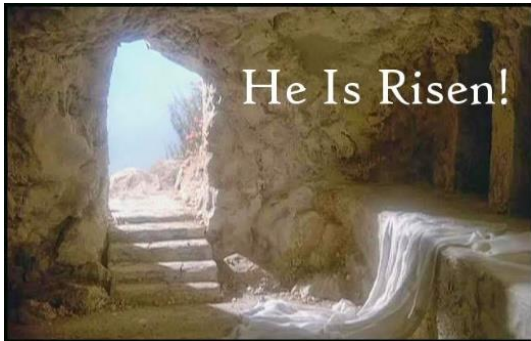




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

EASTER SUNDAY – 9th April 2023



EASTER MESSAGES

A woman told her work colleague that her cancer had returned and that her doctor had said there was very little that medicine could do for her. Her work colleague said he was very sorry to hear this and she replied, "Don't worry, I believe in the resurrection".

At Easter we still feel the pain of the world, the pain in our families and among our friends and the pain in our own hearts. But a new element has been introduced into our lives. It doesn't remove the pain, but it gives it a meaning. It lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us as he spoke them to the apostles.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, our hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair.

I wish you and your families a joyful Easter.
Fr David

A story is told of a child who began to read the Gospels. As her reading proceeded, she became more interested in the life of Jesus. Suddenly, she ran out of her room crying hysterically. She ran into the arms of her mother. She burst out, "They killed him. They killed him." Her mother comforted her and then whispered to her, "Now, go back and read what happened afterwards."

We are familiar with the rest. The death of Jesus is not the end of the story; there is one more chapter about victory and new life. Jesus rises from the dead in all glory and majesty. This is the Easter Good News, the core of our faith.

The apostle Paul reminds us: "The one who is righteous by faith will live" (Rom 1:17). Our faith in the risen Lord is reflected in the way we live our life. The Risen Christ assures us of our ultimate victory.

Wishing you all and your families a HAPPY EASTER.
Fr John



The journey to Easter is culminated at

tonight's Easter Vigil with Jolan, Owen, Lewis and the Mellis Family; Scott, Noni, Camie, Tasman and Archie through the waters of Baptism receiving new life in being received into our faith community.

The Parish of Manly-Freshwater congratulates and welcomes our RCIA Catechumens and thanks the entire parish who has supported them in prayer. Thanks to Fr David & Fr John and the RCIA team.

25th Jubilee Celebration next Sunday at 10:30am Mass



Fr John will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 16th April at the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church Manly followed by refreshments.

Fr John would love to have as many parishioners join him in his celebration!!! **All Welcome**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



will be celebrated at St Mary's Church, Manly Sunday 16th April, 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



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.



RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be available at Manly following the **Mass of the Lords Supper on Thursday Evening** and on **Good Friday at Manly and Freshwater** following the Stations of the Cross and the Passion.

Livestreaming on Facebook

Sunday 8:30am Mass
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LET US PRAY FOR

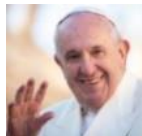
9th April 2023

Recently Deceased: Michael Woodhead

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"

Margaret Burridge; 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; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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.

Dates to remember...

- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm



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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on 12th April 6pm to 7.30pm.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2023
Please return your donation box or envelopes.

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month – Edith Stein – the 7th chamber. A moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert and martyr in Auschwitz. The film shows the great conflicts with her decision and how it was based on her search for truth. Only \$10 @ the Piety store.

CD of the month – The life of Padre Pio – Matthew Arnold. Fascinating details on Padre Pio’s stigmata, ability to read souls and the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession. Pray, hope and don’t worry. Only \$5 @ the piety store.

LIVING FAITH BOOKS – April/May/June
now available in the Piety Store

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. Planned Giving: many parishioners support the parish 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. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.

5. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts

- **Church Account** Funds Parish running costs
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025
BSB: 062 784

- **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Christian Meditation Group: Tues 12:30pm Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men’s Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 LISBON

Josh Wright and Richard Heasman attended a World Youth Day Formation Event at the St John Paul II Shrine at East Gosford on 25th March. Also attending was Simon Hyland, who has composed this year's song for the Broken Bay WYD Group,

