



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

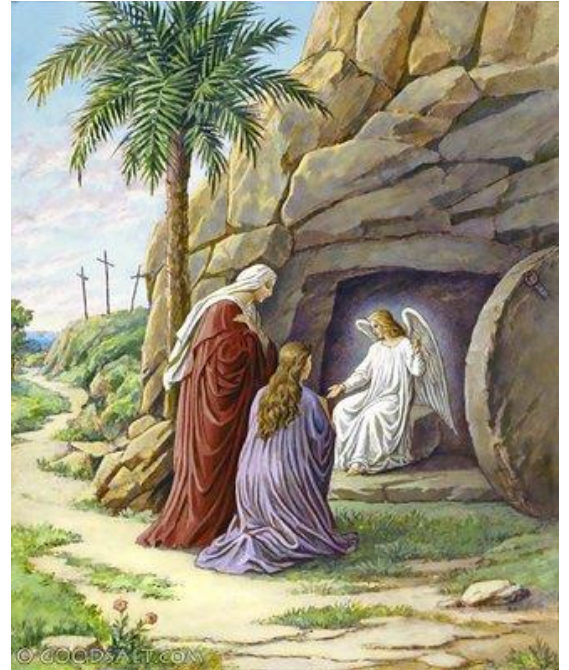
## Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – 4th April 2021

Dear friends,

God is truly amazing! While Easter begins in the darkness of night, in the seeming finality of earth, in the hopelessness of ashes, we find to our surprise that Easter is the stubborn hope of our God who re-creates us and our world until his dream of a humanity bound in his love is realised. In his rising from the dead, Christ enables us to bring into our own lives all that he taught and revealed. Easter is the conviction that love, compassion, empathy and generosity can overcome hatred, despair, greed and death.

The empty tomb of Easter is the sign of perfect hope that in Christ all things are possible, that we can make of our lives what we want them to be, that we can become the people God created us to be for one another. May we live not in fear of the darkness of Good Friday but move into the light of Easter hope in the Risen One who lives forever in our midst.

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Happy Easter to everyone, we look forward to seeing you, and there will be Easter eggs for the children after the Easter Masses.  
*Fr David, Fr John and Martino*

# RCIA

Our Parish Community warmly welcomes Cindy Li and Shane Berekoff into the life of the Church at the Easter Vigil, through the waters of Baptism, Confirmed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and sustained by the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.



We invite you to join us for our **EASTER VIGIL SUPPER** at Manly following the 7pm Vigil Mass.  
All Welcome

### 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.



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

**Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparish**  
Sunday 8:30am Mass

We're COVID SAFE

*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

4th April 2021

Recently Deceased: Mary Dicconson; James McDermott

Anniversary: Ray Burrige

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; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell

April 2021

Year B

Mon 5/4 – Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tue 6/4 – Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wed 7/4 – Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thurs 8/4 – Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Fri 9/4 – Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Sat 10/4 – Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sun 11/4 – 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

### 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



If you are feeling unwell please do not come into the Church.



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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR** Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



**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 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.



**MORNING TEAS** We are looking for helpers to assist in starting up Manly's morning teas on Sundays following the morning Masses. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 if you can assist.



## PIETY STORE MANLY IS OPEN AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

**LIVING FAITH BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY STORE April, May & June**

Manly Piety Store has a good selection of books and statues of St Joseph.

### Movies of the month...

– The Passion, Resurrection and Divine Mercy  
"The Robe" \$10 – "The Passion" \$10 – "Risen" \$10  
"Faustina" \$10 – "Love & Mercy: Faustina" \$20

### CDs of the month

– The Resurrection and Divine Mercy  
"Did Jesus rise from the Dead" Raymond De Souza – the evidence is compelling! – only \$5  
"The 7 secrets of Divine Mercy" Fr Vinny Flynn. Profoundly deep, beautiful and life giving – \$5

### Covid-19 Updated Requirements

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.

