



# MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

## Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

**Diocese of Broken Bay**

**Administration Office:**

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**Mary Immaculate Church**

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

**St John the Baptist Church**

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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

### 4th Sunday of Lent – 31st March 2019



Laetare ('Rejoice!') Sunday is a day of joyful celebration in the middle of our Lenten journey. Today we rejoice in God's outpouring of compassion and forgiveness for us, as we remember that we are loved sinners.

The Gospel is a family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.

The Foolish Son. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return.

Look at what happened when he came home – mercy took over – the robe, the ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness.

It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son.

The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our lives, we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful.

Fr Donal Neary sj 2019

**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 April:**

**Workers in War Zones** For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

**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

**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

## April

Mon 1/4 – 4th week of Lent

Tue 2/4 – 4th week of Lent

Wed 3/4 – 4th week of Lent

Thurs 4/4 – 4th week of Lent

Fri 5/4 – 4th week of Lent

Sat 6/4 – 4th week of Lent

Sun 7/4 – 5th Sun of Lent

## Yr C 2019

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Ezek 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-3,5-16

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Wis 2:1,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:11-11

## LET US PRAY FOR

31st March 2019

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Carmen Condori

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** 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

## WELCOME!

Please say HELLO and introduce yourself to the person sitting next to you.

You never know, you might have something in common!



**POPE FRANCIS** May the Blessed Virgin help everyone, especially young people, to follow the path of peace and fraternity, based on welcome and forgiveness, on respect for others, and on the love that is the gift of self.

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **LENTEN PROGRAMS – SEE BULLETIN NOTICE**
- **SJB Yr 3 Class Mass** Tues 2nd April @ 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tue 2nd April @ 7pm
- **Children's Reconciliation**  
Manly 2nd April and Freshwater 3rd April

## 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.



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

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



**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.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.



### 100% COMMUNITY

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.



### Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by visiting

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



**CHOCOLATE EASTER PASCHAL LAMBS** now available from the Piety Store \$10ea



**Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation**  
will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm



**ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

Rosters need to be prepared over the coming weeks for the Holy Week - Easter ceremonies, we would be very grateful if Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Greeters & Projectionists could advise the Parish Office – 9977 5822, of their availability for these services

**During Lent...**

**Tuesday evenings** at Manly at 7.15 for 7.30pm – “Rejoice and Be Glad” – small group discussion program looking at Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate.



**Discerning the Way of Jesus** – Lectio Divina Program prepared by the Diocese of Broken Bay will be held on...

- **Wednesday mornings** at Manly at 10am
- **Thursday evenings** at Manly at 7pm
- **Thursday Mornings** at Freshwater at 9.45am

Booklets will be available for those who wish to run a group or for personal use at home.

Please register at the Parish Office on 9977 5822 [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Stations of the Cross** – Fridays at 7pm at Manly

**The Light is On for You** – Reconciliation will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Manly



**Easter Vigil Assistance**

There is good news and the not so good.

The good news is that we have wonderful reasons to celebrate at the Ester Vigil including welcoming 7 new members to the Church.

The not so good news is that our usual post Easter Vigil Party is in need of more willing hands to make it happen.

All the food and drinks will be supplied but we need willing minds, hearts and hands to extend our welcoming hospitality. Please contact the Parish office NOW on 9977 5822 if you can assist.

**Personal Reflection for the week from our Discerning the Way of Jesus – Lenten Program**  
During the week challenge yourself to identify situations where you could be “invitational” or could share “the word of life” with others.



**Altar Server Training Session**

Will be held this Sunday 31 March at 5pm in the Church at Manly. Boys and Girls from 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to register to come along to the Training.



