



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9th May 2021



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Chapters 13 through 17 of John's Gospel, Jesus' Last Supper discourse, might be described as Jesus' last will and testament to his fledgling church.

Continuing last Sunday's theme of the vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the love of God as the bonding agent of the new Israel. The model of love for the faithful disciple – "to love one another as I have loved you" – is extreme, limitless and unconditional. The love manifested in the Gospel and the resurrection of Christ creates an entirely new relationship between God and humanity. Again Christ, the obedient Servant Redeemer, is the great "connector" between God and us. In Christ, we are not "slaves" of a distant divine Creator but "friends" of God who hears the prayers and cries made to him in Jesus' name. As "friends of God," we are called to reflect that love to the rest of the world.

First Collection for the support of our Priests.

Second Collection for maintenance, repairs and running costs of our Parish.



We're COVID SAFE

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May: The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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

Recently Deceased: Peter Frize, Pietro Murdocca

Anniversary: Peter Lawler

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; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell

May 2021

	Year B
Mon 10/5 – 6th week of Easter	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4
Tue 11/5 – 6th week of Easter	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wed 12/5 – 6th week of Easter	Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thurs 13/5 – 6th week of Easter	Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Fri 14/5 – St Matthias	Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Sat 15/5 – 6th week of Easter	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28
Sun 16/5 – The Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: 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.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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 Centre and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.



MORNING TEAS We are looking for helpers to assist in starting up Manly's morning teas on Sundays following the morning Masses. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 if you can assist.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Meditation returns** Tuesday 11th May at 6pm in the Parish Centre
- **RCIA** Tuesdays at 7pm in the Parish Centre
- **SJB Yr 4 Class Mass** Wed 12th May 9:15am
- **SMM Yr 4 Class Mass** Thurs 13th May 9:15am

Covid-19 Updated Requirements

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.

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.



Welcomers URGENTLY needed at both Churches to assist with the QR Code registrations before each Mass. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Will be recommencing this Tuesday at 6pm in the Parish Centre at Manly. Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend.

Enquiries: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



Diocesan Mass Counts 2021

The Diocesan Mass Count will take place four weekends in May. As 2021 is a census year, this year's Mass Count will form part of the National Count of Attendance and the data will be submitted to the National Centre for Pastoral Research, via Evangelisation Broken Bay.

The 2021 Count will take place on the weekends of **1 & 2 May** (beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 1 May), **8 & 9 May**, **15 & 16 May** and **22 & 23 May**.





Warmest Congratulations

to Nathalie and Olivia who are being received into the Catholic Church, Confirmed & receive their First Holy Communion at the 8.30am Mass this Sunday.



YOUTH MASS AND SOCIAL GATHERING

Next Sunday 15th May at the 6pm Mass we will be holding our first Youth Mass for 2021. Following the Mass there will be a youth gathering in the Parish Centre. A light supper of pizza will be served.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL 15/16 May 2021

This is the 3rd and final CWF appeal for the 2021 financial year. All parishes are allocated a target which is linked to the level of income which the parish receives or generates in the previous year. Our target is **\$47,000** by 30 June and so far you have generously **given \$23,000**. We appreciate the difficulties and demands on our wallets, especially in the current environment, however for those with taxable incomes this appeal is a very effective way to help the needy recipients listed in the CWF brochure. We welcome your ongoing support.

John Zemek – Parish Finance Committee

Envelope can be found of the Church Pews. Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:

- **Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme.**
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**
- **St Lucy's School**
- **St Edmund's College**
- **Ephpheta Centre**

All donations are gratefully received.

You can donate in three ways:

- 1) Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;
- 2) Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;
- 3) Or scan the QR code – **don't forget to select Manly Freshwater Parish**



Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. .



The saints show us that we can praise God always, in good time and in bad, because He is the faithful friend, and his love never fails.

THANK YOU

The Craft Group are very thrilled and grateful to parishioners as we able to make a donation of \$2600 to St Vincent De Paul from the proceeds of the sale of goods at their Stall last weekend.



The Craft Group meet every Tuesday from 10am to 12am and all are welcome. We have people of all ages and talents coming along. Everyone is most welcome.

We have wool, needles and crochet hooks available if you would like a lesson.

A cup of tea or coffee is always available, some members come and just enjoy the company.

Please feel free to join us.



