

MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th February 2021

ASHWEDNESDAY 17th February 2021

Masses at Manly & Freshwater 9:15am (in the Church) & 12noon Evening Masses: Freshwater 6pm and Manly 7pm

Dear Friends, we begin the joyful season of Lent this coming Ash Wednesday. Joyful because we are preparing to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Through our Baptism and life of faith we too share in the Eternal Life of Jesus Christ.

Please see separate notices for Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross and Lenten Discussion Programs. On Ash Wednesday, Ashes (a small amount) will be sprinkled on your head individually.

Restrictions have eased; 2sqm rule allowing 150 at Freshwater and 380 at Manly, masks are highly recommended. Morning teas will start again soon. Helpers please. Fr David Taylor



Gospel Reading: The cleansing of the leper is a climactic moment in Mark's Gospel. By just touching the leper Jesus challenges one of the strictest proscriptions in Jewish society (today's first reading provides the context for understanding the social and religious revulsion of lepers).

The leper is a one of the heroic characters of Mark's Gospel (along with such figures as the poor widow who gives her only penny to the temple and the blind Bartimaeus). The leper places his entire trust in Jesus. For him, there is no doubt: this Jesus is the Messiah of hope, the Lord of life. His request for healing is more than a cry for help – it is a profession of faith: "You can make me clean."

Jesus' curing of the leper shocked those who witnessed it. Jesus did not drive the leper away, as would be the norm (the leper, according to the Mosaic Law, had no right to even address Jesus); instead, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. Jesus did not see an unclean leper but a human soul in desperate need.

Consider what Jesus does after healing the leper. He sends the cleansed leper to show himself to the priest "and offer for your cure what Moses prescribed." This leper's healing is a message for the Jewish establishment, represented by the priest: that the Messiah has come and is present among you.

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We're COVID SAFE

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February: **Violence Against Women** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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

14th February 2021

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Mary Connery

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 Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Kathleen Hudson; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Jacqui Dawson; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Savannah Baker; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon

February 2021	Year B
Mon 15/2 – 6th week in Ord Time	Gen 4:1-15,25: Mk 8:11-13
Tue 16/2 – 6th week in Ord Time	Gen 6:5-8,7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21
Wed 17/2 – Ash Wednesday	
Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18	
Thurs 18/2 – Thursday after Ash Wedn	esday Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Fri 19/2 – Friday after Ash Wednesday	ls 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15
Sat 20/2 – Saturday after Ash Wedness	day Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sun 21/2 – First Sunday of Lent Ger	n 9 8-15 1 Pet 3 18-22 Mt 1 12-15

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

<u>Parish facebook:</u> facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish <u>Parish website:</u> 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.



ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

More Welcomers needed for Weekend Masses – if you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office.



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.



EUCHARISTIC 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 Dam in the Parish Centre.

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PIETY STORE MANLY

Movie of the month "Bakhita – from Slave to Saint". A moving and extraordinary film on the story of "St Bakhita", the patron Saint of "refugees". Set in Africa and Italy. Italian with English sub-titles. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

The real story of the Inquisition – Steve Weidenkopf. The truth will surprise you. For e.g. the inquisition began because secular authorities unqualified in theology were putting people to death for heresy. Only \$5 @ the piety store

2021 Columban & Divine Mercy Calendars reduced to \$8.50



Available at the entrances of the Churches

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today's readings point to the loving compassion of God, which is revealed in the way Jesus always responds to the dilemmas of those around him.

The Book of Leviticus (**First Reading**) sets the scene by listing the rules concerning those who were declared 'unclean', including banishment from the community.

In the **Gospel**, one such person, suffering with leprosy, breaks the rules designed to maintain isolation. We see how Jesus responds to this desperate plea – with merciful, physical contact – resulting in the person being restored not only to health, but also to a rightful place within the community. There is a further, ironic consequence to this response, with Jesus becoming an outcast, now having to stay in places where nobody lives.

