



Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

5th Sunday of Lent – 7th April 2019

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Mary Immaculate Church

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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

Liturgy of the Word and

Holy Communion

Manly: Monday 9:15am

Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Baptisms: by appointment only

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm



The narrative of the woman caught in the act of adultery is really a story of conflict between Jesus and the religious authorities. Here we see two different attitudes to the mercy of God; it is not a parable, but in a real incident in which those with a narrow view of the mercy of God, wish to use the misery of this woman, as an opportunity for point scoring against Jesus.

For the Pharisees, the scriptures are being read with a view to making them powerful as judges and experts in the Law. For Jesus, the scriptures are to be read to understand the overwhelming mercy of God.

In highlighting their hypocrisy, Jesus calls them to repentance. In highlighting God's love for her, he calls the woman to a new life.

The woman herself seems to be of little importance to those who challenged Jesus. There is no question about her guilt, only about the suitable sentence to be carried out. Jesus' opponents carefully devised a complex problem that would trap him one way or another, but he thwarted them. Realising this, they departed in shame.

"Woman, where are they?" Jesus said to her. This question is enough, and his merciful gaze, full of love, in order to let that person feel — perhaps for the first time — that she has dignity, that she is not her sin, she has personal dignity; that she can change her life, she can emerge from her slavery and walk on a new path. Jesus neither condemns nor exonerates the woman. He counsels her to sin no more. Compassion and mercy have won out. *Dianne Bergant CSA| Sean Goan| Pope Francis 2017*

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community.

The 1st Collection is for the financial support of our priests.

The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April:

Workers in War Zones For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225

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Principal: Chris Browne

Stella Maris College 9977 5144

Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **LENTEN PROGRAMS – SEE BULLETIN NOTICE**
- **Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation** Tues 9th Apr @ 7pm
- **RCIA** Tue 9th April @ 7pm

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass.

MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



April

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Mon 8/4 – 5th week of Lent	Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tue 9/4 – 5th week of Lent	Num 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wed 10/4 – 5th week of Lent	Dan 3:14-20,24-25,28; Jn 8:31-42
Thurs 11/4 – 5th week of Lent	Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri 12/4 – 5th week of Lent	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sat 13/4 – 5th week of Lent	Ezek 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sun 14/4 – PALM SUNDAY	Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

LET US PRAY FOR

7th April 2019

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Wayne Smedley; Sofia Musso (child); Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Anita Lo Casio; Stephen Taylor; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Norman Cummins; Lauren Hannahan; Virginia Leary; Rosalba Galuis

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

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



POPE FRANCIS If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary or disillusioned, ask Jesus to renew you. With him, hope never fails.

Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

The St Vincent de Paul Clothing bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.



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.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.



Salma was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick and in distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.



Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

A forum on refugees and asylum seekers to discuss one of the key moral challenges for Australians: Our Human Rights Record dealing with those who've arrived, seeking refuge and a life of safety in our country. 2pm – 4pm Saturday 27 April 2019, St Mary's Church Hall, Whistler St Manly. Speakers: Phil Glendenning: President, Refugee Council of Australia, Dr David Isaacs: Visited Nauru 2014, Clinical Professor in Paediatric Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital, Westmead. Ngareta Rossell: Refugee Advocate, Journalist and Writer Dr Sara Townend: Local General Practitioner, and member of Doctors for Justice Panel Chair: John Highfield: former ABC journalist and presenter of The World Today Musical performance: Mohsen Sultany Zand Former asylum seekers and refugees will also be speaking about their experiences in detention



Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Mary Immaculate Church, Manly
18th April Mass of the Last Supper @ 7pm
19th April Good Friday
Stations of the Cross @ 10am
The Lord's Passion @ 3pm
20th April Easter Vigil @ 6pm
21st April Easter Sunday
8:30am, 10:30am & 6pm

St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater
18th April Mass of the Last Supper @ 6pm
19th April Good Friday
Stations of the Cross @ 10am
The Lord's Passion @ 3pm
20th April Easter Vigil @ 5:30pm
21st April Easter Sunday @ 9am

Freshwater Easter Vigil will be held at 5:30pm – NOT 5pm



We invite you to join us for our **EASTER VIGIL SUPPER** at Manly following the 6pm Vigil Mass. All Welcome



Grahame and Maria Sproats wishing you both "ALL THE BEST" on your next move up the Coast.

