they can still gain the Jubilee Indulgence. By spiritually joining in with the faithful through various means of communication, they participate in the grace of the indulgence.

3. Works of Mercy and Penance

A Jubilee Indulgence can also be earned by engaging in acts of mercy and penance with a devout spirit. This includes:

- Participating in popular missions (e.g., Alpha)
- Joining spiritual exercises (e.g., Parish Retreats)
- Engaging in formation activities (e.g., catechesis or prayer groups)
- Visiting those in need (the sick, the elderly, people with disabilities, prisoners)
- Practicing penitential acts, such as:
 - Abstaining from media or social networks periodically
 - Fasting on certain days of the week (e.g. on Fridays)
 - Donating to the poor
 - Supporting religious or social works
 - Volunteering in the service of the community

Important Conditions

Remember, the usual conditions for gaining a Plenary Indulgence still apply:

- You must be truly repentant and free from any attachment to sin
- Receive sacramental confession and Holy Communion
- Offer a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father

These conditions must be fulfilled within a few days before or after performing the indulgenced act (ideally within 20 days).

Alfred Soliman – Seminarian

AT THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Take the challenge and join us for the

WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS TO CHATSWOOD

26.04.2025
9 am to 4 pm



**Are You a Young Adult?
Ready for a Walking Challenge?
Looking to Connect with Other Young People?
Do You Have a Special Intention Worth the Effort?**

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, join us for a **walking pilgrimage** to the **Jubilee Shrine for Young People in Chatswood!**

 **Date:** 26th April 2025

 **Start Time:** 9:00 AM

 **Arrival at Chatswood:** Around 1:15 PM

Come walk with us, connect with others, and make this journey one of purpose and reflection!

For more info contact Fr Marek via:
marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au

JOIN OUR NORTHERN BEACHES

YOUNG ADULTS

COMMUNITY

Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant
Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish
message: (6 Raglan St)
Fr Marek at 0422532173
or Cam at 0432895304



PILGRIMS VISITING THE SHRINE OF HOPE

On Wednesday 26 March, parishioners from Woy Woy visited the Manly Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations. Among them was a surprise guest—Fr Sam's mum, Christine! They joined us for Mass, morning tea, Stations of the Cross, a short talk by Fr Sam, and lunch before heading home. The pilgrims loved the experience and found it to be very enriching. If you know any other parish groups who would like to visit, direct them to the Parish QR code, or to contact the parish office.



YOUTH GROUP

1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm).

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group. Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)

Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash, there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

PILOT PROGRAM –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this. The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
5. **Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**



SCAN ME

• **Parish Giving (2nd collection)**

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

• **Clergy Giving (1st collection)**

Supports our Priests
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.



Grace and Truth Event

You are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters on Wednesday, 30 April for an evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Open to men and women of all ages. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Sister Elena Marie and Father James Baxter. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at sydney@op-tn.org

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 – Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am.



The 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 your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.

Children's Activity pages available at the entrance of the Churches.

Children's Mass books are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the Mass.

Mass booklets can be purchased from the Piety Store for \$10.00

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater
Livestreaming on Facebook 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 MANLY community.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year C

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12 (Year C) (JB)

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7 (Year C) (JB)

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. R.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. R.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (Year C) (JB)

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

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18 (Year C) (JB)

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (Year C) (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Nestled between the pines at South Steyne – our Medical Centre born from the belief of looking from a fresh perspective towards healthcare. You will find highly trained, experienced GPs and Nursing Staff, with a range of skills to provide you with quality comprehensive care.



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