



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## Gospel Reflection

What the disciples saw in Jesus on the mountain was the divinity – the very life and love of God – that dwelled within him. That love of God lives within each one of us, as well, calling us beyond our own needs, wants and interests.

Love that calls us beyond ourselves is transforming. In the transforming love of Christ the Messiah-Servant, we can “transfigure” despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, estrangement into community.

The Jesus of the Gospel comes with a heavy price: the glorious Christ of the Transfiguration will soon become the Crucified Christ of Good Friday. Accepting the God of blessing is easy, but when that God becomes the God of suffering who asks us to give readily and humbly to others and to forgive one another without limit or condition, then we begin to insulate ourselves from the relationship God invites us to embrace. In risking the pain and demands of loving one another as Christ has loved us, the divinity we recognize in the Jesus of the Transfiguration becomes for us the eternal life of the Jesus of Easter.

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## LENT 2024

**Ash Wednesday Masses  
14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Manly: 9:15am, 12pm, 7pm  
Freshwater: 9:15am**



**Stations of the Cross**  
each Friday during Lent at  
7pm, St Mary’s Church  
Manly



## Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



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## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**



Come along to our Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr David.

This will be an opportunity to meet and welcome our new parish priest Fr Chima and Fr Marek our new Assistant Priest. Also we welcome Matthew French who is in his 4th year of seminary studies and in pastoral placement here at Manly Freshwater Parish.

When: Sunday 10 March at 10.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Manly. This will be followed by lunch under the fig tree in the school yard.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office for catering purposes.

We need volunteers to set up and serve lunch – if you can assist, please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822.



## RITE OF ELECTION

Bishop Anthony Randazzo extends an invitation to Catechumens, their sponsors, family, friends, RCIA team members and all parishioners to the Rite of Election.

Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara  
When: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2pm (seated by 1:45pm)

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

RSVP to Parish Office

*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 MANLY community.*

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

## LET US PRAY FOR

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Caridad Castillo; Angelina Gualdi

**Anniversary:** Marty O'Donnell; Yosef Strinic; Tim Turner; Sr Katherine OCD; Renata Fernandez

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Bill Hipkiss; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Paul Gallagher; Jim Turley; Rena Cull; Maria Vasile

## Dates to remember...

### • ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 14<sup>th</sup> February

Manly: 9:15am, 12noon, 7pm

Freshwater: 9:15am

### • SMM Class Mass Thurs 15 Feb 9:15am

### • Sacramental Masses this weekend

SJB: Sat 5pm, SMM: Sun 8:30am, 6pm

### • Cenacle of Our Lady SMM Tues 9:45am,

SJB Wed 9:45am



### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February –

#### For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray

that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Service will be held at Seaforth Anglican Church, 3 French's Forest Rd Seaforth at 10 am on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. This year the service theme "Bear with one another in love" has been written by the Christian women in Palestine, written years before the current conflict.



### CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

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.



**The Northern Beaches Catholic Young Adults Community** (NBCYAC) will be meeting at the Forest Hotel at Frenches Forest at 7pm on Saturday 17 February for drinks and dinner.

Please come along if you are between the ages of 18 and 35 and want to meet other young Catholics from across the Peninsula, as well as to grow your faith in Jesus.

If you are interested, please meet Richard Heasman under the red-and-yellow cross at St Mary's at the end of the 6pm Sunday Mass, and he will add you to the Whatsapp 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 at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

**PILOT PROGRAM** –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this.

The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.



### 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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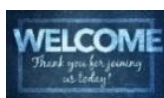
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## PIETY STORE

### LIVING FAITH BOOKS – NOW AVAILABLE

**Movie of the month** – Full of Grace. One of the best movies on Mary the mother of God. From acclaimed filmmakers behind "Paul, Apostle of Christ". This film captures Mary's divinely appointed role. Only \$10 at the piety store.

**CD of the month** – Reverence – Fr John Rizzo. The importance of reverence is often overlooked. A genuine act of faith from the heart which helps us to appreciate God's presence and to place things in their right order. Only \$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.



**Parish -Rite of Enrolment  
for the Sacrament of  
First Reconciliation and  
First Holy Communion**



**Would the children preparing for these Sacraments please come forward to receive their Sunday Missal, and would their parents please stand.**

**Priest:** In baptism God called each one of us by name and welcomed us into the family of the Church. Today we invite the children who are preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion to be presented to our faith community for a blessing.

Let us pray: O God Creator of us all, look upon these children and welcome them anew. By baptism they belong to you. Through their families and the parish of Manly Freshwater may they experience the joy of being part of our Catholic community. Help them to remember the words of your faithful love: "I have called you by your name. You are mine."

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** Dear Parents, you are preparing your children to be full members of our Catholic community. In the name of God's holy church, I ask you are you sincere in wanting your child to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion?

**Parents:** Yes we are.

**Priest:** As a family are you trying to live as faithful friends of Jesus?

**Parents:** Yes we are.

**Priest:** Dear Children, are you faithful friends of Jesus?

**Children:** Yes we are.

**Priest:** Are you willing to open your minds, hearts and souls to the loving forgiveness of Jesus and do you wish to receive the life of Jesus in your First Holy Communion?

