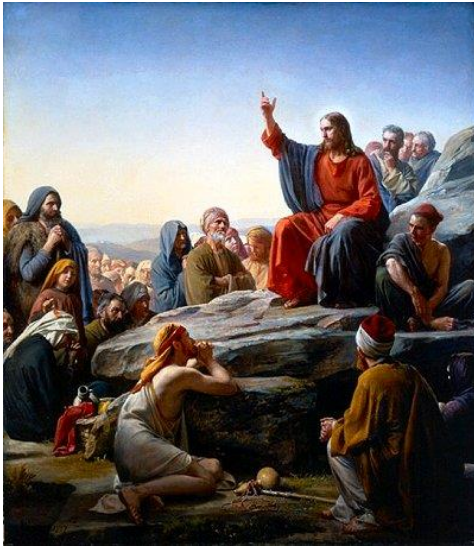




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th February 2023



Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel is the first indication of trouble between Jesus and the leaders of the Jews. The role of the scribes evolved from that of recorders and codifiers of the Torah into that of interpreters of the specific rules and regulations of the Torah. The Pharisees, the "separated brethren," removed themselves from everyday activity in order to keep the Law assiduously, thereby serving as a model to the Jewish people who held them in great esteem.

While the scribes and Pharisees were extreme legalists in their interpretation of the Law, Jesus is the ultimate **supra**-legalist. He takes their legalities a step further: The Spirit of God, which gives life and meaning to the Law, transcends the letter of the Law. Jesus preaches that we cannot be satisfied with merely avoiding the act of murder but must also curb the insults and anger that lead to murder; we cannot be satisfied with justifying separation and estrangement but must actively seek reconciliation and forgiveness; we cannot be satisfied with just fulfilling contracts in order to avoid being sued but must seek to become honest and trustworthy persons in all our dealings. Jesus comes to teach an approach to life that is motivated neither by edict nor fear but by the recognition and celebration of the humanity we share with all men and women.

For Jesus, the human heart is decisive. It is the "new" Law's emphasis on the attitude of the heart that perfects and fulfills the principles and rituals of the "old."
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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February – For parishes We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The children who made their confirmation last year will commence their preparation program for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this weekend. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday 25th March at 11:30am at both Churches

Confirmation will be held on Saturday 20th May 2023 – time to be confirmed.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL DATES



Ash Wednesday 22nd Feb

Good Friday 7th April

Easter Sunday 9th April

Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April

PARISH GIVING – thank you for your generous support. At Manly 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.



LET US PRAY FOR

12th February 2023

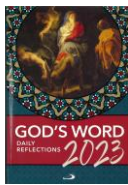
Recently Deceased: Tom McNulty, Maria Prestra; Kata Bokanovic

Anniversary: Teresa Music, Diana Music, Tim Turner, Renate Fernandez, Sr Katherine OCD

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

Dates to remember...

- **Sacramental Program starts this weekend**
- **St Paul's College Opening Mass**
Wed 15 Feb 9:15am
- **St Mary's School Opening Mass**
Thur 16 Feb 9:15am
- **Youth Group Mass/Gathering**
Sun 19 Feb 6pm Mass
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly**
Wed 6pm – 7:30pm



PIETY STORE

GOD'S WORD 2023 Daily Reflections- limited copies in the Piety Store \$15 ea.

Orders for 2024 need to be placed with the parish office by end of June 2023.

Movie of the month – Pius XII – Under the roman sky (starring James Cromwell) A powerful movie on the great and hidden struggle of the incorrectly labelled “Nazi Pope”. The State of Israel testify papal relief programs saved up to 860 000 jews during World War 2. Only \$10 @ the Piety store.

CD of the month – Cabeza De Vaca – epic journey of Catholic explorer

An astonishing true story of shipwrecks, slavery, deprivation, battles, hardship, apparitions, miracles and resurrections. When faced with annihilation, it was only the “faithful” that survived. Only \$5 @ the piety store.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Deliveries to Palm Beach

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver frozen meals to Palm Beach Wharf for the 2pm ferry to Ettalong on Thursdays. The meals are supplied by our friends at One Meal at Brookvale and are for the homeless on the Central Coast.

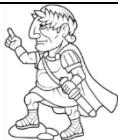
You would need your own transport, or I can team you up with someone. You would need to be at Brookvale by 12.45 pm and then take them to Palm Beach Wharf and put them on the ferry and they are then collected from Ettalong by a Vinnies team.

A fold up trolley is supplied to make it easier to transport onto the wharf.

If I can get enough help, you may only have to go on the roster once every 2 months.

Please call me if you can help or have any questions.

Mick O'Farrell 0402 890 125



WHAT ARE THOSE ROMANS TALKING ABOUT?

Robert Marshall will be conducting a series of **LATIN classes for BEGINNERS** on Wednesdays at 10am in the Parish Centre. The classes will begin Wed. 1st February

2023 – each class will be an hour long. Naturally, spaces are limited - so please contact Robert on 0413 002 756 or robert3485@hotmail.com if you are interested.



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.



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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA

A parish run program to prepare adults for Christian Baptism and full membership in the Church. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.



