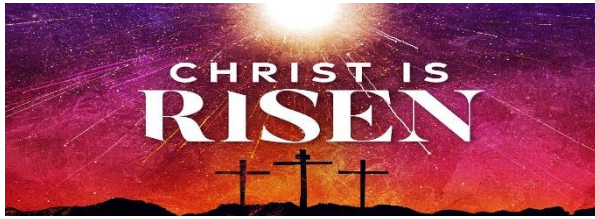




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Easter Sunday – 20th April 2025



Easter Message

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,
Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

With great joy, I wish you all a blessed and grace-filled Easter. Whether you are a regular member of our parish community, visiting family and friends, or simply enjoying a holiday in our beautiful area, I warmly welcome you. Easter is a time of renewal, hope, and new life. In the Risen Christ, we are reminded that light triumphs over darkness, and love conquers all.

As we celebrate the Resurrection, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the life and liturgy of our parish throughout Holy Week and beyond.

A special word of thanks to my brother priests, Fr. Marek and Fr. Sam, for their generous service, and to Alfred, our seminarian, for his joyful presence and assistance.

To our parish staff—thank you for your hard work behind the scenes.

To all our volunteers and ministers: sacristans, altar servers, choir members, welcomers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion—your dedication brings so much beauty and reverence to our celebrations.

A special thanks as well to our wonderful social/hospitality group, who continue to create a warm and welcoming space for us to gather in fellowship after our liturgies.

We also rejoice with our newly initiated catechumens and candidates who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations! Your faith journey is a witness to all of us.

May this Easter season renew in each of us a deep sense of joy, peace, and purpose. May we go forth as Easter people—full of hope, alive in faith, and committed to sharing the love of the Risen Lord.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful Easter and every blessing in this holy season.

Fr Chima



The journey to Easter is culminated at tonight's Easter Vigil, with Mark and Hudson receiving new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism and the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

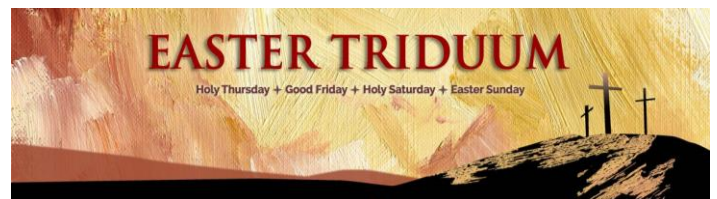
Also, our candidates Raquel & Lucas receiving Confirmation, Ruben & Sharon receiving Confirmation and Eucharist, and Margaret being received into the Catholic faith.

The Parish of Manly Freshwater congratulates and welcomes our RCIA Catechumen and thanks the entire parish, who has supported them in prayer.

Thanks to Fr Chima and the RCIA team.



We invite you to join us for our **EASTER VIGIL SUPPER** at Manly following the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. All Welcome



Office of the Bishop Broken Bay – Vox Populi

The Easter Triduum is celebrated this weekend.

It is the period of times that traces the final days of the life of Jesus Christ – His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down His life in atonement for our sins. It is taken from the Latin root that means “three days”.

It is known as the “Paschal Mystery” because it is the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt.

The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel “passed over” the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. This was the Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' work at the Last Supper—where he inserted himself as the Paschal Lamb—and Calvary, where the sacrifice was offered to save us from our slavery to sin. With the Holy Eucharist, we consume the victim that died for our sins.

The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ.

Following the Easter Triduum, the Church enters the Easter Season which lasts for 50 days until Pentecost, which this year is celebrated on June 8.

Bishop Anthony's Easter Message 2025 can be found [here](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au).
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**LET US PRAY FOR
Recently Deceased:**

20th April 2025

Anniversary: Maria Vasile;

Prayers for the sick in our parish: “**Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage**” Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O’Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Rena Curll; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Peter Hoang Ngoc Thai; John Santos; Garry Kirkman

Dates to remember...

- **ALPHA continues** Monday 28 April 7pm
- **Divine Mercy Sunday 27 April 2pm – 4pm**
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



**Sacrament of
confession/reconciliation**
is available in Manly every
Saturday from 10am to 11am and
Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN
MANLY**

ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm

**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and
reconciliation will be available**

6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

“Hours of Mercy” every First Wednesday from
6:00 pm to midnight, we will hold a special time of
grace and prayer. The evening will begin with **Mass**,
followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. This extended
time of prayer allows us to deepen our relationship
with God and receive the gift of **Plenary
Indulgences**.