PIETY STORE MANLY IS OPEN AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

Manly Piety Store has a good selection of books and statues of St Joseph and Confirmation Gifts

Movie of the month – Fatima (2020 Movie) A beautiful and very moving film on the visitations of the Mother of God to the 3 seers of Fatima. Set in 1917 Portugal in a time of war and many witnessed a great miracle. Only \$10 at the piety store.

CD of the month – Our Lady of Fatima – Christopher West This engaging talk explores the secrets of Fatima, how Pope John Paul II's theology of the body is intimately linked and how the Immaculate heart of Mary will triumph. Piety store \$5.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM – this week the Children preparing for Confirmation will be learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please keep the Children in your prayers.





Pope Francis has called the world's Catholics to harness the power of the

Rosary against the COVID pandemic.

Sydney's St Mary's Cathedral has been named by Pope Francis as one of 30 Marian Shrines around the world to participate in a Rosary Marathon to help end the Coronavirus pandemic.

Throughout May, the shrines are encouraged to seek the participation of the local population to devote a moment to a different prayer intention related to COVID-19. Sydneysiders have been encouraged to come together in prayer at

St Mary's Cathedral on 16 May at 6pm AEST.

THE ROSARY AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON THE ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON 16 MAY AT 6PM AEST.

PARISH FINANCES - As we move more and more into a cashless society, many parishioners prefer to contribute to parish electronically. We now have easy options as set out below to help you give this way.

New: Scan to Donate using the QR code below to access our BPoint Donation page (please note this is not the code used as you enter the Church for signing). You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



- 1. Tap and go machines** at the Church entrances.
- 2. collection plates** (1st and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
- 3. 2nd collection Parish Bank Account**
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Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Acc# 100002025 BSB: 062 784
1st collection Parish Bank Account
Supports our Priests
Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
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A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support the Parish financially.

PLAYGROUP - St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

Mondays 10/5, 24/5, 7/6, 21/6 -9am – 10am
We invite you and your child to come and play, learn and connect with other 3-5 yr olds from our local area. Our Playgroups are facilitated by 2 teachers each week Parents/carers are required to remain onsite with their children during the Playgroup sessions.



A message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo

On Saturday 17 April 2021, I convened a meeting of the Plenary Council delegates and animators from across the Diocese for the first time since the pandemic began. The aim was to re-animate the Plenary Council initiative, to provide formation on this theme and to commission the four delegates for the Diocese of Broken Bay – Alison Newell, Raj Rajasingam, Danny Casey, and Fr David Ranson.

Until our gatherings were interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese of Broken Bay was recognised as one of the highest responders to the Plenary Council invitation to "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" to the Church in Australia. The Council is an opportunity for a holy listening, a truthful speaking, and a dialogue of love. I look forward to continuing the journey of the Plenary Council with the many enthusiastic people who are generously engaged in this task. **My presentation on the Plenary Council day has been produced as a video resource for use throughout the Diocese and can be accessed here**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xokINr__VME

I hope that you might find it of use also for our ongoing mission of evangelisation in Broken Bay.

Archdiocese of Sydney Youth Camp

Sydney Catholic Youth (SCY) are hosting a **4 day youth camp** from **July 5-8** for students in **Yr7-12** at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre
<https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/yfactor2021> for more details).

Come along to make friends with other young Catholics and participate in the **Sacraments, Praise & Worship, Prayer & Adoration, games, social activities, small group discussions, guest speaker talks** and much, much more!! For more information contact SCY (9307 8152) or the Manly Freshwater Youth Ministry (Facebook: Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth. Instagram: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth).

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 and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- 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 Joseph's Men's Group 1st Thurs each month
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

MANLY

	Ascension of the Lord	15th – 16th May
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow
	Music	CD's
	AV Screens	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek
	Flowers	Merle Zemek
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson
	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Clare Carmody Lynne Parks
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Servers	Martino Hoang Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Janie Fonua Carmel Lawler
	Music	Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	TBC
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Janie Fonua
6pm Mass	Server	Ivica Covic Silvio Porcelli
	Readers	Youth Mass
	Music	Simon & Youth
	AV Screens	Bill Tango
	Welcomers	Youth
	Piety Store	Lynette & Sophie Duffy

FRESHWATER

	Ascension of the Lord	15th – 16th May
5pm Vigil	Server	Mick O'Farrell
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield
	Music	Josh Willard
	AV Screens	Bill Kelly
	Welcomers	Amanda Whitfield
	9am Mass	Server
Readers		Pam Brown Luka Bokanovic
Music		Pat Brown
AV Screens		Margi Gruca
Welcomers		Sally Moffatt
Morning Tea		Brigid & Lynn
Altar Society		Patricia & Solo Brown

St Mary's School News...

