



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024



### Gospel Reflection

Throughout his Gospel, Mark portrays Jesus as somewhat uncomfortable with his growing renown as a miracle worker. He clearly values time away from the crowds to be alone to pray – even though that time is cut short by the needs of those around him.

Jesus works miracles not out of any need of his own for the adulation of the masses but out of an extraordinary sense of compassion, a deep love for his brothers and sisters, especially those in crisis or pain. The miracles he works are not to solicit acclaim for himself but to awaken faith and trust in the Word of God, to restore in humankind God's vision of a world united as brothers and sisters under his providence (“that is what I have come to do”). Jesus’ compassion for those who come to him breaks down stereotypes and defenses that divide, segregate and marginalize people; his ministry is not to restore bodies to health but to restore spirits to wholeness.

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### FR MAREK WOLDEN ASSISTANT PRIEST

We warmly welcome Fr Marek Wolden to our parish community. He will be joining us next Monday and you will see him at weekend and weekday Masses as we return to our normal Mass schedule.

**The weekday Masses at Manly and Freshwater will be Tuesday – Friday at 9:15am.**

*thank you*

We sincerely thank the Augustinian Fathers from Manly Vale and Brookvale for their ministry and generous support.



### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February –

**For the gift of diversity in the Church.** We pray

that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### LET US PRAY FOR

4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Davis

**Anniversary:**

**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; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O’Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Bill Hipkiss; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Paul Gallagher; Jim Turley; Rena Culll; Maria Vasile

### Dates to remember...

- **St Paul’s College Opening Mass** Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9:15am
- **SMM School Opening Mass** Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9:15am
- **Cenacle of Our Lady SMM** Tues 9:45am, SJB Wed 9:45am

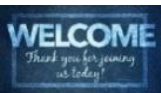
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Service will be held at Seaforth Anglican Church, 3 French’s Forest Rd Seaforth at 10 am on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. This year the service theme “Bear with one another in love” has been written by the Christian women in Palestine, written years before the current conflict.

*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.*



### 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.



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.



**PARISH GIVING** – 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.

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

- 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.
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**Spanish Prayer Group** meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 6pm – 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. **ALL WELCOME!**



**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.



**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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS**  
**Quiet Prayer & Adoration** 6pm – 7pm  
**Scripture Reflection & Benediction** 7pm – 7:30pm.

### Positions Vacant

- Frenchs Forest Parish - Parish Secretary
- North Harbour Parish – Family & Sacramental Coordinator and Media & Communications Coordinator

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### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



**The Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation Program** will commence with our Presentation Mass on the weekend of 10th and 11th February.

Our Program commenced last November with our Parent Information Session and the children, and their parents are now working through the workbooks in preparation for the Sacraments.

We are unable to accept late registrations.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated in late March.

**The Sacrament of First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11am** and will be held at both Mary Immaculate Church Manly and St John the Baptist Church Freshwater.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** and will be held at Mary Immaculate Church Manly. This Program is for children in year 3 and over who have been Baptised.

Details of the of the Confirmation Program are still to be finalized and will be distributed through the Parish Catholic and State Schools and published in the Parish Bulletin.

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

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



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

### First Reading

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Job

*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 146:1-6 (JB)*

**R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. R.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. he fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. R.

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. R.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23*

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

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 8:17 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 1:29-39 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100  
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**Parish Pastoral Council:** Paul Pervan (Chair);  
Michael McGrath (Deputy Chair); Margaret Dent  
(Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery;  
Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall;  
Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

**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

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

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

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