**YOU DO NOT need to register to attend Mass each week. The limit is 380 people attending Mass at Manly and 150 people attending Mass at Freshwater.**



### 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.**

**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.





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 entrance **at Freshwater and Manly**
2. Place envelopes and cash in the **collection plates** (1st and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.
3. **2nd collection Parish Bank Account** Funds the running of the Parish



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Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Acc# 100002025 BSB: 062 784

Please include name or envelope number as reference

**1st collection Parish Bank Account**

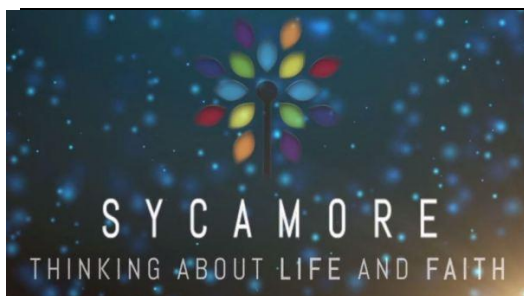
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**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to all who have continued to support the Parish financially



**WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?**

**What is Sycamore?** [www.sycamore.fm](http://www.sycamore.fm)

Sycamore is an informal program about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Each session involves a short film which explores your beliefs and helps you to think about questions that really matter. This program can be done individually, with couples or families, or a small school or parish group which we can help to organise.

We encourage you to please take a look at this excellent program. If you wish to discuss your faith or this program please make contact with Fr David on 9977 5822..

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

will be celebrated at  
St Mary's Church, Manly on  
Sunday 11th April from 2pm – 4pm

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



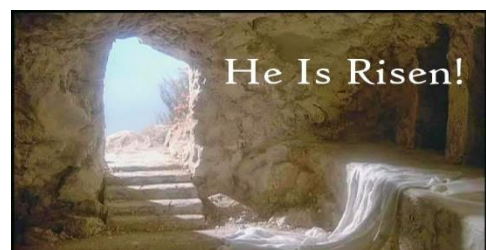
## St Mary's Church Roof update...

The Church roof at St Mary's Manly is still a few tiles short of completion, because of the recent rain, which is great news.

The parish with the Bishop's approval, has had to obtain a loan of \$200,000 from the Catholic Development Fund (CDF), and this week we have drawn down \$100,000 to meet the expenses incurred to date. The balance of the funds will be drawn down when required. The term is 20 years and the repayments on the full loan is \$1,225 per month.

A special word of thanks to John Zemek and the Finance Committee for preparing the documentation of this loan and assisting the Maintenance Committee.

*Fr David Taylor*



**St Mary's School News...** This week Kindy and Year One enjoyed some fun in the sun for our Beach Games. They played games, built the biggest sandcastles and created amazing sand sculptures. Thank you to our Year 6 leaders and parent volunteers for helping us.



On Thursday we re-enacted Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. It was a poignant reflection of his final days, shared through prayer, song and dance.



The children of St Mary's wish you a safe, happy and holy Easter and holiday break. *Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)*

**St John's School News...** What a busy week it has been in Freshwater! On Monday morning we gathered at Jacka Park for our annual Cross Country and Fun Run. School spirit was buzzing as children cheered their peers along the 3km, 2km and 1km track. It was wonderful to have so many parent volunteers there to support in the running of the morning.

At St John the Baptist we believe it is important to build strong community partnerships. On Wednesday we had the pleasure of hosting the children from Harbord Kindergarten in an Arts and Craft morning with our Year 5 leaders. For many of our children it was a trip down memory lane as they too attended Harbord Kindy!

On Thursday we celebrated our Easter Liturgy and journey through Lent together as a school community. This year we have pre-recorded our retelling of the Easter Story to enable us to share virtually with the whole school community on the day. The Easter Liturgy is a reminder of how much Jesus loves us and suffered for us, so that we could share in his life and happiness. *Kind regards Sharna Taranto (REC)*

## PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 "BE MORE"

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you

have helped change lives. **Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal.**

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

## PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Just a reminder to return your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes from this weekend. They may be left in the baskets at the foot of the altar or dropped into the parish office during office hours. Thank you for your continual support of Caritas through Project Compassion.

## MANLY

	2nd Sunday of Easter	10th – 11th April
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Jean Halcrow
	Music	Josh Willard
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Lynne Parks
	Piety Store	<b>Assistance Required</b>
	Flowers	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell
8:30am Mass	Server	Martino Hoang
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	Welcomers	Claire Carmody Laurie & Liz de Ambrosio
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Servers	TBC Iona & Teresa Hearn
	Readers	Janie Fonua
	Music	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan
	Piety Store	Janie Fonua
6pm Mass	Server	Kieran & Michael Wan
	Readers	Dean Gale Sandie Cornish
	Music	Josh Willard
	Welcomers	Marianna Gale <b>Assistance Required</b>
	Piety Store	Lynette & Eliza Duffy

