



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Ascension of the Lord - 29th May 2022



Jesus' Ascension is both an ending and a beginning; it marks an absence and a presence. The physical appearances of Jesus are at an end; his revelation of the "good news" is complete; the promise of the Messiah is fulfilled. Now begins the work of the disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed.

Christ places his Church in the care of a rag-tag collection of fishermen, tax collector and peasants – it is not a very promising start for the new Church. And yet, what began with those eleven has grown and flourished through the centuries to the very walls of our own parish family.

The Church Jesus leaves to his followers is rooted not in buildings or wealth or formulas of prayer or systems of theology but in faith nurtured in the human heart, a faith centered in joy and understanding that is empowering and liberating, a faith that gives us the strength and freedom to be authentic and effective witnesses of the Risen One, who is present among us always.

The words Jesus addresses to his disciples on the mountain of the Ascension are addressed to all of us two millennia later. We are called to teach, to witness and to heal in our own small corners of the world, to hand on to others the story that has been handed on to us about Jesus and his Gospel of love and compassion. *connectionsmediaworks.com 2022*



Pope Francis' Prayer intention for May Faith Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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

COVID REQUIREMENTS -Please remember it is strongly recommended that you...

- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing



Pastoral Works Appeal (formally CWF)

Envelopes can be found on the pews.

Our Parish shortfall for this financial year is

\$22,00.00

Donations are 100% tax deductible



This Sunday at Manly we welcome the following children into our Parish Community through Baptism.

Beau, Kayleigh and Elias



Last weekend at Manly 5 children were Baptised into our Parish Community.

Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.



Our Parish Confirmation program

continues this weekend, and

the children will be holding a practice in preparation for their Confirmation which will take place next Saturday 4th June. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

Piety Store Manly has a new selection of Confirmation gifts. The store is open before and after weekend Masses.



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.

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: Hamish Ingrams; John Kiely; Michael Moloney; Erin Plummer; Christine Jackson; Laraine Maroun; Damien Carroll

Anniversary: June Beninati; Vincent Kennelly; Mary Donnelly

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage", Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Prionsias Kearney; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Joe & Pat Smith; John Connor; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee

Dates to remember...

- **Craft Group** Tues 10am – 12noon
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesdays 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Rosary (Zoom)** Thurs @ 6pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **Men's Group (Zoom)** Thurs @ 7pm (Meeting ID 872 561 5999/Code: 2512)
- **Anointing Mass @ Manly & Freshwater** Friday 3rd June @ 9:15am

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?



2nd collection Parish Bank Account

Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

1st collection Parish Bank Account Supports our Priests

Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

As we are slowly becoming a cashless society we would like to remind you that we have a Tap N Go facility available. All you have to do is wave your credit or debit card on the scanner which are located close by to both entry doors at Manly. You are also welcome to create an automatic debit to help out our parish. Thank you for your generosity

Thank you for your ongoing support



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 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

WORKING for YOU in 2022.

The Parish PPC is made up of the Parish Priest Fr David Taylor and assistant Priests, the administration staff, School and College Principals and active members of Manly and Freshwater Church communities, which totals around 16 persons attending each monthly meeting.

These members cover a broad cross section of most activities in this vibrant Parish of Manly Freshwater.

Some of the matters we are focusing on right now....

1. looking to install a completely new **SOUND SYSTEM in Manly Church** as current outdated system is outdated and failing.
2. Returning to **ONE plate collection at Sunday Masses** while having CARD TAP Machines in full operation in foyers.
3. Keeping our Churches as **Pandemic and FLU Safe as possible**, with good hygiene practices continuing.
4. **Welcoming** All Parishioners and New Comers, back to attending Sunday Masses.
5. Celebrating St John the Baptist Feast Day & 100 Years of the Church in Freshwater on 26th JUNE.
6. Attending to ongoing maintenance programs especially with Manly Church and grounds.
7. **Encouraging Young Families** and our YOUTH to gather and enjoy each other's company.
8. In conjunction with Finance Committee, controlling expenditure outlays while working on ways to increase the Income.
9. Participating in the Study of Catholic Schools Charter for Broken Bay now underway.
10. Ongoing **Adult Education** in providing the many Programs available in the Parish
11. Providing excellent Sacramental programs and CCD Education for our Public Schools.
12. Getting back to **GATHERING as a Community** as we come out of COVID.
13. Attending Fitness Classes where possible in keeping Mind and Body fresh and fit.

The PPC provides the platform for every one of our Parishioners to participate and contribute in their own way to the success of the many activities in this Parish and above all, enjoying each other's company along the way.

So please join in and make your contribution as the returns are great.

If you would like any further information on the above activities, please talk to me or any of the PPC Members listed in this Newsletter.