**Welcome to
Our Parish!**

If you are new to the Parish or
are not currently registered,
we warmly welcome you and
ask that you complete a Parish Census form. This
will assist us to connect with you and your family and
advise you of any of 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 or emailed to the Parish
Office - manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



**CAN’T GET TO MASS ON
SUNDAY AND WANT TO
RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?**

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



**Prayer for the Jubilee
Year of Hope**

*Inspired by the Life and
Witness of St. John
Vianney*

Heavenly Father, in this Jubilee
Year of Hope, we thank You for the gift of our parish,
Manly Freshwater, chosen as a shrine of hope for
priests and vocations. Through the intercession of
St. John Vianney, the faithful shepherd of souls,
renew in us a deep love for the priesthood and a
commitment to fostering holy vocations in our
community.

Lord, may this parish be a beacon of hope, where
priests find strength and renewal, where Your
faithful discover peace and encouragement, and
where hearts are inspired to answer Your call with
courage and joy.

Teach us, through the example of St. John Vianney,
to love prayer deeply, to serve with humility, and to
bring Your mercy and hope to those who seek You.

We entrust Manly Freshwater Parish and this Jubilee
Year of Hope to Your loving care, confident that You
will guide us to renewal and bless us with abundant
vocations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Gospel Reflection

John’s Easter Gospel says
nothing of earthquakes or
angels. His account
begins before daybreak.
It was believed that the
spirit of the deceased
hovered around the tomb

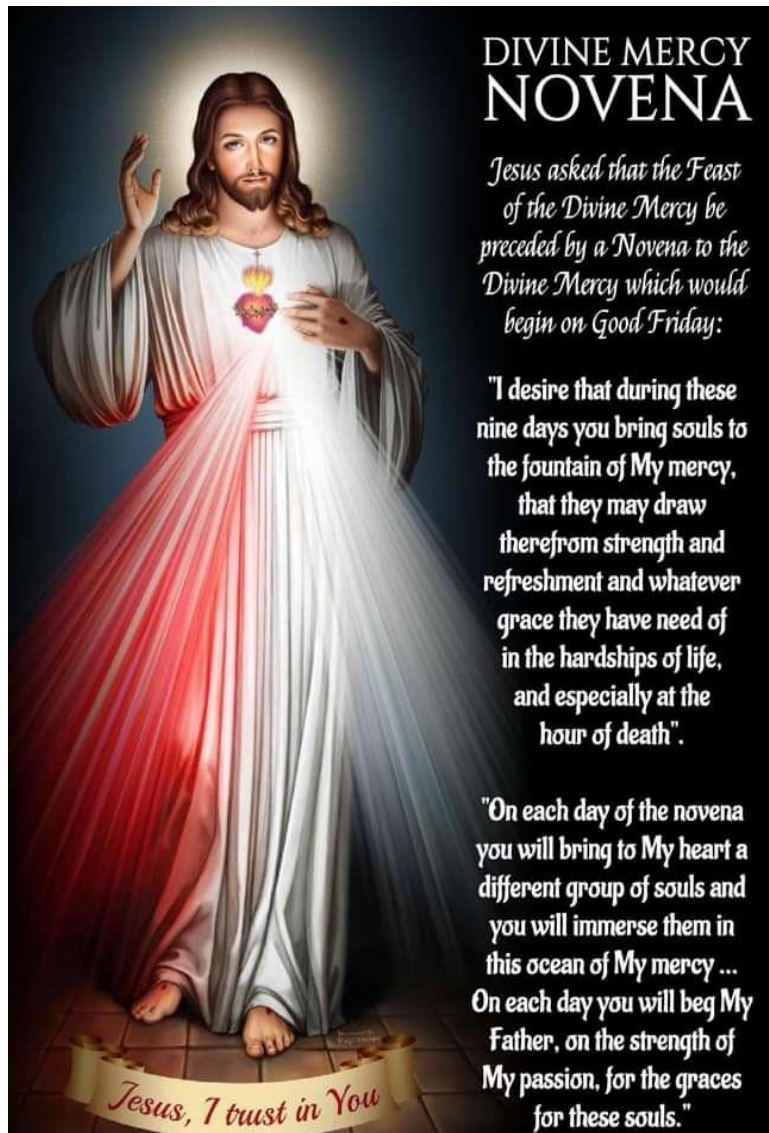
for three days after burial; Mary Magdalene was
therefore following the Jewish custom of visiting the
tomb during this three-day period. Discovering that
the stone has been moved away, Mary Magdalene
runs to tell Peter and the others. Peter and the “other
disciple” race to get there and look inside. Note the
different reactions of the three: Mary Magdalene
fears that someone has “taken” Jesus’ body; Peter
does not know what to make of the news; but the
“other” disciple – the model of faithful discernment
in John’s Gospel – immediately understands what
has taken place. So great are the disciple’s love and
depth of faith that all of the strange remarks and
dark references of Jesus now become clear to him.

