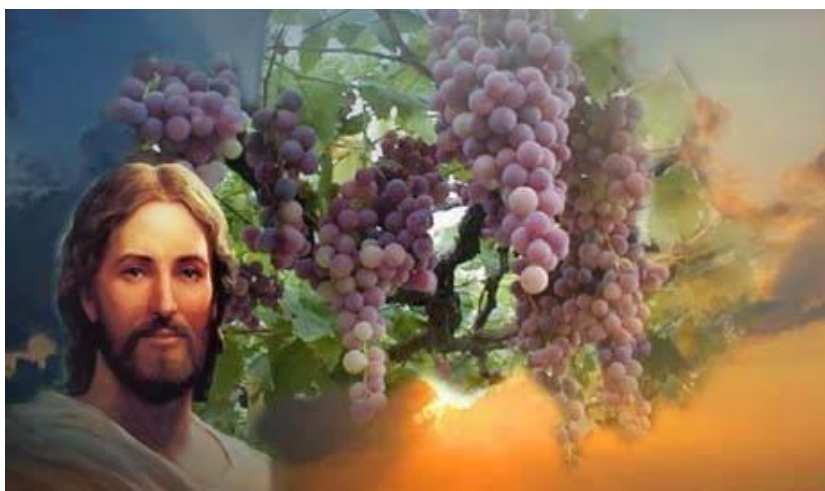




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021



Gospel Reading:

From the music of the psalms to the engravings on the temple pediments, vines were a symbol of God's many blessings to Israel. In his Last Supper discourse (from which today's Gospel is taken), Jesus appropriates the image of the vine to explain his eternal connectedness to his disciples, their connectedness through him to God, and their connectedness to one another.

Reflection: In Christ, we are "grafted" to God and to one another. The Risen One calls us to community, to be branches on the same vine, to realize our life in Christ is also life in one another. We cannot live our faith in a vacuum: Unless Jesus becomes the center of our lives, the faith we profess is doomed to wither and die in emptiness.

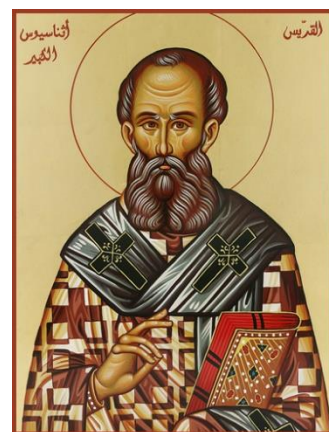
The Easter season speaks to us of the eternal presence of Christ in our midst, present to us in the Word we have heard and has taken root in our hearts. Our faithfulness to the call to discipleship demands that we work to enable that Word within us to produce a "yield" of compassion, forgiveness, justice and reconciliation. In the "fruit" we bear as "branches" of Christ do we glorify God the "vine grower."

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ST ATHANASIUS FEAST DAY 2nd May

St. Athanasius, Patron Saint of Manly also known as Athanasius the Great and Athanasius the Confessor, was a bishop and doctor of the Church. He is called the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Athanasius became one of the most dedicated opponents of the heresy of Arianism. Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ.

Born c. 293, Alexandria—died May 2, 373, Alexandria; feast day May 2.



First Collection for the support of our Priests.

Second Collection for maintenance, repairs and running costs of our Parish.



We're COVID SAFE

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparish
Sunday 8:30am Mass

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: Dr Joseph Galati (WA); Leonzio Giraldo

Anniversary: Margaret Crowley; Ann Irvin

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell

May 2021

Mon 3/5 – Sts Philip and James

Tue 4/5 – 5th week of Easter

Wed 5/5 – 5th week of Easter

Thurs 6/5 – 5th week of Easter

Fri 7/5 – 5th week of Easter

Sat 8/5 – 5th week of Easter

Sun 8/5 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Year B

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing



If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the Church.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



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 along your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Centre and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.



MORNING TEAS We are looking for helpers to assist in starting up Manly's morning teas on Sundays following the morning Masses. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 if you can assist.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Manly Church Roof Blessing**
Sun 2nd May during 10:30am Mass
- **SJB Yr 5 Class Mass** Tues 4th May 9:15am
- **SMM Yr 3 Class Mass** Tues 4th May 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tuesdays at 7pm in the Parish Centre
- **St Paul's College Edmund Rice Feast Day Mass** Wed 5th May 9:15am
- **Parish Mass at Manly** Wed 5th May at 12noon
- **St Paul's College Yr 12 Mother's Day Mass**
Thurs 6th May at 9:15am
- **Wesley Heights Nursing Home Mass**
Thurs 6th May at 1:30pm

The Formation of St. Joseph Men's Group in Manly Freshwater Parish

Hi Friends, we would like to form a St. Joseph Men's Group in our parish during this Year of St. Joseph.

The mission is to bring together men of all ages to build up an awareness of good fellowship. This will in turn help us to develop a faith-filled man who will protect and maintain the sanctity and importance of family life, especially during this Year of St. Joseph.