**First Reconciliation** – During the week 120 young people from the Parish will make their First Reconciliation. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Holy Week and Easter Services**



*Come Worship With Us!*

**Mary Immaculate Church, Manly**

- 18th April Mass of the Last Supper @ 7pm
- 19th April Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross @ 10am  
The Lord's Passion @ 3pm
- 20th April Easter Vigil @ 6pm
- 21st April Easter Sunday  
8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm

**St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater**

- 18th April Mass of the Last Supper @ 6pm
- 19th April Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross @ 10am  
The Lord's Passion @ 3pm
- 20th April Easter Vigil @ 5:30pm
- 21st April Easter Sunday @ 9am

**Freshwater Easter Vigil**

**will be held at 5:30pm – NOT 5pm**



**You are invited to the Chrism Mass!**

Come and join together with our clergy and people across Broken Bay for the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils for our parishes. Mass begins at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 April 2019. Soup and bread will be served in the courtyard from 6.00pm with tea and coffee afterwards.

**Election BBQ & Cake Stall**

Now that the state election is over, we await the news of the date for the federal election (probably 11 or 18 May). St Mary's Hall will be

a polling venue and so we are organising a joint school/parish fair and we need your help! There will be a BBQ, as well as cake, book and craft stalls. All money raised will go towards a joint school/parish project! We need people to serve the stalls, maybe only in one-hour slots. Shortly you will find lists in the church to register your availability. **The parish craft group are hard at work and we will be calling on all our cooks to donate a cake or slice!** For more information, please call the school on 9977 2225. Most importantly, make sure you tell everybody to vote at St Mary's!!!!'



**Craft Group** meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Centre. 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. All Welcome



**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 on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.



**Fitness Sessions Manly Saturday** Mornings at 9am & Wednesday Mornings at 8am Strength, Tone and Balance Training for over 50's both female and male. The

trainer is Paul Pervan who is a fully qualified Cert 4 Fitness Professional. Specialist in training Older Adults, fully insured with First Aid Certificate. Come along and Try!



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2019.

*If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (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

## St Mary's School News

We had a very successful **Family Mass** last Sunday. Thank you to all families who were able to come along and to the Year 4 families for hosting us all. There will be no Family Mass in April due to the school holidays. We hope to see you all again at our May Family Mass which will be held on the Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May and will be hosted by Year 2.



Students with Fr David during the Homily at Family Mass

Last Wednesday the Mission Team Captains attended the Year 6 Leaders of the Diocese of Broken Bay at the Light of Christ Centre, Waitara. The theme for the day was: What We Do for Others We Do for Jesus. The students were lucky to have The Very Reverend Fr David Ranson speak to them before celebrating mass with everyone.

Fr David shared his six lessons of leadership with the students.

1. Leadership is never about power, it is always about people.
2. Leadership is always about building up a greater experience of community.
3. Leadership asks the question – Where are we going?
4. Leadership doesn't pretend that it can answer previous questions on its own. They need to engage the community – it is about conversation.
5. Leadership never demands.
6. Leadership is a way of loving.

The leaders came back very inspired and have shared the contents of the day with their fellow Year 6 leaders.



Zara McNamee,  
Elisha Keating,  
The Very Reverend  
Fr David Ranson,  
Natasha Hughes,  
Zac French

### **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**



# ROSTER – April 2019

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



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### EASTER ROSTER WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A LATER DATE

