



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 21st March 2021

Gospel Reading: Today's Gospel is a pivotal moment in John's narrative. Jesus' words about the "coming" of his "hour" mark the end of John's "Book of Signs" and prefaces of "The Book of Glory": the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Passover is about to begin; many Jews (including some Greek Jews) have arrived in Jerusalem for the festival. Meanwhile, Jesus' conflict with the Jewish establishment has reached the crisis stage. The events of Holy Week are now in motion. Jesus obediently accepts his fate and is prepared for the outcome.

Jesus compares his "glorification" to a grain of wheat that is buried and dies to itself in order to produce the potential life within it. The sacrifice and harvest of the grain of wheat are the fate and glory of anyone who would be Jesus' disciple. The "voice" heard from the sky expresses the unity of Jesus' purpose and God's will.



Reflection: To become the people God calls us to be, to live our lives in the joy of God's love, begins by our "dying" to our doubts and fears, "dying" to our self-centered wants and needs, "dying" to our immaturity and prejudices.

The risk of being hurt is the price of love. That is the challenge of the grain of wheat: only by loving is love returned, only by reaching out and trying do we learn and grow, only by giving to others do we receive, only by dying do we rise to new life.

The Gospel of the grain of wheat is Christ's assurance to us of the great things we can do and the powerful miracles we can work in letting go of our prejudices, fears and ambitions in order to imitate the compassion and love of the crucified Jesus, the Servant Redeemer. *connectionsmediaworks.com*

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Mary Immaculate Church, Manly

- 1st April Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm
- 2nd April Good Friday
 - Stations of the Cross at 10am
 - The Lord's Passion at 3pm
- 3rd April Easter Vigil at 7pm
- 4th April Easter Sunday at 8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm

St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

- 1st April Mass of the Last Supper at 6pm
- 2nd April Good Friday
 - Stations of the Cross at 10am
 - The Lord's Passion at 3pm
- 3rd April Easter Vigil at 6pm
- 4th April Easter Sunday at 9am



Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

St Mary's Church, Manly on Thursday 25th March at 7pm.



We're COVID SAFE

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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

LET US PRAY FOR

21st March 2021

Recently Deceased: Domenico & Viola Panetta; Pamela McCooe

Anniversary: Peter Sheridan; Joseph Panetta

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 Burrige; 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 Brunson; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson

March 2021

Year B

Mon 22/3 – 5th week of Lent	Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tue 23/3 – 5th week of Lent	Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wed 24/3 – 5th week of Lent	Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28; Jn 8:31-42
Thurs 25/3 – Annunciation of the Lord	Is 7:10-14,8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Fri 26/3 – 5th week of Lent	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sat 27/3 – 5th week of Lent	Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sun 28/3 – Palm Sunday	(Mk 11:1-10); Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

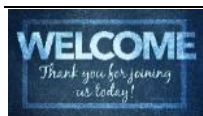
Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

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 Room and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

The Parish Playgroup will be held on Monday mornings in the Parish Hall at Manly from 9am to 10am. This group is aimed for children over the age of 3.



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.

Movies of the month...

- "The Staircase" – a true story on St Joseph and a miraculous staircase in Santa Fe, New Mexico \$10
- "Love & Mercy: Faustina" – the incredible true story of St Faustina & the message of Divine Mercy \$20

CDs of the month...

- "Meditations on the Stations on the Cross" with excerpts from the Holy Shroud of Turin \$5
- "The true meaning of Easter" (Fulton Sheen) without the resurrection there would be no Christianity \$5



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MANLY

We are looking for volunteers for all Masses to assist in the Piety Store for 10 minutes before and after each weekend Mass at Manly. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 if you are interested or want more information.

Covid-19 Updated Requirements

We strongly recommend masks continue to be worn in the Church at all times, please remember to bring your mask with you.



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.**

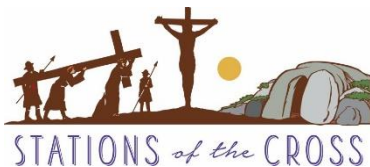


ROSTER FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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



Broken Bay News – March 2021 is now available at the Church entrances.



Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent.