Thank you for contributing so much of your time and energy into the Parish of Manly Freshwater, as a Catechist, PPC and Maintenance Committee member, counter, Ministers of the Eucharist, reader and helpers at our many social events.
Hoping you enjoy your new life and being nearer to your family.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, Manly Sunday 28th April 2pm – 4pm
The Novena Chaplet begins on Good Friday – leaflets can be found under the Divine Mercy image in the Church at Manly or on the table at Freshwater.
ALL WELCOME



Junior Servers
5 young people will be commissioned as Junior Servers at the 6pm Mass this Sunday. Thank you to Ivica for training them. We look forward to seeing them serving over the next few weeks



You are invited to the Chrism Mass!
Come and join together with our clergy and people

across Broken Bay for the blessing and consecration of the Holy Oils for our parishes. Mass begins at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 April 2019. Soup and bread will be served in the courtyard from 6.00pm with tea and coffee afterwards.



During Lent...
Tuesday evenings at Manly at 7.15 for 7.30pm – "Rejoice and Be Glad" –

Discerning the Way of Jesus – Lectio Divina Program prepared by the Diocese of Broken Bay will be held on...

- **Wednesday mornings** at Manly at 10am
- **Thursday evenings** at Manly at 7pm
- **Thursday Mornings** at Freshwater at 9.45am

Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 7pm at Manly

The Light is On for You – Reconciliation will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Manly



MANLY PIETY STORE CHOCOLATE EASTER PASCHAL LAMBS
now available from the Piety Store at Manly \$10ea

Movie and CD of the month "Risen" This is a very good film, a fictional story based on true events. Imagine following Jesus after his resurrection, for forty days Jesus appeared to His disciples and believers. Just imagine, the resurrected Jesus, talking with them and eating with them. As St Paul puts it "If Christ did not rise our faith is in vain". This film should be enjoyed after "Easter". Recommended for mature audiences. Only \$10 Piety store – Limited stock!



CD of the month "7 secrets of Divine Mercy – Vinny Flynn "In this compelling and timely CD Vinny Flynn draws from Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the Diary of St. Faustina to not only reveal the heart of Divine Mercy, but to offer you an invitation and a road map so that this mercy can transform your life.

If you're not yet convinced of the impact Divine Mercy can have on your life, if you've never heard of this message and devotion, or if you're curious to learn more about it, this CD is perfect for you. It shows us all how to respond to the call of Pope Francis "to live lives shaped by mercy," and benefit greatly from the "Year of Mercy."

Roster 13th – 14th April 2019

Ministry	Manly 6pm Vigil	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am
Acolytes	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravalin
Servers	Bernie Lawler		Iona & Teresa Hearn
Readers	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Paul Walsh Rita Bruzzese	Marleen Bowring Janie Fonua
Ministers of Communion	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Kim McGrath Assistance Req
Music	CD's	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall
AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Parish Choir	Robert Marshall
Warden	John Zemek	Dom Ferragina	Marika Jones
Piety Shop	Louise Wareham	Jan Dorsen	Maria Condomitti
Flowers/ Altar Society	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell		
Morning Tea		Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Filipino Group
Children's Lit		Claire Shefford	
Ministry	Manly 6pm	Freshwater 5pm Vigil	Freshwater 9am
Acolytes	Ivica Covic	Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery
Servers	Michael, Kieran, Gabriele Wan		
Readers	Mark Sing Flor Spiteri	Shirley Assistance Req	Claire Mullane Richard Feledy
Ministers of Communion	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Assistance Req	Toni Walsh Pam Brown
Music	Josh Willard	CD's	Pat Brown
AV Screens	Bill Tango	Bill Kelly	Margie Gruca
Warden	Stephen Crowley		
Piety Shop	Lynette & Eliza Duffy		
Flowers/ Altar Society			Jacqui Good Mary Arcus
Morning Tea			Feledy family
Children's Lit			Rena Curl

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. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.

Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am. All Welcome

Welcome to
Children's Liturgy



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass

The Parish Playgroup is held on Monday morning in the Parish Hall at Manly from 8.30am to 10.30am.

St John the Baptist School News...

Congratulations to St John the Baptist Senior Girls Relay Team: Ruby Lovell, Ava Sycamore, Izzy Bomford, Zara Kasprovicz who broke the record at Polding and Mackillop Swimming Trials at Homebush last week. Every Diocese in NSW was represented. They were representing Broken Bay and have been selected to represent Polding at NSWPSA Swimming Trials next week. Well done Girls!

