



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Baptism of the Lord – 10th January 2021

Dear Friends,

Just to bring you up to date on what's happening with our Churches and the restrictions.

- The Churches are open for weekend Masses at Manly and Freshwater and for weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday at **Manly only** for this coming week. (Fr David will be away from the Parish next week).
- The maximum attendance at Manly is 100 persons and 75 at Freshwater. The Saturday Vigil Mass at Manly is the least attended and the shortest Mass with a guarantee of a seat. Please consider coming to this Mass.
- Remember that you must wear masks in the Church – there will be a supply at the entrance of the Church if necessary.
- Those of you who have mobile phones please download the **Services NSW App** so that you can scan when you enter the Church. If you are having problems with this please ask the Welcomers at the Church to help you.

Today's Gospel is the final event of the Epiphany: Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River by John. The fact that Mark begins his Gospel with the baptism of Jesus indicates the importance of this event. In the "renting of the sky," the Spirit "descending on him like a dove" and the voice heard from the heavens, God "anoints" his Messiah (the word Messiah means "anointed") for the work he is about to do.

Reflection: In baptism, we claim the name of **Christian** and embrace all that that holy name means: to live for others rather than for ourselves, in imitation of Christ.

Our baptism made each one of us the "servant" of today's readings: to bring forth in our world the justice, reconciliation and enlightenment of Christ, the "beloved Son" and "favor" of God.



In baptism, we embrace that same Spirit that "hovers" over us, guiding us in our journey to God.

Liturgically, the Christmas season officially comes to an end with today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Now the same Spirit that "anoints" the Messiah for his mission calls us to be about the work of Christmas in this new year: to seek out and find the lost, to heal the hurting, to feed the hungry, to free the imprisoned, to rebuild families and nations, to bring the peace of God to all peoples everywhere.

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We're COVID SAFE

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January: Human fraternity May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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– **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

10th January 2021

Recently Deceased: Gerlinde Erling, Vic Nagle, Derek Herbert,

Anniversary: Kathryn Duffy

Prayers for the sick in our parish:, Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Vanessa Squirrel; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; 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

January 2021

	Year B
Mon 11/1 – 1st week in Ord Time	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tue 12/1 – 1st week in Ord Time	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:14-20
Wed 13/1 – 1st week in Ord Time	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thurs 14/1 – 1st week in Ord Time	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Fri 15/1 – 1st week in Ord Time	Heb 4:1-5,11; Mk 2:1-12
Sat 16/1 – 1st week in Ord Time	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sun 17/1 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42	

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

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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.



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 at Manly. At the Church please hold your phone over the code with your camera and internet on and follow the link to complete your details.

WEARING OF MASKS IN OUR CHURCHES -Everyone attending St Mary's and St John's Churches must wear a mask for the safety of everyone.



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.

The Funeral Mass of Derek Herbert will be held at St Mary's Manly on Monday 11th January at 1pm.

Vic Nagle's Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel at French Forest Cemetery on Monday 11th January at 10am.

January Roster can be found at the entrance of the Churches.



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**
2. 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



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Craft Group restarts this week.

The groups 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 mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.



Now available at the Church entrances.



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.

The Baptism of the Lord – Year B

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Come to the water; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his ways, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-6 (JB)

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. R.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. R.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-9 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St John

The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

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

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 1:29 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'.

It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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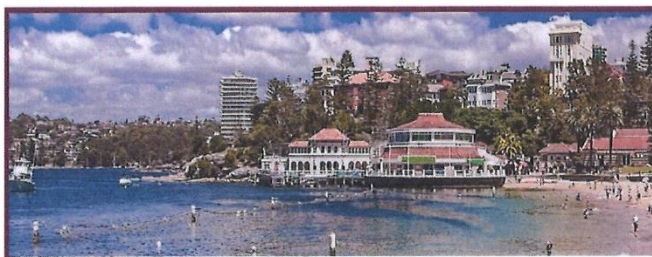
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Weekend Masses:

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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