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

FACE MASKS – please bring a face mask with you if you wish to wear it in the Church



SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. Planned Giving: many parishioners support the parish 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.

This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



5. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts

• **Church Account** Funds Parish running costs

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

• **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Christian Meditation Group: Tues 12:30pm Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am 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

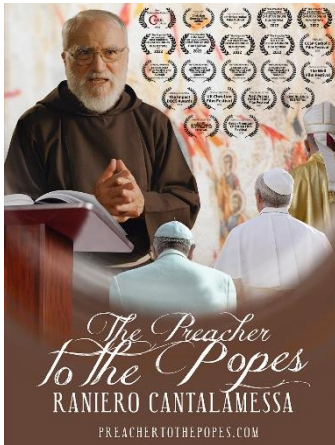
- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



YOUTH GROUP following 6pm Mass next Sunday 19 February 2023 in the Parish Centre.



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



**Lenten Group
Thursday nights
7.30pm in the
Parish Centre**

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, "The Preacher to the Papal Household", has delivered a yearly homily in St Peter's Basilica during the Good Friday liturgy. He has provided

various meditations in the presence of the last three popes: Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

This Lenten group will reflect on a series of Cardinal Cantalamessa's meditations to allow us to reflect upon the hour of the death of Christ, His exaltation and victory over sin and the Paschal Mystery. His sermons illuminate the mystery of the Lord's Passion and allow us to gaze upon the cross of Christ in the light of our modern world, and the modern world in the light of Christ's cross.

All are invited - and especially our youth and young adults.

**St Joseph Men's Group
gathered last Thursday.**



Baptism of Reuben last Sunday. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.



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

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: 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 of 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

Parish Pastoral Council and Office Bearer Positions for 2023

Fr David Taylor presided at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting last night.

The new Office Bearers for 2023...

Chair: Paul Pervan (Finance, Maintenance and Social Gatherings)

Deputy Chair: Michael McGrath (Finance and Catechist Manly)

PPC Secretary: Margaret Dent (Choir, Liturgy Freshwater)

Parish Pastoral Council Members – Leadership Team

Robert Marshall (Liturgy and Music)

Ivica Covic (Young Adults)

Peter Nacard (Maintenance)

Valerie Buono (Parish Bookkeeper, Reader, Social Gatherings)

Joanne Drury (Acolyte, Catechist Freshwater)

Patricia Carroll (New Member, Parish Gatherings)

John Zemek (Finance)

Ian Press (Finance and Acolyte Freshwater)

Maryanne Vorlicek (prospective New Member)

Katherine Lina (prospective New Member)

Priests and Staff

Fr David Taylor – Parish Priest

Fr John Puliparambil – Assistant Priest

Jenny Beninati – Parish Secretary

Representing Colleges and Schools

Elizabeth Carnegie – Principal Stella Maris College.

Michael Reid – Principal St Paul's College

Paul McGuire – Principal St Mary's School

Alicia Van Der Merwe – Principal St John's School

We wish all the members a fruitful year happily serving our Parish and Community of Manly Freshwater.....Fr. David Taylor PP.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

RCIA Rite of Election Catechumens of the Diocese, parish RCIA teams, and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend this year's Rite of Election with Bishop Anthony Randazzo, where Catechumens will be presented to the Bishop and officially enrolled into the list of the Elect for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The Rite will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, on Sunday 26 February at 2:00pm (Please be seated by 1:45pm)

Please note that this Rite is for Catechumens only, i.e., those seeking Baptism. Candidates, who are already Baptised, will not play a role on this occasion, but are invited to attend in support of parish Catechumens.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards

RSVP to the Parish Office -

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

JOSEPH HOUSE - 2023 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Are you looking for an opportunity to discern your vocation in a supportive, faith-filled community? Joseph House in Willoughby is the perfect place for you!

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This special space has the capacity to accommodate up to six men and features a chapel and various common areas to create community. If you're looking for an opportunity to discover the man that Christ is calling you to be, apply to Joseph House today! [Apply in the link](#)

For more information email:

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World Day of Prayer 2023 Taiwan



When: Friday 3 March 2023 10.00am, followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre

Where: St Kieran's Church 2 King Street Manly Vale

Contact: 02 9949 4455

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH 2022

This year over 150 guests attended our Parish Christmas Day Lunch. It was a fun day for both guests and volunteers.

The Christmas meals were packed as picnic takeaway boxes and many of our guests chose to stay to share their meal with others.

Everyone received a delicious meal and a box of chocolates. There was also a good selection of toiletries and canned foods available to take home.

A BIG THANK YOU to our Set-up Team who came together on the Wednesday to ensure everything was ready for the Big Day and also to our Prep Team and Serving Team on the day.

Thank you to all those who supported the Lunch through donating goods and money. Also a Big thank you to Dee Why RSL for providing the individual pavlovas and fresh fruit.





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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Note: Readings for the Freshwater Family Mass will be taken from the Children's Lectionary

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20 (JB)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. R.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. R.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. R.

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. R.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 (JB)

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: ' Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent
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Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath;
Peter Nacard

Weekend Masses:
Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm & Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses:
Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am
Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: please contact the parish office
Manly: 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater: 2nd Sunday of month

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

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