



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Divine Mercy Sunday / Second Sunday of Easter – 11th April 2021

Gospel Reading

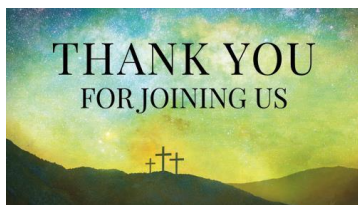
The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter (for all three years of the Lectionary cycle) is “act 2” of John’s Easter drama.

Scene 1 takes place on Easter night. The terrified disciples are huddled together, realizing that they are marked men because of their association with the criminal Jesus. The Risen Jesus appears in their midst with his greeting of “peace.” John clearly has the Genesis story in mind when the evangelist describes Jesus as “breathing” the Holy Spirit on his disciples: Just as God created man and woman by breathing life into them (Genesis 2: 7), the Risen Christ re-creates humankind by breathing the new life of the Holy Spirit upon the eleven.

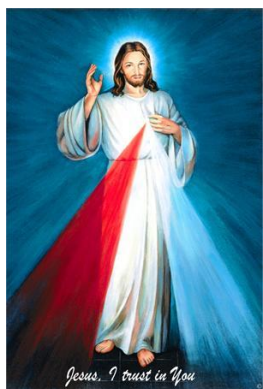


In scene 2, the disciples excitedly tell the just-returned Thomas of what they had seen. Thomas responds to the news with understandable skepticism. Thomas had expected the cross (see John 11: 16 and 14: 5) – and no more.

The climactic third scene takes place one week later, with Jesus’ second appearance to the assembled community – this time with Thomas present. He invites Thomas to examine his wounds and to “believe.” Christ’s blessing in response to Thomas’ profession of faith exalts the faith of every Christian of every age who “believes without seeing”; all Christians who embrace the Spirit of the Risen One possess a faith that is in no way different less than that of the first disciples. The power of the Resurrection transcends time and place. connectionsmediaworks.com



It was wonderful to be able to celebrate with so many of you at our Easter Services this year. A BIG THANK YOU to our choirs, servers, welcomers, readers, our young people who lead The Stations of the Cross at both Manly and Freshwater and of course all of you who were able to join us.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St Mary’s Manly this Sunday at 2pm – 4pm

You are invited to come & spend an afternoon in prayer & song and in adoration of the risen Lord through the exposition of the most Blessed Sacrament on the Octave of Easter in celebration of God’s Divine Mercy. **Reconciliation will be available.**

The Novena Chaplet leaflets can be found under the Divine Mercy image in the Church at Manly or on the table at Freshwater. **ALL WELCOME**

Manly Piety Store will be open from 2pm and has a large selection of Divine Mercy goods.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



We're COVID SAFE

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

LET US PRAY FOR

11th April 2021

Recently Deceased: Margaret Dunn; Maurice O'Connor

Anniversary: Mary Irene Wyburn; Martina Madut

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 Burrige; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Brian Willoughby

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

WELCOME
Thank you for joining us today!

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.

PIETY STORE MANLY IS OPEN AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

Covid-19 Updated Requirement 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.



Youth and Young Adult Groups

Our **youth** (Year 7+) and **young adult** (18+) groups are up and running for 2021!!! You might have seen us perform Stations of the Cross, or maybe you have been to a youth group event or a young adult Lenten Lectio Divina. If you haven't, we'd love for you to join us! Please join/follow our social media group/pages to stay up to date with our future events!

Facebook: Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth
Manly Freshwater Catholic Young Adults

Instagram: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly n Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm Parish Room & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK can be found on the Parish website or in the Sacristy at both Churches



The Formation of St. Joseph Men's Group in Manly Freshwater Parish

Hi Friends, we would like to form a St. Joseph Men's Group in our parish during this Year of St. Joseph. The mission is to bring together men of all ages to build up an awareness of good fellowship. This will in turn help us to develop a faith-filled man who will protect and maintain the sanctity and importance of family life, especially during this Year of St. Joseph. Those who would like to join please come along to our **first meeting on Thursday 29 April at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.**



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.



Once you are on the Payment page please select an option from the drop-down menu. For example, "Planned Giving" or "First Collection/Pastoral account". 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. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (
3. **2nd collection Parish Bank Account** Funds the running of the Parish

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A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to support the Parish financially

ACCOUNTS MANAGER (AUGUSTINIANS)

The Augustinians wish to employ on a part time basis (up to 10 hours per week) an enthusiastic person to manage its accounts and finances. Duties include data entry for all Augustinian entities into MYOB databases, invoicing, payment of accounts, credit card reconciliation, donations, bank reconciliation/system balance, payroll, tax, superannuation, BAS and ACNC reporting. The successful applicant will have strong bookkeeping skills that may include appropriate qualifications. Sound knowledge of MYOB would be a significant advantage.

Enquiries to Fr Dave Austin OSA, 02 9938 0200

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Email osaadmin@bigpond.com

Resume to be forwarded by Fri 7 May 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday / Second Sunday of Easter – YEAR B

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24*

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone, This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

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.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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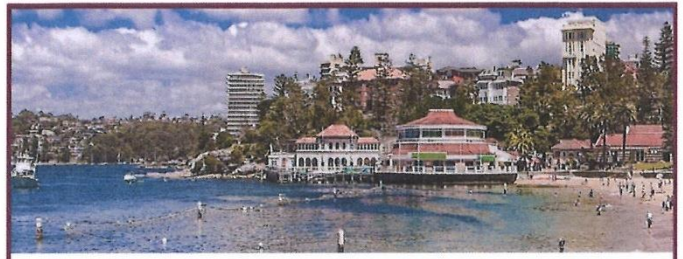
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Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair),
Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary),
Ivica Covic; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall;
Michael McGrath

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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