## MANLY

Mass Times	Ministry	Week 1 6th – 7th April	Week 2 13th – 14th April	Week 3 20th – 21st April	Week 4 27th – 28th April
		<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Acolyte/ Snr Server</b>	Ron Gravalin Freya Zemek	Kazuko Fischer		Freya Zemek
	<b>Junior Server</b>		Bernie Lawler		
	<b>Readers</b>	Rita Bruzzese John Stapleton	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow		John Stapleton Bill Tango
	<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	John & Merle Zemek	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan		John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni
	<b>Music</b>	Simon Hyland	CD's		Bianca Zatz
	<b>AV Screens</b>	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson		Avis Fontaine
	<b>Warden</b>	John Zemek	John Zemek		John Zemek
	<b>Piety Shop</b>	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham		Louise Wareham
	<b>Flowers</b>	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell		Liz de Ambrosis
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Acolyte/ Snr Server</b>	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham		Louise Wareham
	<b>Junior Server</b>				
	<b>Readers</b>	Patty Thomas Simon Cahill	Paul Walsh Rita Bruzzese		Jan Van Den Broek
	<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Robina Dwyer Mary Prager	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan		Madeleine Le Surf Robina Dwyer Tiere Morgan
	<b>Music</b>	Parish Choir	Parish Choir Bianca Zatz		Parish Choir
	<b>AV Screens</b>	Parish Choir	Parish Choir		Rory Lynsky
	<b>Warden</b>	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina		Dom Ferragina
	<b>Piety Shop</b>	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen		Jan Dorsen
	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Sophie Ford Rose Redding		Lynn Parkes
	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Gabriella	Claire Shefford		Fiona C

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<b>10:30am Mass</b>	<b>Acolyte/ Snr Server</b>	Lynn Parkes Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin		Ron Gravolin
	<b>Junior Server</b>		Iona & Teresa Hearn		Bernie Lawler Iona & Teresa Hearn
	<b>Readers</b>	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Marie Downs Marleen Bowring		Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Anne Keating Shaun & Liana Hearn	Kim McGrath <b>Assistance Required</b>		Anne Keating <b>Assistance Required</b>
	<b>Music</b>	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall		Kath Papallo Gina Marshall
	<b>AV Screens</b>	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall		Robert Marshall
	<b>Warden</b>	David Hala	Marika Jones		Peter Bartolotta
	<b>Piety Shop</b>	Maria Condomitti	Maria Condomitti		Anne Gaughan
	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Tina & Sokee	Filipino Group		
<b>6pm Mass</b>	<b>Acolyte/ Snr Server</b>	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic		Ivica Covic
	<b>Junior Server</b>	Ivana Covic	Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan		Ivana Covic
	<b>Readers</b>	Kristy Campbell Sandie Cornish	Mark Sing Flora Spiteri		Ed Copeman Paul Novak
	<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Pam Rawson	Paula Martin Richard Heasman		Richard Heasman
	<b>Music</b>	St Paul's College	Josh Willard		Simon Hyland
	<b>AV Screens</b>	Bill Tango	Bill Tango		<b>Assistance Required</b>
	<b>Warden</b>	Mark Wall	Stephen Crowley		<b>Assistance Required</b>
	<b>Piety Shop</b>	Lynette & Sophie Duffy			Lynette & Eliza Duffy

## FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 6th – 7th April	Week 2 Palm Sunday 13th – 14th April	Week 3 Easter 20th – 21st April	Week 4 27th – 28th April
<b>5pm Vigil</b>	<b>Acolyte/Snr Server</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>		<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>		Amanda Whitfield
	<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Angela Vumbaca	Amanda Whitfield <b>Assistance Required</b>		Amanda Whitfield
	<b>Music</b>	CD's	CD's		CD's
	<b>AV Screens</b>	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly		Bill Kelly
<b>9am Mass</b>	<b>Acolyte/Snr Server</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>		<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Readers</b>	Pam Brown John Peters	Richard Feledy <b>Assistance Required</b>		Toni Walsh Joshua Wright
	<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	John Dunn	Pam Brown		Toni Walsh
	<b>Music</b>	Pat Brown	Pat Brown		Pat Brown
	<b>AV Screens</b>	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca		Margie Gruca
	<b>Altar Society</b>	Lyn Hillard	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	Marg Norrie Meg Storey	Mary Ann Marles
	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Raymond family	Feledy family	Raymond family	Brigid, Lynn & Andy
	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Jackie Feledy	Rena Curl		Leanne Ippolito

# Fourth Sunday of Lent – YEAR C

## First Reading

*Joshua 5:9-12*

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*

### **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*

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

*John 8:12*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

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**

## Simplicity Funerals



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Funeral Director**

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