Freshwater: 9:45am after Mass

Manly: 7pm

Reconciliation will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Manly

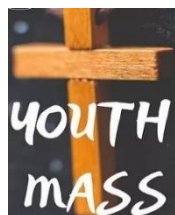
Adoration at Freshwater will hold 15 min Adoration at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater. This will be every Tues and Thurs at 9am followed by the 9:15am Mass.

Youth & Young Adults Lenten Group Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre using Bishop Barron's inspired Lenten Program.

Lectio Groups Tues at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room and Wed 10am in the Parish Centre. This will follow the Sunday readings during Lent.

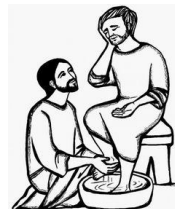
Diocesan Lenten Program are available at the entrance of the Churches.

LECTIO DIVINA – A Closer Look at the Gospel
During lent we will be preparing a Lectio Divina handout and we encourage you to take one home.



YOUTH MASS AND SOCIAL GATHERING

On Sunday 21st March at the 6pm Mass we will be holding our first Youth Mass for 2021. Following the Mass there will be a youth gathering in the Parish Centre. A light supper of pizza will be served.



Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday
We would like to invite 12 parishioners at each Church to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 "BE MORE"



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



FRESH PALMS OR OLIVE BRANCHES NEEDED for Palm Sunday 28th March. Please bring your Palms to the parish centre on Friday 26th March 9am -2pm. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822.



ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

We are looking for more **Welcomers** to assist at our Easter Ceremonies at both Manly and Freshwater. If you would like to be part of this team to welcome our Parishioners and Visitors and assist them with covid sign in please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



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.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support the Parish financially.

To help you to make your offering you can use one of the following options:

1. Use the **tap and go machines** at the Church entrance **Now at Freshwater and Manly**
2. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (1st collection and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
3. **Parish Bank Account – 2nd collection** funds the running of the Parish



Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Acc# 100002025 BSB: 062 784

Please include name or envelope number as reference

Parish Bank Account – 1st collection Supports our Priests

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Acc# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

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 in the Parish Room 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 Thurs 4th Mar at 4:30pm & Freshwater 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

FRESHWATER MORNING TEA UPDATE

Welcome back everyone and a huge big THANK YOU to our teams coming back to keep our morning teas going.



We require a team of family or friends to join us and look after the second Sunday of each month please. If you are available, please see Francis after mass or ring the Parish Office. Want to thank Richard Feledy and family who helped out for many years and are sadly not able to do so this year.

Some Covid Housekeeping please.

The various tables the Coffee, Tea and plates of food are served on need, to be kept clear of all rubbish please. All discarded stir and sugar sticks, tea bags, cups and plates need to go straight in the rubbish receptacles provided. We have white bowls on each table for small and wet items and a waste bin for the plates and cups. Many Thanks.

A special thanks to the army of helpers at the end of each morning tea every week who clear up and put the tables and chairs away. It is a HUGE help and makes a big difference to us. Thank You.

Look forward to catching up with everyone for a cuppa again after the Sunday 9am Mass! God Bless, Francis.

St Mary's School News... It's been a busy week here at St Mary's this week! Each Monday we have been lucky to enjoy some tips and tricks from our basketball experts! The children in year 3-6 have the opportunity to learn and practise new skills as taught by our awesome basketball coaches.

On Friday we recognised Harmony Day, which celebrates the country's cultural diversity. It coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The students at St Mary's enjoyed lots of fun activities around this theme including some shared reading of Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed. We even made chatter boxes addressing the importance of inclusion. Orange is the colour of Harmony Day so if you saw us wearing a touch of orange on Friday, that's why!

Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)

St John's School News... On Tuesday, many of our infants and primary classes participated in an author talk with Andy Griffiths who is one of Australia's most popular children's authors. The event was live streamed by the Sydney Opera House. During the session, students had the opportunity to hear about Andy's inspirations, writing habits and favourite tricks for creating his award-winning stories. The session was a fabulous opportunity to engage and inspire student's creative writing skills and encourage a love of reading.

This week we hosted our first of two Open Days for 2021. During this time prospective parents were provided with the opportunity to hear from our new principal Mrs Alicia van der Merwe along with parents, teachers and students from our SJB community. Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders who guided tours, showcasing learning in action.