The **Psalm** praises God, 'my refuge', in whom is found joy and salvation, while the **Second Reading** gives us an injunction to imitate Christ by putting the advantage of the other always first. Pathways to God 2021

Fr Paul Kim has been in contact with Fr David. He has been appointed a Migrant Chaplin in the Diocese of Incheon to the Filipino and Vietnamese Communities. He is also involved in the Ministry to merchant sailors in the Apostolate of the Sea. Please keep him in your prayers. 17th February 2021



Masses at Manly & Freshwater 9:15am (in the Church) & 12noon

Evening Masses: Freshwater 6pm and Manly 7pm



Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays commencing 19th February.

Freshwater: 9:45am after Mass

Manly: 7pm

Reconciliation will be held on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8pm at Manly commencing Friday 19th February.

LENTEN PROGRAMS HELD IN OUR PARISH

Youth & Young Adults Lenten Group Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre commencing 18th February using Bishop Barron's inspired Lenten Program.

Lectio Groups will be using the Lenten Program Comfort from the Wollongong Dioceses commencing Tuesday 23rd February at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room and Wednesday 24th February at 10am in the Parish Centre. This will follow the Sunday readings during Lent.

Diocesan Lenten Program will explore Bishop Anthony's six priorities for our Diocese, and will feature reflections by Fr David Ranson, Tomasz Juszczak, Kelly Paget, Deacon Samuel French, Sr Josefa Mabini and Pina Bernard. It also features personal testimonies from local parishioners.

If you are interested in attending a parish group or a home group please contact the parish office 9977 5822.



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. Please hold your phone over the

code with your camera and internet on and follow the link to complete your details.

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 – "BE MORE"

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the

Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2021

Confirmation is the second Sacrament of Initiation and is received by children about 8 years old (normally

school year 3).

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held over 3 days – 18th, 19th and 20th May and all sessions will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly.

We will be holding **Registration and Parent's** workshop evenings in March.

If you wish your child to be part of the program you must attend one of the following compulsory workshops:

- Thursday 11th or Tuesday 16th March 7pm at St Mary's Church, Manly
- Wednesday 10th March at 7pm at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

For more information please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822.



We will be holding a **Baptism program** for older children aged 7 to 10 in March. If you wish your child to be a

part of this program, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to see Fr David Taylor.

SAVE THE MANLY FERRIES PETITION

To sign this e-petition by 14 Feb 2021 please go to www.goodformanly.com.au/ferries

Reflection:

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We often reduce others to "lepers": those we fear, those who don't "fit" our image of sophistication and culture, those whose religion or race or class or culture threaten our own. We exile these lepers to the margins of society outside our gates; we reduce these lepers to simple stereotypes and demeaning labels; we reject these lepers as too "unclean" to be part of our lives and our world. The Christ who healed lepers comes to perform a much greater miracle – to heal us of our debilitating sense of self that fails to realize the sacred dignity of those we demean as "lepers."

In today's Gospel, the leper approaches Jesus with the words, "If you wish, you can make me clean." The leper's challenge is addressed to all of us, who seek to imitate Jesus. We possess the means and abilities to transform our lives and world – what is required are the desire, the will, the determination to do so: to heal the broken, to restore lepers to wholeness, to reconcile with those from whom we are estranged.

Jesus works his wonders not to solicit acclaim for himself but to awaken faith in God's providence, to restore God's vision of a world where humanity is united as brothers and sisters in the love of God. Jesus calls us who would be his disciples to let our own "miracles" of charity and mercy, of forgiveness and justice, be "proof" of our committed discipleship to the Gospel and our trust in the God who is the real worker of wonders in our midst. connectionmeadiaworks



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**



DIRECT

DEPOSIT

- Place envelopes and cash in the collection plates (1st collection and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
- 3. Continue to use direct debit with your **credit cards**
- 4. **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 Support of our Priests

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Acc# 13958002 BSB: 062 784



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2021

What is a Catechist?

A Catechist is someone who is from our Parish Community who volunteers

- To teach and share their faith with the Children in our local government schools.
- Has a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.

What is involved?

To be a Catechist you need to be able to:

- Give around 1 hour each week to share your faith in a local government school.
- Do a little bit of preparation at home, using the lesson resources and work books provided for students and the catechist.
- Participate in online training and support offered from time to time.

Who can be a Catechist?