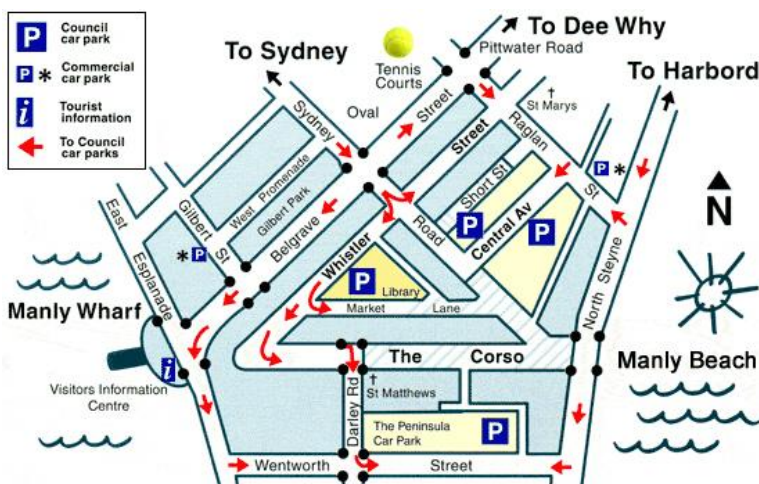
called 'Magnify' (based upon the Magnificat from St Luke's Gospel). Samson Hyland was unable to attend on Saturday but will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage. This is the first World Youth Day that Josh or Richard have attended before and they are both very excited to do so.

This year's WYD is in late July to mid-August Lisbon, Portugal, with a prior pilgrimage to Italy, although Josh and Richard will be going to Lisbon only.

COUNCIL PARKING...

Manly Council has four car parks available as marked on the map below, the first 2 hours parking are FREE in all car parks prior to 7pm

- 2 car parks are in Central Avenue
- 1 in Whistler Street
- 1 in Wentworth Street



PARISH GIVING – 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.



Easter Message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo Vox Episcopi – 04 April 2023



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you search “Jesus” on Wikipedia you will find the following: Jesus of Nazareth (ca.4 BC – AD 30–33), commonly referred to as Jesus Christ or simply as Jesus or Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader; he is the central figure of Christianity, the world’s largest religion. Most Christians believe he is the incarnation of God the Son and the awaited Messiah (the Christ) prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.

What is interesting about this entry is that since I last looked, someone has removed the line, “that he rose from the dead after being crucified”.

It is a simple portrayal not accurately described which is not surprising in today’s world, where often only the appealing or comfortable bits of a story are recounted. This description is more or less accurate but powerless and impersonal.

Saint Paul recalls “we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him” (Romans 6:8). This is why the Son of God took flesh and broke into human history as the God-man Jesus Christ. This is why he was crucified. This is why he rose from the dead with all authority and promised to be with us to the end of time - to create a people whose sins are forgiven, and whose hearts are full of the love of God, and who are so animated by the victorious Christ, that they spend their lives with challenges and sacrifice and charity to assist others know and enjoy the magnitude of Jesus Christ for all eternity.

As we journey together through this most holy of weeks, I would invite you to spend some time, both individually and with our community of the Church, to recognise Jesus as the Christ. Remember that he is the lover of our souls, and his passion and death are for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we probe the mystery of faith, I pray that our words and actions, our love and compassion, might reveal to the world that Christ, the true Christ, the ever-living Christ in the Church which seeks to preach him, in whose body we are formed, is the saviour of the world.

Is this not what we were made for? Is there not something in your own soul that witnesses to you that this is true and worthy of full acceptance?

May the blessings of Christ, crucified and risen, be yours this Easter.
+Anthony



Pope Francis' homily for Palm Sunday 2023

By Pope Francis

Vatican City, Apr 2, 2023 / 04:25 am

Pope Francis presided over Mass for Palm Sunday 2023 in St. Peter's Square on April 2. Below is the full text of his homily:

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46). This is the cry that today's liturgy has us repeat in the responsorial psalm (cf. Ps 22:2), the only cry that Jesus makes from the cross in the Gospel we have heard. Those words bring us to the very heart of Christ's passion, the culmination of the sufferings he endured for our salvation. "Why have you forsaken me?"

The sufferings of Jesus were many, and whenever we listen to the account of the Passion, they pierce our hearts. There were sufferings of the body: we think of the slaps and beatings, flogging and the crowning with thorns, and in the end, the cruelty of the crucifixion. There were also sufferings of the soul: the betrayal of Judas, the denials of Peter, the condemnation of the religious and civil authorities, the mockery of the guards, the jeering at the foot of the cross, the rejection of the crowd, utter failure and the flight of the disciples.

Yet, amid all these sorrows, Jesus remained certain of one thing: the closeness of the Father. Now, however, the unthinkable has taken place. Before dying, he cries out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus' abandonment.

This is the most searing of all sufferings, the suffering of the spirit. At his most tragic hour, Jesus experiences abandonment by God. Prior to that moment, he had never called the Father by his generic name, "God," never. [He uses] Father. To convey the impact of this, the Gospel also reports his words in Aramaic. These are the only words of Jesus from the cross that have

come down to us in the original language. The event is real, and the Lord's abasement extreme: It is the abandonment of his Father, the abandonment of God.