Kind regards Sharna Taranto (REC)

Manly

	Palm Sunday	27 - 28 March
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Freya Zemek
	Readers	Bill Tango
	Music	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	Josh Willard
	Piety Store	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Assistance Required Liz de Ambrosio
8:30am Mass	Server	Martino Hoang
	Readers	Patty Thomas Assistance Required
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall and Organist
	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud Claire Carmody Laurie & Liz de Ambrosio
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Servers	Ron Gravalin Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Music	Gina Marshall and Bianca Zatz
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Lynette Duffy
6pm Mass	Server	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Ed Copeman Sandie Cornish
	Music	Simon & Family Mass
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Lynette Duffy

Freshwater

	Palm Sunday	27 - 28 March
5pm Vigil	Server	Ian Press
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield
	Music	Bill Kelly
	Welcomers	Amanda Whitfield
9am Mass	Server	Amorina Wright
	Readers	Josh & Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown
	Altar Society	Mary Ann Marles
	Welcomers	Assistance Required
Morning Tea	Wright family	

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage, and defend us from every
evil. Amen.*

~ from Pope Francis' apostolic letter



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the community of the Church has been present in our part of the world since the early settlers explored the Aboriginal lands to the North of Port Jackson in the late 18th Century. They eventually crossed the Hawkesbury and ventured further North beyond the area that is said to have been named Broken Bay by Captain Cook in 1770.

This year we will celebrate 35 years as the Diocesan family of Broken Bay. Compared to over 200 years of European settlement, and thousands of years of Indigenous life and culture, 35 years sounds miniscule. And of course, as a chronological timeline, it is. However, our community of the Church is not merely defined by Chronos or chronological time, as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, we are primarily people of the Lord's time or Kairos. As such, I am delighted to call us together as one community of the Church so that we might reflect upon the past, celebrate the present, and look with hope to the future. This edition of Broken Bay Neighbourhoods has been prepared with our BB35 celebrations in mind. I trust that you will find it informative and that it will be a source of stimulation for hearts and minds committed to the mission of Evangelisation as well as enriching our identity as sisters and brothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BB35 also incorporates the universal themes of Saint Joseph and the Family, established by Pope Francis for this year. Our BB35 logo, which you will see on flyers and banners throughout the year, draws together the local and universal dimensions of our Catholic community and emphasises that there is one Body of Christ, one Church.

I have been delighted to receive feedback regarding our Broken Bay Lenten program. The feedback has not just been about the content, it has extended also to the positive and inclusive way that people around the diocese have been able to participate. Again, the creative genius of many of our communities has meant that a vast variety of people have connected with each other and with the community of the Church. Thank you to all who have taken up the program as a way of probing the mystery of faith this Lent. I am pleased also that the Lenten #783707v1 program has allowed so many to discover more about the six priorities for our community of the Church that I wrote about in my Pastoral Letter.

The Season of Lent is a marvellous time to discover and rediscover the forgiveness and mercy of God. Our priests have ensured that the sacrament of Reconciliation is available during Lent, and they will be offering opportunities for the sacrament in these weeks leading up to Holy Week. The sacrament of forgiveness is a great

way to prepare for Easter, and I would encourage men and women, young and old, to prepare for and celebrate this sacrament.

Some people, for one reason or another, are so burdened by memories of sin that they lose themselves in the shadows of darkness. The consequence is that they find it difficult or traumatic to approach the sacrament. It can play out in their scrupulosity, and consequently they can repeatedly confess the same sins, always hoping but never really believing in God's merciful love. I would like to offer this short prayer that I have written and hope that it may be of assistance to anyone who carries the burden of fear or sin.

Prayer for Healing of Memory - God, the Father of mercies, with confidence, I pray, that in your love you would heal and purify the memory of my sin. Free me from the distraction of past sin and the burden of guilt, and in your mercy pour your Spirit into my mind and heart so that with dignity I may live life to the full as your (daughter or son). Through Christ Jesus, your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ages unending. Amen.

Being reconciled to God, to others and with ourselves, is a joy made real in the Holy Spirit. I would like to encourage all members of the faithful, brothers and sisters of the Lord, to approach our celebration of Easter with this joy and with a deep trust and hope in God.