Paul Pervan, PPC Chair

St John the Baptist School News

St John the Baptist held their athletics carnival on Monday this week. It was incredible to see the speed of the students running and the sportsmanship as the children cheered each other on. It was lovely to see the year six students running alongside their buddies to encourage them and ensure they didn't feel nervous. It was a very rainy and wet day, but you couldn't help but smile at the ducks swimming in the long jump! Please join us in congratulating the two students who broke records:

- Alexis T. broke the record for the under 11s 800m
- Emily K. broke the record for the under 12s 800m.



Parents and grandparents, you are warmly invited to join us at St John the Baptist on a Thursday from 9am to 10am for our weekly Preschool. The children have a lovely time engaging in music, craft and play run by Miss Gravemade.



Our first Family Mass for 2022 was a huge success! Thank you to Father John and the Stage One students, parents and teachers for preparing our special celebration. It was lovely to see so many families gathered together in our Church.

Connecting School and Parish

One of the goals of the Catholic School Broken Bay is to Strengthen our Catholic Culture. Getting to know people in our community is one way we can do this. One of these groups is the Parish Craft Group.



Next week some of our Year 4 children will be joining the ladies to learn how to knit. The children will be writing a small letter asking why they should be considered to join the craft club in this first round.

The Craft Group would like to invite parents along to join them on a Tuesday morning from 10 am-12 midday in the parish room.

School Holiday Classes

The Craft Group will offer children's classes during the holidays. Children will need to bring their own needles along to the holiday classes 4-5mm and some acrylic wool. Call Merle Zemek for more details on 0414 649 776.

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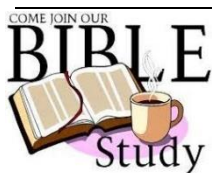
Sunday 19th June 2022

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.



Our Parish YOUTH MASS is held on the **3rd Sunday** of the Month at the 6pm Mass at Manly. All welcome



Bible Study Group Social

We invite you to come along and join the Bible Group on Monday 13 June at 11am for Mass at Manly, which will be followed by lunch.

Piety Store Manly

is open before and after weekend Masses.
Movie of the month – Fatima (2020) \$10
Mary Mother of God? \$5

St Mary's Manly School News

Craft Group Markets

A big thank you to our parishioners and the local Manly

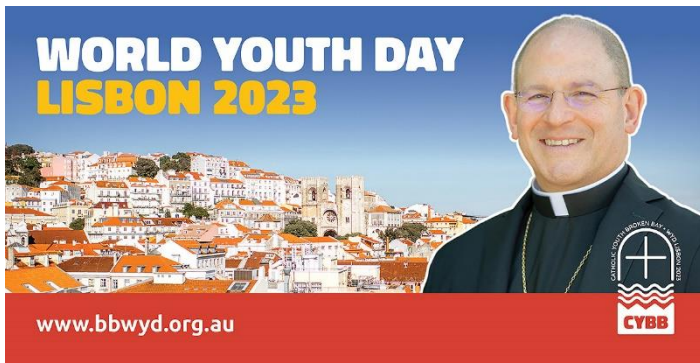


community for supporting our recent craft markets on 1st and 21st May. We raised over \$2,600 and gave generous donations to 2 charities:

Miriam Rose Foundation – helping Indigenous children and youth through art and education
Women's Network NSW – helping older women, especially the homeless

If you would like to join our group, please come along on a Tuesday morning at 10.00 am, bring your craft or just join us for morning tea.





WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

www.bbwyd.org.au



The new Diocese of Broken Bay World Youth Day website is live with Bishop Anthony Randazzo inviting the youth of the Diocese to join him on pilgrimage to Italy and then on to Lisbon, Portugal for WYD23.

Young people aged between 16 and 35 can register their interest at <https://bbwyd.org.au/>

To be held in August next year, World Youth Day is the gathering of young people from around the world with the Pope.

It is a celebration of youth, the universal Church and evangelisation.

Prior to the global event, Bishop Anthony will lead a group of students and young adults on a pilgrimage through Italy in July to some of the holiest sites and homes of our saints.

The group will visit Venice, Padova, Ravenna, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Cascia and St Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and Rome before flying to Lisbon in Portugal.

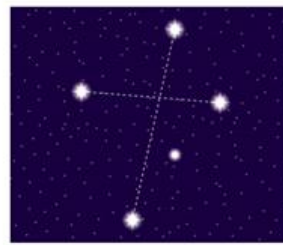
"The theme for WYD23 is *'Mary arose and went with haste'* (Luke 1:39) and I implore all our pilgrims who join me to be filled with the same excitement and wonder for their own encounter with Christ and His Church as we journey to Lisbon," Bishop Anthony said.