St Mary's School News...

Congratulations to the students from Year 3 and 4 who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday. We hope that all the students gained an understanding of the love, compassion and forgiveness offered by God as they prepared to receive this sacrament for the first time.

On Friday the 12th April we will celebrate our Holy Week Liturgy. Each class will share a part of the Holy Week story which will end with the crucifixion of Jesus. After the holidays, on Tuesday the 30th April, Year 6 will lead us in a short liturgy to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Election BBQ & Cake Stall

Now that the state election is over, we await the news of the date for the federal election (probably 11 or 18 May). St Mary's Hall will be a polling venue and so we are organising a joint school/parish fair and we need your help! There will be a BBQ, as well as cake, book and craft stalls. All money raised will go towards a joint school/parish project! We need people to serve the stalls, maybe only in one-hour slots. Shortly you will find lists in the church to register your availability. **The parish craft group are hard at work and we will be calling on all our cooks to donate a cake or slice!** For more information, please call the school on 9977 2225. Most importantly, make sure you tell everybody to vote at St Mary's!!!!

TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following ...



Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
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If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark. **We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish**

"How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy"
Pope Francis - 8 December 2015



**PARISH
RECONCILIATION
TUESDAY 9th APRIL
7PM at Manly**

**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

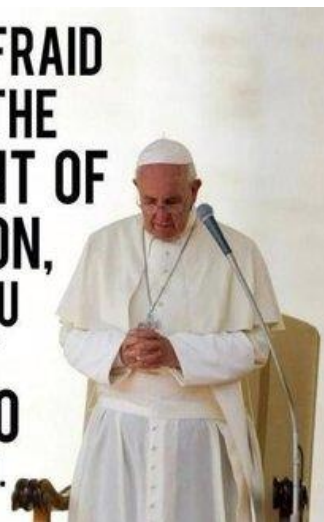
- Am I honest and truthful in my relations with others?

- 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?

**DON'T BE AFRAID
TO GO TO THE
SACRAMENT OF
CONFESSION,
WHERE YOU
WILL MEET
JESUS WHO
FORGIVES YOU.**
Pope Francis



EASTER ROSTER 2019

THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Manly			
HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 6pm	
Acolytes & Servers	Louise Wareham Ivica Covic Ivana Covic Iona Hearn Teresa Hearn	Ken Thompson Ron Gravalin Ivica Covic Ivana Covic Freya Zemek	Ivica Covic Ivana Covic Freya Zemek
Readers	Reader 1: Katalina Taefotu Reader 2: Vuna Tuifua	Reader 1: Kirsty Campbell Reader 2: Paul Walsh Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: Rita Bruzzese Other Voices: Bill Tango Intercessions: Rita Bruzzese	Reader 1: Rita Bruzzese Reader 2: tbc Reader 3: Jean Halcrow Reader 4: Vuna Tuifua Epistle: Bill Tango
Ministers of the Eucharist	Assistance Required		
Music	Tongan Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir

THE EASTER TRIDUUM – Freshwater			
HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper – 6.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Solemnity of the Lord's Passion – 3pm	EASTER VIGIL 5.30pm	
Acolytes & Snr Servers	Mick O'Farrell Lou Maruca Joanne Druery	Joanne Druery Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery Mick O'Farrell
Readers	Reader 1: Amanda Whitfield Reader 2: Pam Brown	Reader 1: John Peters Reader 2: Toni Walsh Gospel Passion Reading Narrator: John Peters Other Voices: Toni Walsh Intercessions: Toni Walsh	Reader 1: John Peters Reader 2: Toni Walsh Reader 3: Amanda Whitfield Epistle: Amanda Whitfield
Ministers of the Eucharist	Angela Vumbaca Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown

EASTER SUNDAY				
	Freshwater 9am	Manly 8.30am	Manly 10.30am	Manly 6pm
Acolyte/ Server	Lou Maruca	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravalin Iona Hearn Teresa Hearn	Assistance required
Readers	Pam Brown Ian Press	Patty Thomas Jan Van Den Brock	Vuna Tuifua Katalina Taefotu	Kirsty Campbell Assistance required
Ministers of the Eucharist	Assistance Required	Jan Van Den Brock John Stapleton	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Tongan Community	CDs
Warden		Dom Ferragina	David Hala	Assistance Required

Fifth Sunday of Lent – YEAR C

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure

you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading

John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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