



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Sixth Sunday of Easter – 14th May 2023



### Gospel Reflection

The Spirit of truth, “whom the world cannot accept,” illuminates our vision and opens our hearts to discern the will and wisdom of

God. The Spirit/Paraclete “advocates” for what is good, what is right and what is just, despite our skepticism, rejection and blindness to the things of God.

The Risen Christ challenges us, in the gift of the “Spirit of truth,” not to approach truth in terms of profit, power, comfort or convention, but to embrace the truth of God’s justice and compassion present in our world.

Throughout his Gospel, the writer of John’s Gospel never allows love, as taught by Jesus, to remain at the level of sentiment or emotion. Its expression is always highly moral and is revealed in obedience to the will of the Father. To love as Jesus loved – in total and selfless obedience, without conditions and without expectation of that love ever being returned – is the difficult love that Jesus expects of those who claim to be his disciples.

The Spirit of truth is the creative, living memory of the Church. Through that “living memory,” the Church enters into the mystery of Christ himself. Jesus, the wise Rabbi, the compassionate Healer, the Friend of rich and poor and said and sinner, the obedient and humble Servant of God, is a living presence among us to give us hope, strength and light as we struggle to balance and direct our lives until he calls us to the new life of his Resurrection.

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

**FLOWER ROSTER ASSISTANCE REQUIRED** If you are interested in joining the Manly Flower Roster, please contact the parish office 9977 5822.



**Diocesan Mass Counts 2023** Each year we conduct the Diocesan Mass Count over four weekends in May. The 2023 Count will take place on the weekends of **6 & 7 May, 13 & 14 May, 20 & 21 May and 27 & 28 May at all Masses.**



### FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADOVA Sunday 18th June 2023

At St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater

- 1:00pm Confessions
- 1:30pm Holy Mass celebrated by Fr

Anthony Fregolent with blessing of the bread and children during the Mass.

- 3:30pm Holy Procession accompanied by the Italian Brass Band of Giuseppe Verdi and escorted by the Italian Carabinieri in their colourful uniforms.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING



**Loving God,**  
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

**Amen.**

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We invite you to bring a flower from your garden to place at Our Lady’s Shrine as a special thank you for being our Spiritual Mother. Vases will be available at both Churches for you to place your flower.



### WYD THANK YOU...

Thank you to all who came to the World Youth Day BBQ at St Mary's last Sunday, in support of Josh Wright, Sampson Hyland and Richard Heasman, who will be representing the parish in their pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal. Over \$750 was raised! The team are very grateful for your support and hope to see you at the next BBQ, at the 8am Mass at St Mary's on 21st May.



**CRAFT GROUP** – a big thank you to parishioner’s last weekend. Our Craft Winter Warmers Stall raised \$2,300 for the less fortunate in our parish. We were pleased to see two new members last Tuesday and remind you all that anyone is most welcome for a chat and a cupper each Tuesday 10am – 12pm.



*The Catenians*  
Faith-based Friendship

Catenians are an international Catholic Men’s Group that has been part of the Manly Freshwater Parish for many years. It is a social group that fosters friendship within the

Parish. We meet once a month for dinner & are looking for new members. Paul Pervan, chair of the Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral Council, will be giving a talk about his life.

We would like to invite you and your partners to join us for dinner next Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in St Kiernan’s Manly Vale Hall. Cost \$35 RSVP David Addington 0434029384 or [davidaddington@hotmail.com](mailto:davidaddington@hotmail.com)

## LET US PRAY FOR

14th May 2023

**Recently Deceased:** Vincenzo Dicembre; John Gualdi; Geraldo Gomes de Moura; Ardell Sharpe; Anne Hayson; Stewart Homan;

**Anniversary:** John Kiely; Peter Lawler; Ana Lim Sia; Clementina Yao; Matilde Balagtas; Ernesto Go

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** Margaret Burridge; 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; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady

### Dates to remember...

- **SJB Class Mass** Tues 16 May 9:15am
- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 18 May 9:15am
- **Confirmation Day** Sat 20 May 10am & 12pm
- **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 Manly** has a new selection of Confirmation gifts. The piety store is open before and after weekend Masses or contact the Parish Office.

**Movie of the month - For Greater Glory**-A powerful movie, star studded cast and true story. Life for Catholics under a tyrannical masonic government in Mexico became unbearable and led to the rise of the "Cristeros". Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month** – Moving heaven and earth – the true story of the Galileo affair

**Christopher Check's 3 CD** series corrects the prevailing narrative with the real facts on the Galileo affair, only \$5 @ the piety store.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS Quiet Prayer & Adoration

6:00pm – 7pm

Scripture Reflection on the

Eucharist & Benediction 7pm – 7:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet will said starting at 6pm

**Bequests – Remembering your faith community in your Will** After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a bequest directly to your local parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay? This is called a legacy or bequest. Over the years, many people who have felt a special connection with their local parish and church have left part of their Estate to their Parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay. Like a gift to a charity, a bequest of any amount to the Church is a way of saying "thank you" for the spiritual nurturing provided to you and your family over the years.

If you would like further information on bequests including how we can acknowledge your generosity in your lifetime, please speak with your Parish Priest or the Broken Bay Diocese Office for Communications on 8379 1664.

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.

## PASTORAL WORKS APPEAL

As many will know, at this time of year we conduct the final of 3 tranches of the PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY APPEAL or PWBB (formerly the CHARITABLE WORKS FUND).

However, with the great support of some very generous donors we have already exceeded (by more than \$3,000) the target of \$43,846 set for our Parish by the Diocese in FY23.

Some parishioners may still wish to donate (and take advantage of the 100% tax deduction available) as the recipients of these funds have a continuing need.

As a reminder the appeal supports 4 specific programs which the Diocese runs:

- Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program
- Catechists' support(CCD): there are approx 650 volunteer catechists taking the Gospel to over 14,000 state school children in our Diocese
- St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College- serving students with disabilities
- The Ephpheta Centre- which provides support and advocacy for the deaf community

APPEAL ENVELOPES are located near the doors of the Church.

You may wish to donate by going online at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give) or by scanning the QR code on the envelope.

Your generous support in each of our many appeals is greatly appreciated.



### 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**
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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.

**SAVE THE DATE** Bishop Anthony Randazzo invites you to a Diocesan-wide presentation and consultation in our Cathedral Precinct journey as we not only consider our Cathedral parish, but also the needs of the broader community. The Diocesan-wide consultation will begin with Mass as we celebrate our Patronal feast, Mary Star of the Sea. **This Vigil Mass will be at 5.30pm Tuesday 30 May 2023 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.**

**More information to follow next week.**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A

### First Reading *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 (JB)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20 (JB)*

#### **R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

### Second Reading *1 Peter 3:15-18 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who

ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

### Gospel Acclamation *John 14:23 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

### Gospel *John 14:15-21 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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(Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery;  
Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall;  
Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

#### 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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