We find it hard even to grasp what great suffering he embraced out of love for us. It is not easy to understand. He sees the gates of heaven close, he finds himself at the bitter edge, the shipwreck of life, the collapse of certainty. And he cries out: "Why?" A "why" that embraces every other "why" ever spoken. But why, God, why?

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" In the Bible, the word "forsake" is powerful. We hear it at moments of extreme pain: love that fails, or is rejected or betrayed; children who are rejected and aborted; situations of repudiation, the lot of widows and orphans; broken marriages, forms of social exclusion, injustice and oppression; the solitude of sickness. In a word, in the drastic severing of the bonds that unite us to others. There he tells us this word: abandonment. Christ brought all of this to the cross; upon his shoulders, he bore the sins of the world. And at the supreme moment, Jesus, the only begotten, beloved Son of the Father, experienced a situation utterly alien to his very being: the abandonment, the distance of God.

But, why did it have to come to this? For us. There is no other answer: Us. Brothers and sisters, today, this is not a show. Each of us has listened to the abandonment of Jesus, say to each other — each of us say to each other — "For me. This abandonment is the price he paid for me."

He became one of us to the very end, in order to be completely and definitively one with us. He experienced abandonment in order not to leave us prey to despair, in order to stay at our side forever. Dear brother, dear sister, he did this for me, for you, because whenever you or I or anyone else seems pinned to the wall — and we have seen someone pinned to the wall — you see someone lost in a blind alley, plunged into the abyss of abandonment, sucked into a whirlwind of many "whys" without answer, there can still be some hope: Him, for you, for me.

It is not the end, because Jesus was there and even now, he is at your side. He has endured the distance of abandonment in order to take up into his love every possible distance that we can feel. So that each of us might say: in my failings — each of you has fallen many times — and I can say in my failings, in my desolation, whenever I feel betrayed or I have betrayed

someone, when I feel cast aside or I have cast aside others or when I feel forsaken or have forsaken others, we think that Jesus was abandoned, betrayed, cast aside. And there we find him.

When I feel lost and confused, when I feel that I can't go on, he is with me, he is there. In the thousand fits of "why" and with many "whys" without answer, he is there.

That is how the Lord saves us, from within our questioning "why?" From within that questioning, he opens the horizon of hope that does not disappoint. On the cross, even as he felt utter abandonment, Jesus refused to yield to despair, this limit; instead, he prayed and trusted. He cried out his "why?" in the words of the Psalm (22:2), and commended himself into the hands of the Father, despite the distance he felt (cf. Lk 23:46) or did not feel because he felt abandoned. In the hour of his abandonment, Jesus continued to trust. Even more: at the hour of abandonment, he continued to love his disciples who had fled, leaving him alone, and in the abandonment he forgave those who crucified him (v. 34). Here we see the abyss of our evil immersed in a greater love, with the result that our isolation becomes fellowship.

Brothers and sisters, a love like this, embracing us totally and to the very end, a love of Jesus like this, has the capacity to turn our stony hearts into hearts of flesh, and make them capable of mercy, tenderness and compassion. It is the style of God, this closeness, with passion and tenderness. God is like this. Christ, in his abandonment, stirs us to seek him and to love him and those who are themselves abandoned. For in them we see not only people in need, but Jesus himself, but him, he is with them, abandoned: Jesus, who saved us by descending to the depths of our human condition. He is like one of them: abandoned unto death. I think back to some weeks ago, that man, called homeless, a German man who died under the colonnade alone, abandoned. He is Jesus for each of us. Many people need our closeness, many abandoned people. I too need Jesus to caress me, to be close to me. Each of us need to find him in the abandoned, in the alone.

He wants us to care for our brothers and sisters who resemble him most, those experiencing extreme suffering and solitude. They are not only those people, but today, brothers and sisters, there are entire peoples who are exploited and abandoned; the poor live on our streets and we look the other way, we turn around; there are migrants who are no longer faces but numbers; prisoners are disowned;

people written off as problems. But there are also many Christs, there are many, many Christs, people who are abandoned, invisible, hidden, discarded with white gloves: unborn children, the elderly who live alone — the elderly who live alone could also maybe be your dad, your mom, your grandpa, grandma, abandoned in geriatrics — the sick whom no one visits, the disabled who are ignored, and the young burdened by great interior emptiness, with no one prepared to listen to their cry of pain and who find another way toward suicide. The abandoned of today, the Christs of today.