## FRESHWATER

	2nd Sunday of Easter	10th – 11th April
5pm Vigil	Server	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Nela & Zara Hornikova
	Music	TBC
	Welcomers	<b>Assistance Required</b>
	Server	Lou Maruca
9am Mass	Readers	Toni Walsh Patricia Brown
	Music	Pat Brown
	Welcomers	<b>Assistance Required</b>
	Morning Tea	Angelica & Michael
	Altar Society	Mary Ann Marles

## PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

## PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly Thurs 4th Mar at 4:30pm & Freshwater 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm





**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo**  
**Bishop of Broken Bay**

Easter Message 2021

For Catholics all around Australia, Easter 2021 is a special time. There is no more important celebration than the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the community of the Church is looking forward to gathering together to celebrate Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

This time last year our churches were closed as the pandemic began to change our lives. Our parish communities adapted to connect in different ways. Masses were live streamed, families prayed at home together and Catholics marked Palm Sunday at home by placing palms on their front doors.

Our parish communities on the Northern Beaches also faced the closure of churches at Christmas, and the locking down of the Peninsula into the New Year.

After such an incredible time, with change forced upon us on so many levels, many hope that our lives will quickly return to normal. Or rather we might adapt to what is being called 'the new normal'.

My sisters and brothers, what does this actually mean?

We've shown that as a people of God and as a community, we can adapt to change. Change is not always welcomed but comes nonetheless, with the passage of time and the different seasons of life.

In the whirlwind of change we carry with us this enduring fact, given to us by St Paul in the letter to the Hebrews - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever."

This does not mean the person of Jesus Christ is a static, undynamic character, an historical figure only for our observation. Jesus is unchanging in his identity as the Son of God, unchanging in his immense love for each of us, unchanging in his passion to see the Good News of his Gospel brought to every woman and man. Jesus is the unchanging God for an ever-changing world.

The question for us is, where are we in relation to Jesus Christ? How much are we invited to change in order to encounter the never-ending love of God?

To ask these questions and to be prepared for the answer will change our lives. We cannot go on as 'normal' if we truly seek to discover and live these answers.

For people of faith and for all those who are searching, we might ask:

- What does it mean to believe **what Jesus said**?
- What does it mean to believe **what he did**?
- And what does it mean to believe **who is**?

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is present to us in every celebration of the Mass and in a special way is revealed in the Paschal Mystery through the Easter narrative.

Easter is the journey of Christ from death to life, and from darkness to light.

Jesus died for us so that we might not suffer death for our sins but be offered redemption and eternal life with him. Jesus faced the depths of darkness for us so that we could open the shadow part of our lives to his power and allow his light to dispel our darkness.

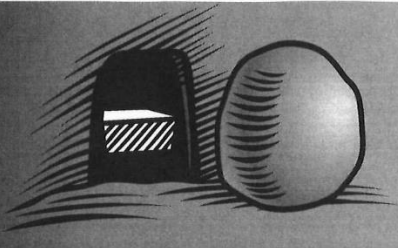
This is an invitation to change. When we change we grow, and our concern must be that we are always growing more and more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

It is one thing to celebrate the Easter liturgies, it is another to contemplate the moment of embrace, encounter and heavenly life that the Risen Lord reveals to us through his Resurrected Body. For some, this might be a return to Jesus as the centre of our lives as it was when we first encountered him. For others it might be the very first time we have personally encountered Jesus in his human and divine presence.

This Easter, let us contemplate the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ, with us yesterday, today, and forever, who draws us into relationship with him in a way that is life-giving and new. Let us surrender our lives to Jesus and allow our imagination and our hearts to be captured by that sacred and intimate encounter.

This Easter, let our 'new normal' be determined by our meeting with Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit given to us.

May the blessing of the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones and remain with you forever.

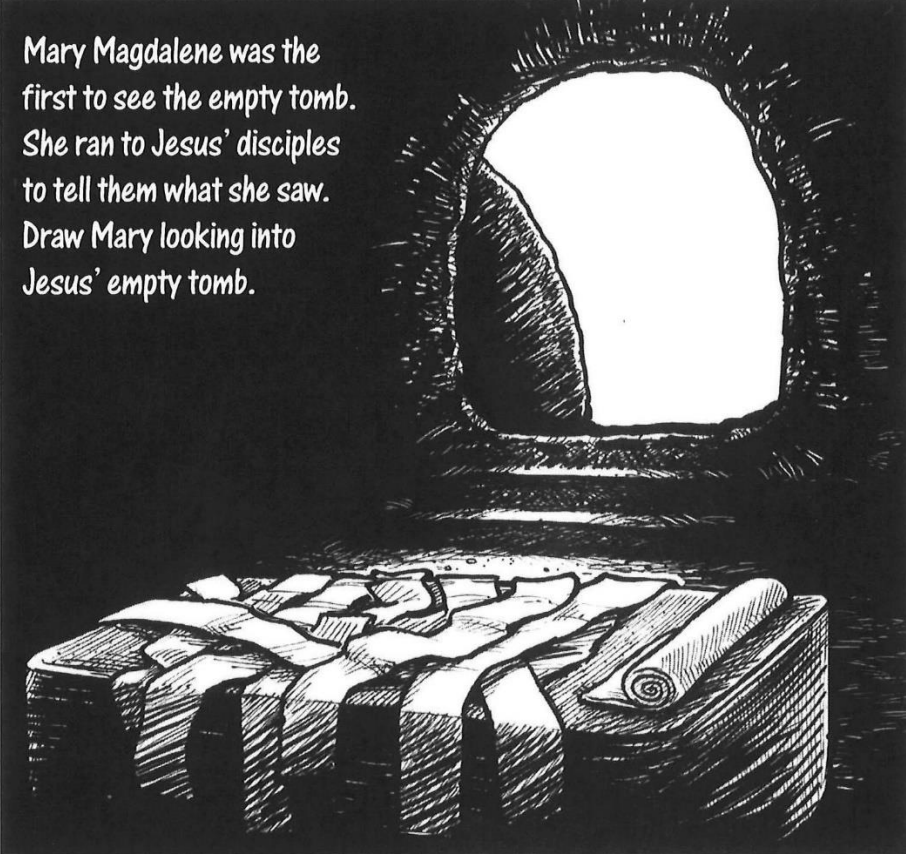


# He is risen! Alleluia!

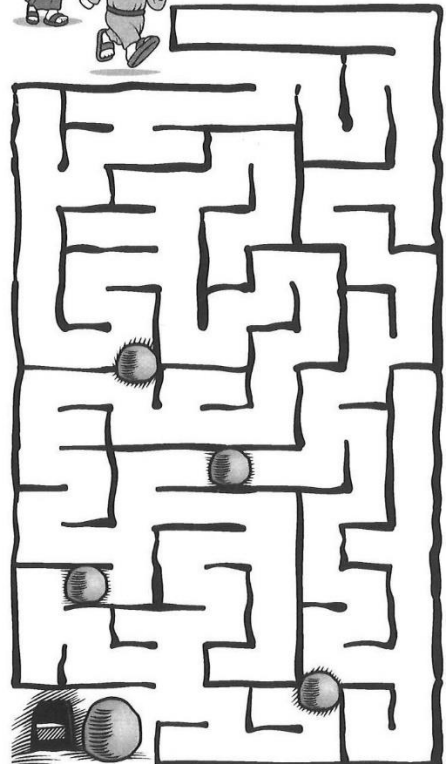


Easter Sunday

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.



Help the disciples find their way to Jesus' empty tomb.



**This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!**



What can you do to make people glad today?

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Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M  \_\_\_\_\_ went to the tomb.

"They have taken the  \_\_\_\_\_ from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ than Peter.

He saw the strips of  \_\_\_\_\_ cloth lying inside the tomb.

B  \_\_\_\_\_ he did not go in.

When he saw  \_\_\_\_\_ he believed.

The Scriptures s  \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus would rise to life.

## SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR B

### 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*

**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

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

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

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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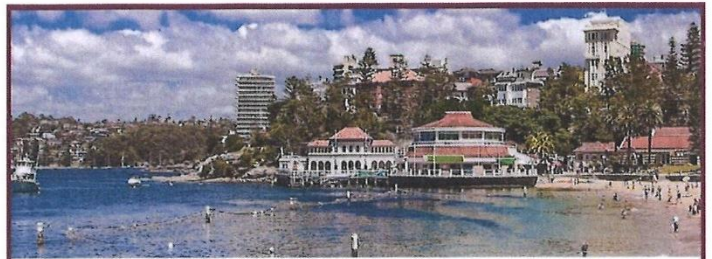
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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

**After Hours Urgent Sick Calls:** 0499 910 010

**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

**St Mary's Primary School** 9977 2225  
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Principal: Alicia van der Merwe

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