



# MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and  
St John the Baptist, Freshwater

Diocese of Broken Bay

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 5th January 2020



The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the fact that Israel's Messiah is also the Saviour of the entire world. For the earliest Christians of non-Jewish ('Gentile') origin it was a source of immense wonder and gratitude. The passage from the Letter to the Ephesians read as today's **Second ReadinPng** (Eph 3:2-3, 5-6) speaks of it as a great 'mystery', one which Paul himself came to know by revelation on the road to Damascus.

Faced with this 'mystery' of the extraordinary richness and scope of God's salvation, the early Christians went back to the Scriptures of Israel to find traces of its foretelling. **First Reading** (Isa 60:1-6). It has clearly influenced Matthew's account of the coming of the Wise Men, which forms the Gospel.

The reading from Isaiah addresses the holy city, Jerusalem. The image seems to be that of the break of dawn. But the highly elevated city of Jerusalem is beginning to catch the rays of the rising sun, a magnificent light identified with the 'glory of the Lord'. At this, the nation's begin streaming to Jerusalem, bringing their riches to place before the God of Israel.

The **Gospel** story of the coming of the Wise Men from the East (Matt 2:1-12) expands upon this vision. Matthew's gospel lets this episode where Gentiles bring gifts dominate its story of Jesus' childhood. The Gospel will conclude on the same note with the great Commission, 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, ...' (28:16-20).

The wise men travel to meet the Saviour. Their own natural gifts, the wisdom of their people and their scientific investigations (astronomy), have impelled their quest. They have seen the 'Star' that the biblical prophecy in Numbers 24:17 indicated would be a sign of a King of the Jews who would have universal significance. They have followed this star, to locate the One whose birth it announces (in Bethlehem). Revelation comes, then, from a combination of natural wisdom and biblical prophecy.

Not only do they pay homage to the infant Jesus as their ruler: they place before him the rich gifts of their culture and these are graciously received. Their journey has been one of faith and risk. We too walk in the footsteps of the wise men, sharing their longing, their faith, and the joy of their discovery, and bringing our own gifts to the Lord. *Brendan Byrne Liturgyhelp 2020*

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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

**Liturgy of the Word and  
Holy Communion**

**Manly:** Monday 9:15am

**Freshwater:** Monday 9:15am

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**Baptisms:** *by appointment only*

*Manly* 4th Sunday of the month

*Freshwater* 2nd Sunday of month

**Reconciliation:**

*Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

*Freshwater* Sat 4:30pm

### 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.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

Prayer intention for evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**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.

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## January 2020

## Year A

Mon 6/1 – Weekday of Christmas Time	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tue 7/1 – Weekday of Christmas Time	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wed 8/1 – Weekday of Christmas Time	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thurs 9/1 – Weekday of Christmas Time	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22
Fri 10/1 – Weekday of Christmas Time	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Sat 11/1 – Weekday of Christmas Time	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sun 12/1 – Baptism of the Lord	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

## LET US PRAY FOR

5th January 2020

### Recently Deceased:

### Anniversary:

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Fiona Sweeting; Louise Allara

**Mass Intention Publications:** All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.



**Visiting sick at home** - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

## Prayer in time of Bush Fire and Drought

Hear our prayers, O God, for the effort to quench the fires that rage in our land; and, sustaining our spirits, keep us graciously from all harm and give success to the work of our hands.

Look upon our parched land and bestow upon it abundant rain, that pastures, fields and paddocks may by your goodness thrive once more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

### • PARISH OFFICE REOPENS

Monday 6th January

### • RCIA will return

Tues 7th January 2020 @ 7pm



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.



**Children's Liturgy** is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



**FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE** Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading. You can view it through YouTube – search frpaulkim (one word with no space).

## SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

**FRESHWATER:** will resume Sunday 2nd February 2020



**MANLY:** following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



## "PARKING IN THE MANLY CHURCHYARD"

During the Holiday Season please be aware of extra cars and safety in the Church yard. If you are able to use the Council car parks (first 2hrs free) please do so as this will leave the Church car park free for those less agile.

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# The Epiphany of the Lord – Year A

## First Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. R.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R.

## Second Reading *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets

was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel. The word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 2:2 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

## Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way. The Gospel of the Lord

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



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