- Catechists come in all shapes, ages and from all walks of life, reflecting the rich tapestry of our Church.
- Many Catechists start as a classroom helper and from there are eager to take on a class themselves.
- If you put your hand up to be involved you will be really well supported with online training and resources.

Would all Manly Catechists, helpers and anyone interested in CCD teaching please attend the Annual Meeting on Friday 19th February 10am in the Parish Meeting Room. Resources and green cards will be given out at this meeting.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ANTHONY LENTEN PENANCE

In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent, the baptism reminder of already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire

community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time of spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery. *RCIA 125*

This year the season of Lent commences on **Ash Wednesday, 17 February**, and concludes on **Thursday 1 April**. In our Catholic tradition, it is marked as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. It begins on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes coupled with the words of invitation, "*Turn away from sin and believe the good news*". In this annual invitation, we recognise our human frailty and our reliance on the grace and mercy of God.

As Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11); he accompanies us as we too make the journey into the desert of our souls. It is there that we are encouraged to resist and turn away from sin, which places limitation on our lives and relationships. It is precisely in those moments of vulnerability that we are called to take refuge in the God of mercy and compassion.

Lent is a time of pruning back the obstacles in our relationships so that we might flourish and have "life to the full" (John 10:10). Through the season of Lent we come to Easter, which is a celebration of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. It is a joyful time to celebrate the new life promised to us and the whole world by the risen Jesus, our hope and our salvation.

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.

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

- Prayer for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways;
- 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; 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** (17 February 2021) until the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (1 April 2021) 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** (17 February 2021) and **Trinity Sunday** (30 May 2021), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All of the faithful who have reached the age of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

I would encourage you also to consider being part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group and to read the Scriptures in your homes. A visit to a church for private personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is also a marvellous way to strengthen one's prayer life during this season. Do not hesitate or be fearful, "the Lord waits to be gracious to you" (Isaiah 30:18).

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, my prayer over these coming weeks is that our Catholic community in the Diocese of Broken Bay will seek to live the new life in Christ. This Lent, may we move with confidence and loving reverence deeper into the heart of the Father who is grace, mercy and love.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of Broken Bay 3 February 2021

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
- Parish Playgroup: Mon 9am 10:30am Manly
- 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 2nd Mon each month at 4:30pm & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MEMORY? UNSURE WHERE TO TURN?

CatholicCare's Memory Innovations Centre improves quality of life, wellbeing and helps support positive brain health for seniors in our community. Our professionally run programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. The programs combine science and social activity and are run by experienced facilitators to ensure you get the best outcomes for your health and wellness. Our programs are simple, enabling people to use the strategies at home. A cozy, warm and welcoming environment awaits you at our centre in Waitara, with a team who are always on hand for a cuppa and a chat. Alternatively, you can access our programs from the comfort of your own home. Programs in art, mindfulness and relaxation, dance, exercise, navigating technology, cooking and brain training available. For more information visit www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mic or call (02) 9481 2659.

MANLY		
	1st Sunday of Lent	20 - 21 February
	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
igi °		Jean Halcrow
> ss	Music	Josh Willard
6pm Vigil Mass	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Flowers	Merle Zemek
	Server	Ken Thompson
ss	Readers	Patty Thomas
Mass	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall
		Organist
8:30am	Welcomers	Veronica Renaud
30		Claire Carmody
ö		Laurie & Liz
		de Ambrosis
s	o Servers	Ron Gravolin
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Σ	Readers	Janie Fonua
10:30am Mass		Carmel Lawler
306	Music	Bianca Zatz
ö	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan
-		Anne Gaughan
	Server	Ivica Covic
6pm Mass	Readers Music	Ed Copeman
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		Simon & Youth
	Welcomers	Hanaut Family
	Heldenlere	Gerard McMahon

FRESHWATER 1st Sunday of Lent 20 - 21 February Vigil Server Lou Maruca Readers Amanda Whitfield 5pm Welcomers Amanda Whitfield Server Francis Raymond Mass Readers Pam Brown Music Pat Brown 9am **Altar Society** Patricia & Solo Brown Welcomers Assistance Required

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!



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 healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





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After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath 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

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225 Principal: Paul McGuire

St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699 *Principal: Alicia van der Merwe*

St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 Principal: Michael Reid

Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie