

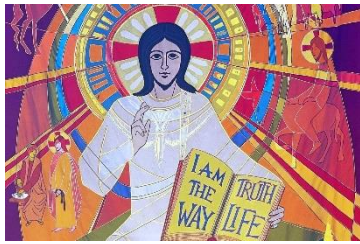


MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 7th May 2023

Gospel Reflection



Today's Gospel takes place at the Last Supper. John's account of that night is the longest in the Gospels – five chapters in length (but with no account of the institution of the Eucharist). The evangelist uses a literary device common in Scripture: A leader (Moses, Joshua, David, Tobit) gathers his own (family, friends, disciples) to announce his imminent departure, offer advice and insight into the future and give final instructions.

At the time of the writing the Fourth Gospel, Christians are being harassed by both the Jews and the Romans. Proclaiming the Crucified Jesus as the Messiah is blasphemy to Judaism, while accusing the Romans of "judicial murder" in the death of Jesus threatens the new faith's chances of survival as a "lawful religion" tolerated by their Roman occupiers.

The dominant themes here are consolation and encouragement: *Be faithful, remember and live what I have taught you, for better days are ahead for you.* Christ – the Way to God, the Truth of God and Life incarnate of God – will return for the faithful who "who do the works that I do."

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Craft Stall this Sunday 7 May 8:30am – 11:30am



There will be a variety of beautiful items and an opportunity to buy some Mother's Day Gifts and Winter Warmers. All items are handmade by the parish Craft Group.

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.



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

FLOWER ROSTER ASSISTANCE REQUIRED If you are interested in joining the Manly Flower Roster please contact the parish office 9977 5822.



Diocesan Mass Counts 2023 Each year we conduct the Diocesan Mass Count over four weekends in May. The 2023 Count will take place on the weekends of **6 & 7 May, 13 & 14 May, 20 & 21 May** and **27 & 28 May** at all Masses

WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK will be held only at Manly as Fr David will be away.



WYD FUNDRAISER BBQ THIS SUNDAY IN MANLY

Richard and Josh will be hosting a sausage sizzle fundraiser this Sunday following the 6pm Mass at Manly.

Come along and meet the boys and enjoy a free sausage sandwich.

Donations to support their cost to WYD will be warmly welcomed!!!

Upcoming Events –

- St Mary's BBQ – 21st May at 8am
- St Mary's Cake Stall – 11th June 9:30am – 11:30am
- St John's BBQ – 18th June following 5pm Mass
- St Mary's BBQ – 24th June following 10:30am Mass

You may leave donations at the Parish Office or placed in an envelope on the collection plate during weekend Masses. Please mark on the envelope – WYD Donation. **Thank you for your support!**



This week the Children preparing for Confirmation will be learning about the Gifts of the Spirit they will receive at Confirmation.

During the week we held our Sash Making session with the around 30 parents coming along to prepare the sashes the children will wear on the day. It was AMAZING.

Please remember to keep the children and their families in your prayers.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WISDOM

To value the things of God

UNDERSTANDING

To grasp faith's mysteries

COUNSEL

To make wise decisions

FORTITUDE

To strengthen your will



KNOWLEDGE

To enlighten your mind

PIETY

To love and serve God

FEAR OF THE LORD

To respect God's majesty

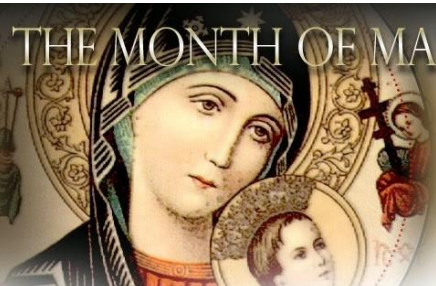


DATE TO REMEMBER FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADOVA Sunday 18th June 2023

At St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

HOLY MARY
MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US



LET US PRAY FOR

7th May 2023

Recently Deceased: Noel Burrell; Annette Roper; Catherine Rath

Anniversary: Paul Miller

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Margaret Burrige; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zachaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady

Dates to remember...

- **St Paul's College Yr 12 Mass** Fri 12 May 9:15am
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm



The Catenians

Faith-based friendship

Catenians are an international Catholic Men's Group that has been part of the Manly Freshwater Parish for many years. It is a social group that fosters friendship within the Parish. We meet once a month for dinner & are looking for new members.

Paul Pervan, chair of the Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral Council, will be giving a talk about his life.

We would like to invite you and your partners to join us for dinner on May 18th at 6.30pm in St Kieman's Manly Vale Hall. Cost \$35 RSVP David Addington 0434029384 or davidaddington@hotmail.com

Piety Store Manly has a new selection of Confirmation gifts. The piety store is open before and after weekend Masses or contact the Parish Office.

Movie of the month - For Greater Glory-A powerful movie, star studded cast and true story. Life for Catholics under a tyrannical masonic government in Mexico became unbearable and led to the rise of the "Cristeros". Only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD of the month – Moving heaven and earth – the true story of the Galileo affair

Christopher Check's 3 CD series corrects the prevailing narrative with the real facts on the Galileo affair, only \$5 @ the piety store.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS Quiet Prayer & Adoration

6:00pm – 7pm

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm



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.



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.
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Bequests – Remembering your faith community in your Will After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a bequest directly to your local parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay? This is called a legacy or bequest. Over the years, many people who have felt a special connection with their local parish and church have left part of their Estate to their Parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay. Like a gift to a charity, a bequest of any amount to the Church is a way of saying "thank you" for the spiritual nurturing provided to you and your family over the years.

If you would like further information on bequests including how we can acknowledge your generosity in your lifetime, please speak with your Parish Priest or the Broken Bay Diocese Office for Communications on 8379 1664.

The International Survey of Catholic Women (ISCW) was undertaken in 2022 in response to the call for submissions to the 2021–2024 Synod of Bishops themed *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*.

The recently published *ISCW: Analysis and Report of Key Findings* is based on the survey findings drawn from 17,200 responses from women in 104 countries. This report is available at <https://hdl.handle.net/1959.13/1468189>.

This webinar will feature researchers **Dr Tracy McEwan**, **Dr Kathleen McPhillips**, and **Professor Tina Beattie** in dialogue with **Jacqui Rémond**. Together they will report on key findings and recommendations and explore how the ISCW captured the complex diversity, insights, and shared concerns of thousands of Catholic women from around the world to become the largest international survey of Catholic women ever undertaken.

FUNERAL MASS for **Catherine Rath** will be held on Wednesday 10th May at 10:30am at St Mary's Church Manly.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (JB)*

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. R.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected

by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Michael McGrath (Deputy Chair); Margaret Dent
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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

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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