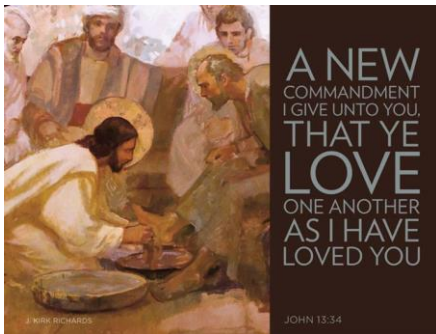




# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

## Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

### Fifth Sunday of Easter - 15th May 2022



To those who profess to follow him – from the apostles to us to the very last generation who will inhabit this planet – Jesus gives a “new” commandment, a new standard for all human

relationships: *as I have loved you, so must your love be for one another.* It is that concept of unconditional, sacrificial love that distinguishes us as men and women of faith, as true disciples of the Risen One.

As a Church, we come together at the “command” of Christ to accompany one another through our lives’ journeys to the reign of God, to support one another in life’s joys and sorrows, to “be Christ” to one another in love and compassion.

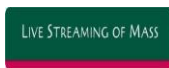
Jesus leaves his Church a “new” standard of love, a standard that transcends legalisms and measurements, a standard that renews and re-creates all human relationships, a standard that transforms the most Godless and secular world view into the compassion and justice of God. It is a love that grows stronger the more it is tested, a love that endures and remains steadfast the more it is pulled, a love that continues to heal and forgive the more it is engaged.

Our very identity as disciples of Christ is centered in such persistent and constant love; our faithfulness in imitating the compassion and forgiveness of the Risen One is lived in our openness of heart and spirit to love selflessly, completely and unconditionally, as God has loved us in his Christ. *connectionsmeaiaworkscom 2022*



#### **Pope Francis’ Prayer intention for May Faith Filled Young People**

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



**Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday  
8:30am Mas  
manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos**

**COVID REQUIREMENTS** -Please remember it is strongly recommended that you...

- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing



#### **Pastoral Works Appeal (formally CWF)**

Envelopes can be found on the pews.  
Donations are 100% tax deductible

**Elections - Next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
there will be polling booths at St Mary’s  
Manly and St John the Baptist,  
Freshwater.



Our Schools/Parish will be holding a Fundraiser on the day  
St Mary’s will be holding a BBQ, Book and Craft stall  
and St John’s will be holding a BBQ and Cake Stall.



**Our Parish Confirmation** program commences this weekend. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

**A Requiem Mass for Richard Connelly** will be celebrated on Thursday 19th May at 10.30am at St Mary’s Cathedral Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be the principal celebrant. Richard is well known composer especially of Church music and has been a member of this parish for many years. We extend our condolences to his wife Cynthia and his family. May he rest in peace.



#### **MAY THE MONTH OF MARY**

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein, may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer

#### **Laudato Si’ Week (16-24 May)**

is a celebration of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)



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.

*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:** Richard Connelly, Angela Bedford, Peter Prager

**Anniversary:** Hugh Massey, Patricia Leslie, Dorothy Sanford  
**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** John Kiely, Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochran; Prionsias Kearney; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Joe & Pat Smith; John Connor

**Dates to remember...**

- **Craft Group** Tues 10am – 12noon
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesdays 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Rosary (Zoom)** Thurs @ 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?**

**2nd collection Parish Bank Account**

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**1st collection Parish Bank Account** Supports our Priests

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As we are slowly becoming a cashless society we would like to remind you that we have a Tap N Go facility available. All you have to do is wave your credit or debit card on the scanner which are located close by to both entry doors at Manly. You are also welcome to create an automatic debit to help out our parish. Thank you for your generosity

**Thank you for your ongoing support**

**Piety Store Manly**

**Movie of the month – Fatima (2020) \$10**  
**Mary Mother of God? \$5**



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 IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS**  
**Quiet Prayer & Adoration**

6:00pm – 7pm

**Scripture Reflection on the Eucharist & Benediction** 7pm – 7:30pm  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet** will said starting at 6pm

**PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS**

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary – Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

**PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS**

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



**St Mary's Manly FREE PLAYGROUP for 3 - 5 olds**  
 Term 2 -Wednesdays 9am  
 St Mary's Hall.9977 2225

**St John the Baptist School News**

Friday was a wonderful day at St John the Baptist to celebrate our mums and to make them feel special. We began with a Mother's Day breakfast, followed by a liturgy and an opportunity for our mums to join us in the classroom to create an artwork together. The children very proudly handed their mothers a rose, a card, poetry, writing, artworks and a beautiful hand-made gift. From everyone at St John the Baptist, thank you to all the mums for everything you do for us each and every day!  
 Warm wishes, Frances Harrison (Acting REC)

**FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADOVA**  
**Sunday 19th June 2022**



At St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater. The program for the day is as follows

- 1pm Confessions
- 1.30pm Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Anthony Fregolent with blessing of the bread and children during the Mass.
- 3.30pm Holy Procession accompanied by the Italian Brass Band of Giuseppe Verdi and escorted by the Italian Carabinieri in their colourful uniforms.

**ALL WELCOME**



It was wonderful to see so many families attend our Easter Ceremonies

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Year C

### First Reading *Acts 14:21-27 (JB)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:8-13 (JB)*

**R.** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

### Second Reading *Revelation 21:1-5 (JB)*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse  
*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new

Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation *John 13:34 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

### Gospel *John 13:31-35 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'.


The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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**After Hours Urgent Sick Calls:** 0499 910 010

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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

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**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 month

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

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