On Tuesday we held our St Mary's Open Day, with Kindy 2022 students coming in and experiencing the Kindy classroom, while the parents were in the Hall finding out information and had a tour of the Year 6 Leadership Fair. On Wednesday our brave Cross Country runners battled the rain and soggy conditions to compete in the Northern Beaches School Cross Country Carnival.

On Friday we celebrated our wonderful Mothers and special friends with a lovely breakfast, liturgy and open classrooms. Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing mums in our community!

Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)

Gospel Reflection: This is the commandment that Jesus to us who would be his Church: to love one another as Jesus, God made human, has loved us: As Christ gave himself for others, we are to imitate his example of service to others; as Christ brought healing and peace into the lives of those he encountered, we are to bring that same healing and peace into the many lives we touch; as Christ revealed to the world a God who loves humanity as a parent loves his children, we are to love one another as brothers and sisters.

Christ transforms creation's relationship with its Creator. God is not the distant, aloof, removed architect of the universe; God is not the cruel taskmaster; God is not the unfeeling judge who seeks the destruction of the wicked. God is creative, reconciling, energizing love -- and Jesus is the perfect expression of that love.

All that God has done in the first creation of Genesis and the re-creation of Easter has been done out of the limitless, unfathomable love of God. Such love invites us not to fear God but to accept his "friendship" with God, not to self-loathing at our unworthiness but to grateful joy at what God has done in us.

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St John's School News...

On Tuesday Fr John visited our Year 6 class. During his visit, he discussed the concept of Heaven with the children and taught them different names that it could be referred to as: Paradise, The Dwelling Place and Our Father's House. A highlight for the children was Fr John teaching them a song called: Father's House. The children also discovered a hidden talent of Fr John's which was his musical skills of singing and playing the guitar!

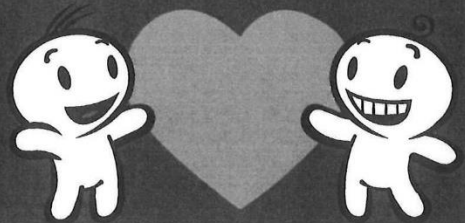
Here are some reflections from our Year Six students:

- "I loved learning about heaven through song." Maddie
- "I enjoyed learning about all of the people who go to heaven such as the Saints, the true believers, God and Jesus" Harley
- "Today I learnt that there were different names for heaven." Heidi

"Its great to have the opportunity to chat with Fr John and learn from him outside the Church."
Digby Regards, Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)

Year of St Joseph – Memorare - Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Love one another as I have loved you

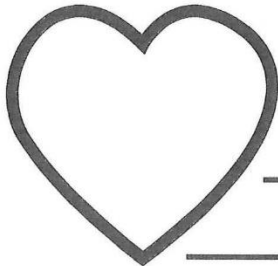


6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

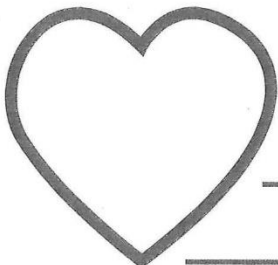
The people I love are...

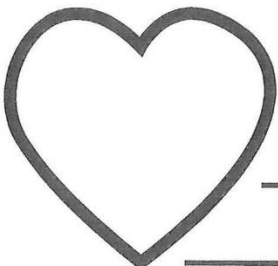
Draw some pictures of the people you love and write a little bit about each of them.

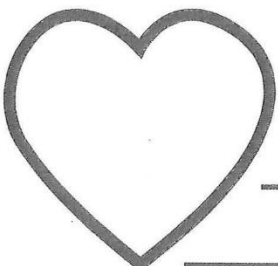
Jesus is our friend. He loves us so much that he was prepared to give up his life for us. What are some things you can do to show Jesus that you are his friend?

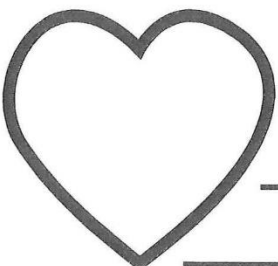


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FINISH



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"The Father will keep loving me because I have obeyed him"

Sixth Sunday of Easter – YEAR B

First Reading *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 97:1-4 (JB)*

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. R.

Second Reading *1 John 4:7-10 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves

is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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 15:9-17 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

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