Last Easter we were unable to gather as we normally do for the Paschal Feast. It is my hope that we will be able to gather more 'normally' this year, after last Easter and the Christmas restrictions which we all felt so acutely. By a separate letter I share guidelines as to how best we might enter our liturgies through Holy Week and Easter. We give God thanks for the way in which we have been spared the trauma of so many other places and that the situation is as controlled here as it is. Whilst it is important that we retain our sense of COVID #783707v1 responsibility, it is also important now that we return to a liturgical and pastoral practice as close as possible to 'normal'.

This week is full of important markers and feasts: 500 years of Christianity for the Filipinos, St Patrick's Feast Day, St Joseph's Feast Day. On Friday, 19 March this week, I will be installing and blessing a timber statue of Saint Joseph in our Cathedral. I commissioned this statue as my gift to you and I offer it in memory of my parents, Colin Randazzo and Caterina Di Losa, who are both recently deceased. I hope that you will find the image of Saint Joseph, which will be placed alongside Mother Mary and the child Jesus, a source of spiritual strength and devotion as well as an inspiration for Christian virtue and family life. May these final days of Lent be rich in blessings for you and your families. Saint Joseph, pray for us. +Anthony



EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 25th March at 7pm @ Manly

Reconciliation (also known as **Confession** or **Penance**) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and his Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

Every time we go to confession, God embraces us. - **Pope Francis**

An examination of life in preparation for Reconciliation

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

- Do I show reverence and respect for God and the divine name?
- Do I spend adequate time in prayer?
- Do I keep Sunday holy by actively participating in Mass?
- How well do I pray at Mass?
- Do I listen attentively to the readings of the Word of God, respond to them, and take them to heart in a personal way?
- Do I receive Holy Communion reverently, with preparation and thanksgiving?
- Am I sufficiently prepared to take some responsibility in my parish community, whether in the liturgy or in other practical works?
- Do I make a reasonable contribution to my parish each week?

Love one another as I have loved you

- How well do I show my love for the members of my family as parent, spouse, son / daughter, brother / sister?
- Should I do more on my part to listen, to communicate, and to be more open to forgive?
- Do I harbour hurts longer than I should, or use silence and resentment to get my way?
- Am I guilty of anger or violence towards others, whether physically, verbally or in any other way?
- Have I hurt others by lying or criticising, by harshly judging or by holding grudges?
- Do I harbour feelings of racism or other forms of discrimination, and have I ever encouraged others to think, talk or act the same?

Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect

- Am I honest and truthful in my relations with others?
- Have there been times when I have shown arrogance and pride, or used my talents to be hurtful or make others uncomfortable?
- Do I respect my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit, have I respected the gift of sex, or have I given way to my vices and passions?
- Am I careful to discipline my mind in what I see and read, and what I watch on TV or other media?
- Have I been faithful to God's will for me regarding the commitment of marriage and faithful relationship of love? Have there been instances of unfaithfulness?
- How well have I dealt with the sorrows, losses, disappointments and difficulties of my life?

Wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be too

- Have I stolen the property of others, or misused or damaged what does not belong to me?
- Have I been fair and just in my work, either as an employee or as an employer?
- Am I ready to share my possessions, and to give money or assistance to needy people or causes, or do I choose instead to close my heart or find excuses?
- Am I responsible in my use of food and drink, or have I over-indulged because of greed or other reasons?
- Have I taken reasonable care of my own body, looked after myself properly, and tried to maintain a healthy environment?
- Does my use of medications, drugs, cigarettes or alcohol mean possible harm to myself or potentially adverse effects on the lives of those around me?

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B

First Reading *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 50:3-4, 12-15 (JB)*

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. R.

Second Reading *Hebrews 5:7-9 (JB)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey

through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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

Gospel Acclamation *John 12:26 (JB)*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel *John 12:20-30 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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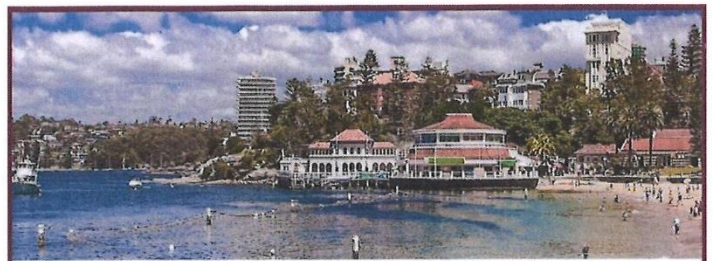
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