**Children:** Yes we are!

**Priest:** Dear members of our parish community, will you pray for these children and their families as they prepare for their Sacraments.

**Community:** Yes we will

**Blessing**

**Priest:** God of love bless these your children who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion with your abundant love. Open their minds and hearts to cherish your word and help them to walk in your ways.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord, Bless these Missals which these children will use as part of their preparation program. We ask you this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**An important notice for all catechists  
and helpers at Manly West Public  
School and Manly Village Public  
School.**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10am in the Parish Meeting Room Laurie will be handing out the Green or Yellow CCD Authorization Cards to be signed. Bring your expired card to be handed in at this meeting. The student's books are also available to be collected at this time. There will be a form to be completed by all teachers and helpers on the day.

Manly West Orientation Day: Thurs 29 Feb 9:30am.

Manly West Classes Commence: Thurs 7 Mar usual times.

Manly Village information is not yet available. Laurie will forward this when she has received it from the school.

Following our meeting on 22 February, you are invited to have lunch together at Balgowlah RSL Club at 12noon.

For more information phone Laurie 9949 7750

**Catechist Blessings will take place at all the Masses next weekend 17/18 February.**

**PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS**

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

**PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS**

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

## PARISH PASTORAL COMMITTEE

At the recent PPC meeting on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January the following changes were made and appointments confirmed:

Paul Pervan, after many years of outstanding service to the parish as Chaiman of the PPC stepped down. I'm sure you will join Fr David and the PPC in thanking him for his tireless years of service.

Fear not, he will continue helping out as Social Director of the Parish and Event Organiser. This sounds like a bigger job than the one he has just left!

Michael McGarth was elected Chairperson and is ably joined by two long standing and well-known Parishioners as Joint Deputy Chairs, in John Zemek and Ivica Covic.

The PPC continue to meet monthly and look forward to being of continued service to the Parish community.

If anybody in the Parish would like to join the PPC or the Finance Committee then in the first instance please speak to either Michael, John or Ivica who would be delighted to chat about what's involved.

As the saying goes, **many hands makes light work!**

If anybody has any thoughts or ideas on how our parish community can better fulfill its mission please reach out Michael, John or Ivica.



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## LENTEN PENANCE

The Season of Lent is a most important time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual pilgrimage of grace whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation. By remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the *faithful* (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 109). The formation of *catechumens* via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday**. Lent is a particularly useful time to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, Lent is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes in the sign of the cross on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to “*Turn away from sin and believe the good news*”. In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and we pray to be strengthened by God’s grace, mercy, and love.

In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey into the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of hope, so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God’s mercy and compassion.

## DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs. Clergy as pastors of souls, are asked to be particularly vigilant in encouraging the faithful to undertake the disciplines of Lent with moderation and care.

On all other Fridays of Lent the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. *Prayer* – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying with Mary and the Saints, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Rosary, or in other ways;

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2. *Self-denial* – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or desserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor in one's own country and elsewhere; limiting screen time on social media, or in other ways;
3. *Helping others* – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community, or in other ways.

Lent is from **Ash Wednesday** (14 February 2024) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (28 March 2024) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on **Good Friday** and if possible, on **Holy Saturday** until the Easter Vigil.

### **PASCHAL PRECEPT**

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between **Ash Wednesday** and **Trinity Sunday** (26 May 2023), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Priests in the Diocese of Broken Bay are encouraged to make available to the faithful not only the first form of the Rite of Penance, but also the second form.

I encourage you to read the Scriptures in your homes, individually and as a family. Likewise, you may take the opportunity to be part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group, face to face or online. For this purpose, I offer to you the 2024 Diocesan Lenten resource; ***Participating in the Mission of Christ***, as prepared by Mission Broken Bay.

The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Eucharist. Personal private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to probe the mystery of faith. Our churches are regularly open outside of Mass times to assist the faithful in making a visit for prayer, contemplation, and adoration. This year in a particular way I invite all the People of God to participate in the **24 Hours for the Lord**. This initiative of prayer and reconciliation introduced by Pope Francis will be celebrated around the world on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Chatswood Parish will be hosting our Diocesan event from Friday 8 to Saturday 9 March, with the focus being "Walking in a new life".

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I pray in these weeks ahead that our community of the Church of Broken Bay will be open to encounter new life in Christ. This Lent, may we humbly confess our sins, prayerfully perform our penance, and joyfully proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through words and deeds of charity, mercy, and compassion.

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL**  
Bishop of Broken Bay  
7 February 2024

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

### First Reading *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Leviticus

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11 (JB)*

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. R.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. R.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. R.

### Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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

### Gospel Acclamation *Luke 7:16 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### Gospel *Mark 1:40-45 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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

## POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

Fast from **hurting** words and say kind **words**.

Fast from **sadness**  
and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.

Fast from **complaints**  
and **contemplate** simplicity.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.

Fast from **bitterness**  
and fill your heart with **joy**.


Fast from **selfishness**  
and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**.

Fast from **words**  
and be silent so you can **listen**.

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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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**St John the Baptist Primary School** 9939 6699  
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**St Paul's Catholic College** 9977 5111  
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