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BROKEN BAY NEWS

March issue is now available to collect
from the entrances to the church. The
Installation of the St John Vianney
relic in Mary Immaculate Church is
featured in this edition.



The Novena commences on Good Friday

We invite you to join us in saying the Novena commencing on Good Friday continuing on the following days at the times set out below.

Mary Immaculate, Manly

- Good Friday following 3pm The Passion
- Easter Saturday 10am
- Easter Sunday 9.30am
- Easter Monday following 9.15am Mass
- Weekdays following 9.15am Mass
- Saturday 26th April following 9.15am Mass

St John the Baptist, Freshwater

- Good Friday 2.30pm before the Passion
- Easter Saturday 5.30pm
- Easter Sunday 8.30am
- Easter Monday join with Manly following 9.15am Mass
- Tuesday to Friday following 9.15am Mass
- Saturday 26th April 4.30pm

DIVINE MERCY HOUR

SUNDAY 27th of April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

- Procession
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sacrament of confession
- Adoration with St Faustina's Diary
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Benediction
- Veneration of St Faustina's relic
- Blessings of Divine Mercy Images



St Mary's Church, 6 Raglan St, Manly



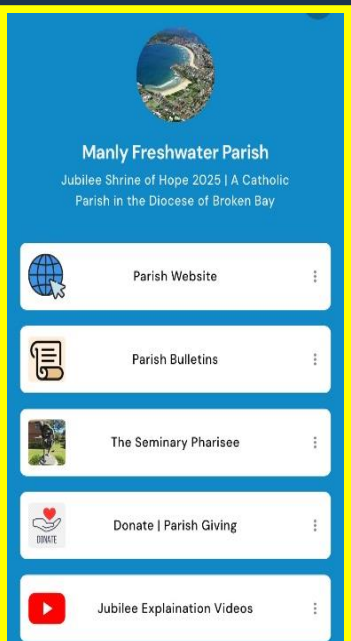


Morning Prayer

During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are all invited to a deeper spiritual renewal, embracing prayer as a way to grow in faith and trust in God's providence and love. As part of this journey, Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) will be prayed at 8:45am, Tuesday to Friday, before Mass, at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly. This ancient prayer of the Church unites us in praise and reflection through Scripture and psalms, drawing us into the rhythm of daily prayer with the universal Church. Prayer books will be provided, and all are welcome to join.

Manly Freshwater Parish –QR Code

CHECK OUT Fr Sam's new 90 second Jubilee YouTube video by scanning the QR Code. Other parish information can also be found.



Parking at Manly

It's wonderful to see so many people coming along to Masses over the weekend. You may have noticed last weekend the car park was overflowing. As we are expecting many attending our Easter Ceremonies, please be aware there is 2 hr free parking in both parking stations in Central Avenue. We need to have emergency access at all times so please do not stack park.

PIETY STORE

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA SPECIAL OFFER to help us prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday

We have a limited number of Rosaries from the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in Poland. These Rosaries contain the 3rd class relic of St Faustina. Available this week with a copy of the Novena and votive candle.



Novena commences Good Friday

There are St John Vianney candles, prayer books and holy water bottles available in the Piety Store along with books on St Joseph for the month of March, a variety of crosses, rosary beads, CD's, DVD's and much more.



Movie of the month: The Doctors of the Church – St Ambrose of Milan. Destined to reach the highest political office, he instead fully embraced life's mission to serve God and became one of the greatest bishops of the Church. Leaving behind a legacy of hymns, influential writings and the title, Doctor of the Church. Only \$10 @ the piety store.



