



*Diocese of Broken Bay*

# MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

## Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

**CHRISTMAS – 25th December 2018**

**Administration Office:**

Monday – Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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*Parish Priest:* Fr David Taylor

*Assistant Priest:* Fr Paul Kim

*Presbytery:* 9977 2100

50 Whistler St, Manly NSW 2095

*Mary Immaculate Church*

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

*St John the Baptist Church*

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,

Freshwater NSW 2096

**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

**Liturgy of the Word and  
Holy Communion**

*Manly:* Monday 9:15am

*Freshwater:* Monday 9:15am

**Baptisms:** *by appointment only*

*Manly* 4th Sunday of the month

*Freshwater* 2nd Sunday of month

**Reconciliation:**

*Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

*Freshwater* Sat 4:30pm



Sometimes people expect something extraordinary, or even miraculous to happen at Christmas. But when Christ came on earth, he came clothed, not in the extraordinary, but in the ordinary. He came dressed in the cloak of our weak, fragile, mortal humanity.

‘They wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.’

Like an acorn that falls to earth, silently and unheralded, in a remote corner of the forest, and which grows into a great oak tree, so from these lowly origins Jesus grew up to show us the greatness of our humanity.

**WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS**

**Thank You** for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community.

**The 1st Collection** is for the financial support of our priests.

**The 2nd Collection** is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

## Church Renovations



We are very happy to advise that the renovations on the stonework at the eastern end of the Church have been successfully completed and most of the stain glass windows have been repaired. The total cost of this work was \$254,477.60 and the Parish Finance Committee is very grateful for your donations of \$37,675.00 towards these very large expenditures. It is the Maintenance Committees plan to continue with restoration work on the southern gable and the cleaning of stone in 2019.

It has been 13 years since the roof on the Church was replaced and it is now necessary for a full inspection of the roof to be carried out as corrosion of the metal frame work supporting the tiles has been discovered in the north east corner of the roof. You will be advised of the outcome of this inspection when it has been completed.

Thank you for your financial support and patience in these matters.  
Fr David Taylor, Parish Priest & the Parish Maintenance and Finance Committees.

### Tap to Donate with your Credit/Debit Card

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs** you can do so by a direct deposit into the Parish Account using the following

**Account Name:** Manly Freshwater Parish

**Bank Name:** Commonwealth Bank

**Account#** 13958001 **BSB #** 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our **tap units** at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark. At **Freshwater** there is a unit at the front entrance. The donation is set at \$10.00.



***We thank you for your generosity and commitment to our parish***

The Parish email addresses have changed. The Parish Office is now  
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au  
**Our new Website** address is  
www.bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

**New Year's Eve Mass** at 6pm at Manly  
**New Year's Day Masses** will be held at 9.15am at St Mary's Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** will follow after the New Year's Eve 6pm Mass at 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



## Christmas Collections

there will only be one collection at the Christmas Masses.

Christmas Envelope collection is a special collection for the retired priests of our Diocese



### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

At Christmas Time we celebrate the birth of Jesus and our friends and families get together, share stories and make plans for the year ahead.

In October 2020, the Catholic Church is gathering to make plans and decisions for the future. Your voice is needed to help create the agenda. What are your experiences of God in your life, your faith and the Church?

### WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA?

Response Cards can be found on the pews and can be placed into the box in the foyer of the Churches or you can respond at [www.share-the-story.com](http://www.share-the-story.com)

### Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.  
Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.  
Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**LUNCH**  
**25 DECEMBER**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, 50 WHISTLER ST, MANLY**  
**11.30am to 2pm**

**It's free and non alcoholic**  
**So if you are spending Christmas alone please**  
**come along**



**Hosted by Manly Freshwater Parish**  
**9977 5822**

**PARISH EVENTS**

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly  
Monday to Friday from 9:45am -11:00am  
Adoration on Wed continues from 2pm with  
Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation:  
Manly: Sat 10am – 11am  
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am  
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass Anointing  
Mass at Manly and Freshwater  
1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences  
2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

*May all the Blessings and Joy of Christmas  
 come down upon you and be with you and  
 your family this Christmas Season.*

*And May the Lord grant you a  
 peaceful and safe 2019.*

*With gratitude and affection  
 Fr David Taylor and Fr Paul Kim  
 wishing you a Joyful Christmas!*

**COME AND VISIT OUR  
 NATIVITY SCENE**



We invite you and your family to come forward before or after Mass to visit our Nativity scene.

Please feel free to take one of the small greeting cards as a remembrance.

Below is an extract from the Angelus on the 16<sup>th</sup> December where Pope Frances spoke to the Children present about the Astonishment of the Crib.

*“Dear children, when you recollect yourselves in prayer at home before the Crib, fixing your gaze on the Child Jesus, you will feel the astonishment . . . You will ask me, what does “astonishment” mean? It’s a stronger feeling; it’s more than a common emotion. It’s to see God: astonishment because of the great mystery of God made man; and the Holy Spirit will put the humility, tenderness and goodness of Jesus in your heart. Jesus is good; Jesus is tender; Jesus is humble. This is true Christmas! Don’t forget it. May it be so for you and your families.”*



# CHRISTMAS 2018

## **First Reading:** Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*A son is given to us.*

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 95:1-3. 11-13

**R. Today is born our Saviour,  
Christ the Lord.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. R.
4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. R.

## **2nd Reading:** Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus  
*God's grace has been revealed to all people.*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all

wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation:** Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

## **Gospel:** Luke 2:1-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Today a Saviour has been born for you.*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'God to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour'. Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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