Covid-19 Updated Requirements

To assist us with maintaining our attendance registers you now have the option of scanning the QR code with your Phone to register your details to enter the Church.

YOU DO NOT need to register to attend Mass each week. **The limit is 380 people attending Mass at Manly and 150 people attending Mass at Freshwater.**



Welcomers URGENTLY needed at both Churches to assist with the QR Code registrations before each Mass. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822.





WINTER WARMER CRAFT MARKET

This Sunday
8:30am -
12:00pm

Please join our Craft Group outside the Parish Centre. You'll find beautiful, cosy & unique handmade gifts, perfect for Mother's Day. Proceeds to Vinnie's Winter Appeal. We hope to see you there!



CHURCH ROOF BLESSING

This Sunday 2nd May 2021 at the 10.30am Mass at Manly we will be blessing all the work that has gone into restoring our Church roof. We thank all those who were involved from planning stages that started 2 years ago to the completion of this fully restored roof today.

Following the Mass, we will be hosting a Morning Tea in the Parish Meeting Room, all welcome to come along.

A special thank you to each and every parishioner for your kind donations that make such projects possible.



Diocesan Mass Counts 2021

As you are aware the Diocesan Mass Count takes place over four weekends in May and once again, we thank you for your generous assistance. As 2021 is a census year, this year's Mass Count will form part of the National Count of Attendance and the data will be submitted to the National Centre for Pastoral Research, via Evangelisation Broken Bay.

The 2021 Count will take place on the weekends of **1 & 2 May** (beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 1 May), **8 & 9 May, 15 & 16 May** and **22 & 23 May**.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 8/9 May 2021

This is the 3rd and final CWF appeal for the 2021 financial year. All parishes are allocated a target which is linked to the level of income which the parish receives or generates in the previous year. Our target is \$47,000 by 30 June and so far you have generously given \$23,000. We appreciate the difficulties and demands on our wallets, especially in the current environment, however for those with taxable incomes this appeal is a very effective way to help the needy recipients listed in the CWF brochure. We welcome your ongoing support.

John Zemek – Parish Finance Committee

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support. We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:

- **Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme** – where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.
- **St Lucy's School** – serving primary school students with disabilities.
- **St Edmund's College** – serving secondary school students with disabilities.
- **Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.

All donations are gratefully received.

You can donate in three ways:

- 1) Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;
- 2) Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;
- 3) Or scan the QR code – **don't forget to select Manly Freshwater Parish**



**Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church.
God Bless.**

CANDLE STAND REPAIRS

Last week the Candle stands in Manly and Freshwater were repaired.





As we move more and more into a cashless society, many parishioners prefer to contribute to parish electronically. We now have easy options as set out below to help you give this way.

New: Scan to Donate using the QR code below to access our BPoint Donation page (please note this is not the code used as you enter the Church for signing).



You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page.

Once you are on the Payment page please select an option from the drop-down menu. For example, "Planned Giving" or "First Collection/Pastoral account". This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



1. **Tap and go machines** at the Church entrance **at Freshwater and Manly**
2. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (1st and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
3. **2nd collection Parish Bank Account** Funds the running of the Parish
Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Acc# 100002025 BSB: 062 784
1st collection Parish Bank Account
Supports our Priests
Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
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A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support the Parish financially.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm



PIETY STORE MANLY IS OPEN AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

LIVING FAITH BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY STORE April, May & June

Manly Piety Store has a good selection of books and statues of St Joseph **and Confirmation Gifts**

Movie of the month – Fatima (2020 Movie)
A beautiful and very moving film on the visitations of the Mother of God to the 3 seers of Fatima. Set in 1917 Portugal in a time of war and many witnessed a great miracle. Only \$10 at the piety store.

CD of the month – Our Lady of Fatima – Christopher West
This engaging talk explores the secrets of Fatima, how Pope John Paul II's theology of the body is intimately linked and how the Immaculate heart of Mary will triumph. Piety store \$5.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM – this week the Children preparing for Confirmation will be learning about the Fruits of the Spirit. Please keep the Children in your prayers.



At the Confirmation ceremony the children will be wearing a sash with the name of the Saint they have chosen. On Monday 3rd & 10th May at 8.30am we will be making the sashes. If you would like to come along and help, you would be more than welcome. Bring along a pair of sharp scissors





PLAYGROUP

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

Term 2, 2021 Dates at
9am – 10am
Mondays 10/5, 24/5, 7/6, 21/6

We invite you and your child to come and play, learn and connect with other 3-5 yr olds from our local area.

Our Playgroups are facilitated by two teachers each week and will give your child the opportunity to:

- Discover how children learn through play
- Participate in simple, fun activities you can also do at home
- Meet other local families

Parents/carers are an important part of Playgroup and are required to remain onsite with their children during the Playgroup sessions.

Follow us on Facebook to find out our theme of the week: @stjohnthebaptistcatholicprimaryschool

St Mary's School News...



Thank you, Year 3, for preparing a very moving ANZAC Day liturgy this week as we remembered and commemorated the bravery of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers, both past and present.



Please join us for our Open Day this Tuesday May 4th from 9am.