"I am very much looking forward to leading a group of enthusiastic, passionate young people from our Diocese to a number of holy sites in Italy, onto Lisbon and then to Fatima for a retreat. It will be a truly memorable experience."

During the week of 1-6 August '23, Lisbon will host numerous celebrations and faith events. While clear in its Catholic identity, WYD is open to all youth of the world, no matter how close or distant they are from the Church.

St John Paul, while Pope John Paul II, was inspired to establish World Youth Day in 1986 following the Church's Youth Jubilee in 1984 and the United Nations International Youth Year in 1985. It has been a much-loved and hugely successful event every three years although WYD last year was postponed to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sydney hosted WYD2008, the first in Oceania, with more than 500,000 young people from more than 200 countries registering when the event was announced but that figure ballooned to more than 1 million during WYD week. **For more information, please visit www.bbwyd.org.au**



*"We saw the star in the East,
and we came to worship
(cf Matthew 2:2)*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

29 May – 5 June 2022

The week between the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday is dedicated each year to praying for Christian Unity. The theme for this year was chosen by

the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship

A Christian Prayer for Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son
in whom all are baptized,
one giver of many gifts,
one tree of many fruits
one speaker of every tongue,
renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost,
grant that people of every race
and nation may understand one another,
and as one, proclaim the praises of God.
Grant that all may be one as you, Spirit,
with the Father and the Son
are one God, one Lord.
Grant unity to the Body of Christ;
grant unity to the human family.

Sole breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in you, live and move and have their being. -

Carl K. Moeddel, From Jesuit Resources

<https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday 26 June 2pm

All families are invited to join Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Sunday 26 June 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara at 2pm in celebrating the 10th World Meeting of Families. This will be followed by food, formation, and fun games for kids. More

details to come!

Singing Up Country 2022 is a festival showcasing Aboriginal musicians, their culture, music and community spirit, led by Yaegl man Michal Birk. It is run in collaboration with the Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish Social Justice Group and the Kierans Creek Landcare Group with support by Mona Vale Music. Bush To Bowl will offer indigenous foods and plants plus a warming soup supper.

Details

Date: Sunday 29 May 2022 from 2.30pm St Anthony in the Fields Church, 46 Myoora Rd, Terrey Hills. Bookings are essential: www.trybooking.com/BYCFY

MINISTRY ROSTER – JUNE 2022 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1 4 – 5 June	Week 2 11 - 12 June	Week 3 18 - 19 June	Week 4 25 – 26 June
		Pentecost Sunday	Most Holy Trinity	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Freya Zemek	Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese	Bill Tango
	Music	CD'S	CD'S	CD'S	CD's
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Mary Prager	John & Merle Zemek	John & Merle Zemek Mary Prager	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	TBC
8:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Martino Hoang	Louise Wareham	Martino Hoang
	Readers	Jan Van Den Broek	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas	Jan Van Den Broek
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Server	Martino Hoang	Ivica Covic Iona & Teresa Hearn	Kieran Wan Bernie Lawler	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Jean Halcrow Ron Gravolin	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	Carmel Lawler Janie Fonua	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua
	Music	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	TBC	Robert Marshall	TBC	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Kim McGrath	TBC	Kim McGrath	TBC
6pm Mass	Server	Ivica Covic	Kieran & Michael Wan	Ivica Covic Silvio Porcelli	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Dean Gale	Sandie Cornish	Youth	Family Mass
	Music	Simon Hyland	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland	TBC
	Welcomers	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
	Piety Store	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required

MINISTRY ROSTER – JUNE 2022 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 4 – 5 June	Week 2 11 - 12 June	Week 3 18 - 19 June	Week 4 25 – 26 June
		Pentecost Sunday	Most Holy Trinity	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5pm Vigil	Server	Joanne Druery	Ian Press	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press
	Readers	Family Mass	Nela & Zara Hornikova	Amanda Whitfield	Jessica & Joseph Press
	Music	Family Mass	CD's	CD's	CD's
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott
9am Mass	Server	Francis Raymond	Mick O'Farrell	Francis Raymond	Amorina Wright
	Readers	Patricia Brown Luke Campbell	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic	Toni Walsh	Josh Wright Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt
	Altar Society	Patricia & Solo Brown	Mary Anne Marles	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	Maria Harkness
	Morning Teas	Andy & Beck This	Tim Markwart	Angelica & Michael Rosatto	Wright family

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822



Jesus was taken up to heaven

My name is

Ascension, Year C

Draw Jesus ascending into heaven.



Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....



ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

ASCENSION OF THE LORD – Year C

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9 (JB)

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. R.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. R.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ has entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one;

but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he had opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our mind sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19, 20 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:46-53 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.


'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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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