Jesus, in his abandonment, asks us to open our eyes and hearts to all who find themselves abandoned. For us, as disciples of the "forsaken" Lord, no man, woman or child can be regarded as an outcast, no one left to himself or herself. Let us remember that the rejected and the excluded are living icons of Christ: they remind us of his reckless love, his forsakenness that delivers us from every form of loneliness and isolation. Brothers and sisters, today let us implore this grace: to love Jesus in his abandonment and to love Jesus in the abandoned all around us, in the abandoned all around us. Let us ask for the grace to see and acknowledge the Lord who continues to cry out in them. May we not allow his voice to go unheard amid the deafening silence of indifference. God has not left us alone; let us care, then, for those who feel alone and abandoned. Then, and only then, will we be of one mind and heart with the one who, for our sake, "emptied himself" (Phil 2:7). Totally emptied for us.



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

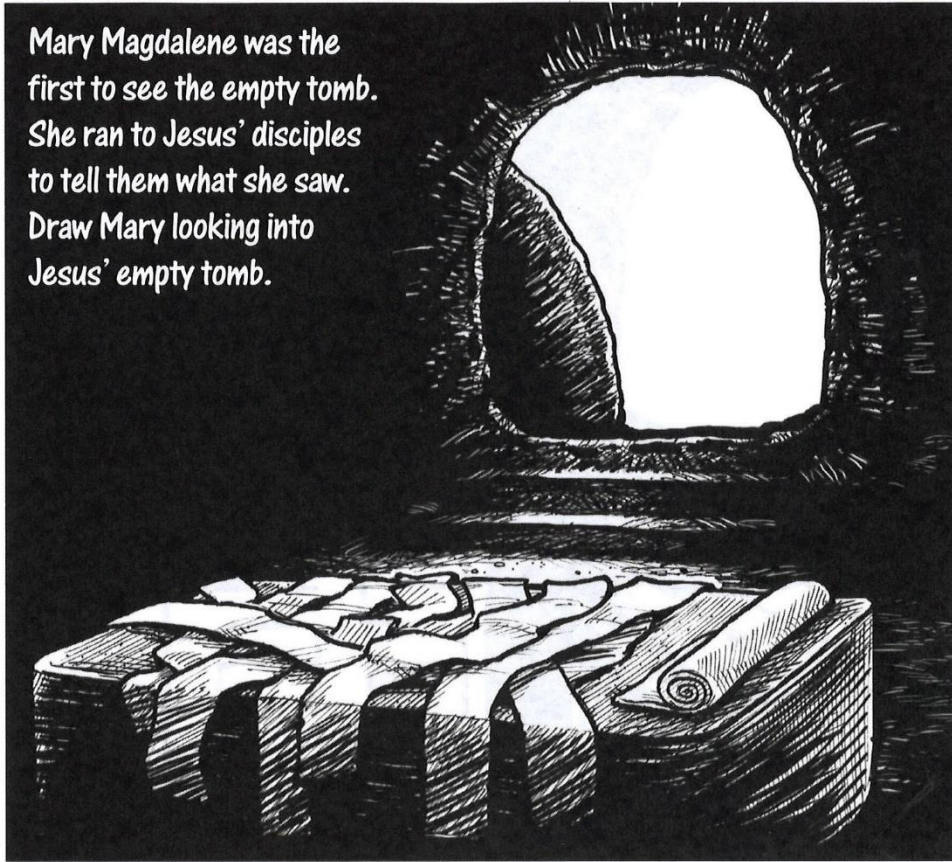
tomb for three days after burial; Mary Magdalene was therefore following the Jewish custom of visiting the tomb during this three-day period. Discovering that the stone has been moved away, Mary Magdalene runs to tell Peter and the others. Peter and the "other disciple" race to get there and look inside. 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.



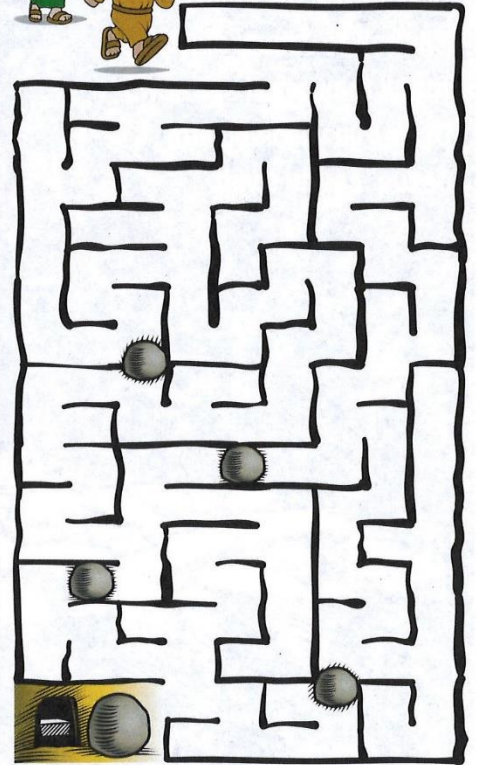
He is risen! Alleluia!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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?

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 – Year A

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

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

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

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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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

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