CD of the month: Beyond Belief – Following Christ today – Fr Michael Schmitz. Fr Mike challenges us to not settle for mediocrity and to allow Christ to change our lives. Once we are changed by the love of Jesus, then together we can change the world. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR READER AT MASS?

As we start a new year, we are looking to hold training for new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. If you are interested in this very important and fulfilling ministry, please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to register.



Pope's Intentions for April: For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the pews. Thank you for your generous Easter offering. It is used to support our Priests, especially those who are sick and retired clergy of our Diocese.





PARISH MORNING TEAS
MANLY: 3rd Sunday after 10:30am
 Mass

FRESHWATER: Sunday after 9am Mass.

Join us for morning tea and a chat.
All welcome and bring a friend

PROJECT COMPASSION



THANK YOU! Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.



Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



YOUTH GROUP

1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm).

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group. Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)

**JOIN OUR
NORTHERN BEACHES**

YOUNG ADULTS

COMMUNITY

Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant
 Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish
 message: (6 Raglan St)
 Fr Marek at 0422532173
 or Cam at 0432895304

AT THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Take the challenge and
 join us for the



**WALKING
PILGRIMAGE
FOR YOUNG
ADULTS**

FROM MANLY TO CHATSWOOD

26.04.2025 FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM



Are You a Young Adult?
Ready for a Walking Challenge?
Looking to Connect with Other Young People?
Do You Have a Special Intention Worth the Effort?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, join us for a **walking pilgrimage** to the **Jubilee Shrine for Young People in Chatswood!**

Date: 26th April 2025

Start Time: 8:00 AM

Arrival at Chatswood: Around 1:15 PM

Come walk with us, connect with others, and make this journey one of purpose and reflection!

For more info contact Fr Marek via:

marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au



Jubilee Shrine of Hope Mary Immaculate Church Manly

During 2025 Jubilee at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly you are able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence.

An Indulgence is beautiful expression of God's mercy referring to the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven through Confession.

To obtain the Indulgence we must:

- **Visit the Shrine**
- **Go to Confession**
- **Receive Holy Communion**
- **Pray for the Pope's Intentions**
- **Be Free from attachment of Sin**

There are 3 other Churches in the Diocese which form the Diocese Pilgrimage. **Pilgrim Passports** can be found at the entrance to the Church. Please stamp your passport at the Shrine of St John Vianney.



Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the

tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash, there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

PILOT PROGRAM –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this. The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS

FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
5. **Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**



- **Parish Giving (2nd collection)** Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

- **Clergy Giving (1st collection)**

Supports our Priests

Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 – Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am.



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 your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.

Children's Activity pages available at the entrance of the Churches.

Children's Mass books are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the Mass.

Mass booklets can be purchased from the Piety Store for \$10.00

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass
manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos

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 MANLY community.

Easter Sunday – Year C

First Reading *Acts 10:34, 37-43 (JB)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (JB)

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel 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. R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-4 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth,

because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:1-9 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

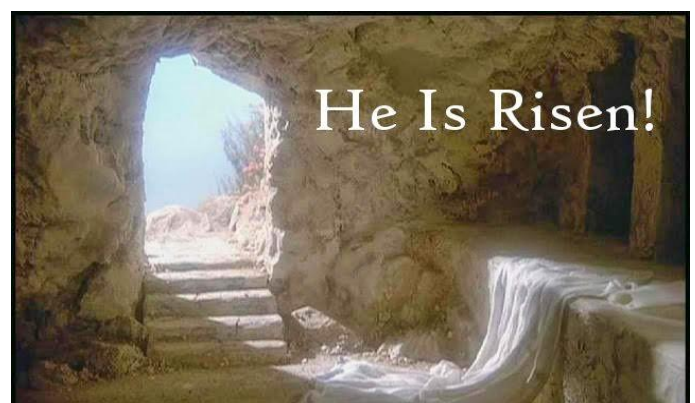
The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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St John the Baptist Church
cnr Johnson & Oliver St, Freshwater 2096

Parish Pastoral Council:

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John Zemek (Deputy Chair); Val Buono; Patricia Carroll;
Rob Irving; Robert Marshall; Ian Press

Weekend Masses:

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm and Sunday 9am

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Weekday Masses: *Freshwater* Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri 9:15am

Manly Tues and Fri 7am & 9:15am

Wed and Thur 9:15am

Reconciliation: *Manly* Wed 6pm – 7pm; Sat 10am – 11am

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