Kind regards
Alexis Conn (REC)

St John's School News...



On Monday our staff and students gathered for our annual ANZAC Day Ceremony. Our Year Six Civics and Citizenship Team leaders guided us in prayer and remembrance. Each year our students and staff make and wear poppies as a symbol of our united commemoration of those who have sacrificed for our peace and freedom. Classes explored and discussed the significance ANZAC

Day through storytelling, creating artworks, writing commemorative poems and by making poppies and wreaths to lay at our Jacka Park Memorial Garden and Wall of Remembrance that commemorates those who have served in conflicts where Australia has been involved. The children prayed in their individual classes for peace and justice.

Warm Regards Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)

MANLY

	6th Sunday of Easter	8th – 9th May
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Jean Halcrow
	Music	CD's
	AV Screens	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek
	Flowers	Hazel Cottey Carole O'Donnell
8:30am Mass	Server	Martino Hoang
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Claire Carmody Lynne Parks
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Servers	Ron Gravalin Iona & Teresa Hearn
	Readers	Janie Fonua
	Music	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Janie Fonua
6pm Mass	Server	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Dean Gale Sandie Cornish
	Music	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Bill Tango
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Lynette & Eliza Duffy

FRESHWATER

	6th Sunday of Easter	8th – 9th May
5pm Vigil	Server	Lou Maruca
	Readers	Nela & Zara Hornikova
	Music	CD's
	AV Screens	Bill Kelly
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
9am Mass	Server	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Toni Walsh Patricia Brown
	Music	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margi Gruca
	Welcomers	Sally Moffat
	Morning Tea Altar Society	Angelica & Michael Jacqui Good & Mary Arcus

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Augustinian Formation Association Fundraising Walk and Talk

8am Sunday 16 May 2km or 5k walk along Manly Beach. Come and join us for a walk with our Seminarians and priests.

Register to walk by calling 0416 042 316
\$10 a person or \$20 a Family

**Most Rev Anthony
Randazzo**

**Bishop of Broken
Bay**

*Message for
BBNeighbourhoods
27 April 2021*



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Saturday, 1 May, we commemorate the second feast of St Joseph in our liturgical calendar. It is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. On 19 March, the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of Mary, I installed and blessed a statue of St Joseph in Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, and on Saturday I will be opening and blessing a newly established house of discernment for young men, named "Joseph House". I announced this initiative on 8 December 2020, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church and am pleased to be able to see the project come to fruition on the feast of St Joseph the Worker. It is a project that I have dedicated to the intercession of the earthly father of Jesus in this year of Saint Joseph.

The House will be a place for young men to uncover the call to holiness that comes through baptism, whilst spending some serious time in discernment and contemplation, while being active in the world. The aim is that they can meet the challenge of living as Christian men in a fruitful environment, under the guidance of St Joseph as a great role model of virtue and character.

On Saturday 17 April, I convened a meeting of the Plenary Council delegates and animators from across the Diocese for the first time since the pandemic began. The aim was to re-animate the Plenary Council initiative, to provide formation on this theme and to commission the four delegates for the Diocese of Broken Bay – Alison Newell, Raj Rajasingam, Danny Casey, and Fr David Ranson.

Until our gatherings were interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese of Broken Bay was recognised as one of the highest responders to the Plenary Council invitation to "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" to the Church in Australia.

The Council is an opportunity for a holy listening, a truthful speaking, and a dialogue of love. I look forward to continuing the journey of the Plenary Council with the many enthusiastic people who are generously engaged in this task.

My presentation on the Plenary Council day has been produced as a video resource for use throughout the Diocese and can be accessed here. I hope that you might find it of use also for our ongoing mission of evangelisation in Broken Bay. #783707v1.

As we journey in the Easter Season, we also continue to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. More specifically, we are entering into the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am grateful, after the restrictions of COVID last year, to be travelling to parishes and conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation for the first time in the Diocese. I know that many of our young people have been waiting patiently in anticipation of this moment of grace. I hope that it will be a time of bringing to life the power of the Holy Spirit in them and in our community of the Church. Thank you to all families and carers, catechists and teachers, priests and deacons who have been accompanying the young candidates. May God bless you all abundantly.

Easter joy to you and your loved ones,
+Anthony

Prayer of St. Joseph

Blessed are you
ST. JOSEPH,
witness of the glory of God
here on earth!

Blessed and glorified be
God who chose you!

Blessed and glorified be
the Son who obeyed you!

Blessed and glorified be
the Holy Spirit who
sanctified you!

Most Blessed be Mary who
loved you!



**St. Joseph the Worker
Feast Day ~ 1 May**

Fifth Sunday of Easter – YEAR B

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' R.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the

children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4-5 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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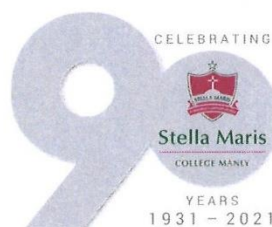
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Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair),
Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary),
Ivica Covic; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall;
Michael McGrath

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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