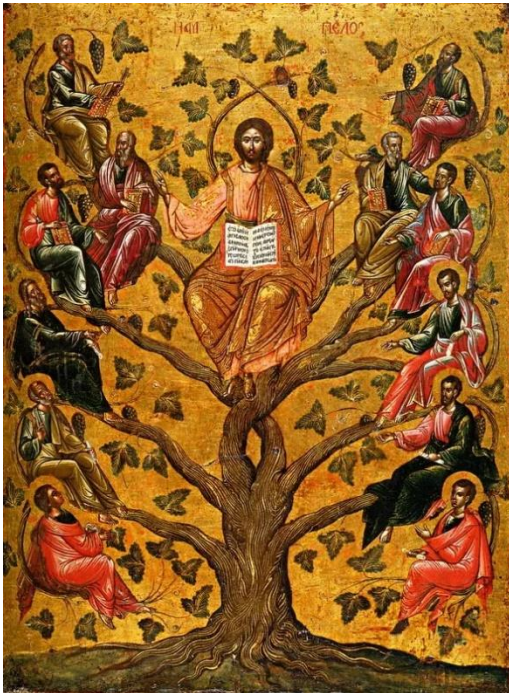




# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**Fifth Sunday of Easter – 28th April 2024**



## Gospel Reflection

From the music of the psalms to the engravings on the temple pediments, vines were a symbol of Yahweh's many blessings to Israel. In his Last Supper discourse (from which today's Gospel is taken), Jesus appropriates the image of the vine to explain his eternal connectedness to his disciples, their connectedness through him to God, and their connectedness to one another.

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**CONFIRMATION 2024** Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 18th May 2024 at 10am & 12noon. Both ceremonies will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly. The Sacramental Program will commence at the Preparation Masses on weekend 27/28 April.



Adoration  
Benediction

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS – 6pm – 7.30pm**

Quiet Prayer, Adoration and reconciliation will be available 6pm – 7pm concluding with



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April: For the Role of Women** This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)



**Rite of  
Enrolment for  
Confirmation**

**Priest:** In baptism God called each one of us by name and welcomed us into the family of the Church. Today we invite the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be presented to our faith community for a blessing. Would the children preparing for Confirmation please come forward.

Let us pray: O God Creator of us all, look upon these children and welcome them. By baptism they belong to you. Through their families and the parish of Manly Freshwater may they experience the joy of being part of our Catholic community. Help them to remember the words of your faithful love: "I have called you by your name. You are mine." We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Priest:** Dear Parents, you have asked for your children to become full members of our Christian community. In the name of God's holy Church, I ask, are you sincere in wanting your children to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

**Parents: Yes we are.**

**Priest:** Are your children trying to live as faithful friends of Jesus?

**Parents: Yes they are.**

**Priest:** Children, your parents tell us that you wish to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We now ask you; do **you** wish to receive, these gifts of the Holy Spirit?

**Children: Yes we do!**

**Priest:** Dear members of this parish community, will you pray for these children and their families as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation?

**Community: Yes we will**

**Blessing:**

**Priest:** God of love bless + these medals which your children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will wear. May the Holy Spirit be with them as they continue their journey of faith. We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## LET US PRAY FOR

28th April 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Joyce Reading; Maria Vasile;  
Molly Ticehurst

**Anniversary:** Ann Irvin

**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; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Bill Hipkiss; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Curl; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Mary Hetenyi

### Dates to remember...

- **Spanish Prayer Group** Fri 26 April at 6pm
- **St Joseph Men's Group** Thur 2 May at 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



### 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.

### 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.
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4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
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### 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.

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.



## FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA Sunday 16th June 2024

At St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater.  
Program as follows...

- 1:00pm Confessions
- 1:30pm Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Anthony Fregolent with blessing of the bread and children during the Mass.
- 3:30pm Holy Procession accompanied by the Italian Brass Band of Giuseppe Verdi and escorted by the Italian Carabinieri in their colourful uniforms.



### YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group which is held every 1st and 3rd Sunday following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm). 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!

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### 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 at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.



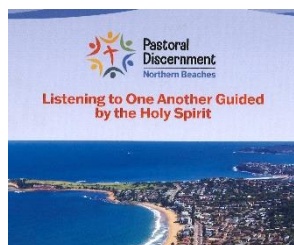
**PILOT PROGRAM** –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this. The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

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

### PIETY STORE

**Love and Mercy: Faustina.** An excellent docudrama (2019) on the incredible true story of St Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, \$20 at the piety store.

**The battle within – sin and how to fight it** – Jeff Cavins. Fascinating insights on the 4 major wounds that inflict us all and 3 secret weapons to help us overcome sin and serve the Lord from a place of freedom and love. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



### Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches

'Listening to One Another Guided by the Holy Spirit'

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## CRAFT STALL - MANLY

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 8:30am – 12noon

Come along and visit our **Mother's Day Craft Stall** for something different. Great gift ideas and winter warmers with lots of novelty craft items which have never been seen before... teacup succulents, face washes, hat holders, hand towels, teapot cosies, cup warmers, key rings and more!!!

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To express an interest or for more information please contact Fr Marek Woldan on [marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au). The parish office has copies of the pilgrimage itinerary and what to expect. Come in and pick up a copy.

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP MOVIE NIGHT

Our Young Adults group of the Northern Beaches is growing rapidly.

Last Monday we hosted a movie night with young adults from the Northern Beaches including a group from Chatswood.

After chatting at dinner and watching "October Baby" we shared our stories and thoughts.

What stood out from this night for us is that in spite of circumstances life is beautiful and even though sometimes we do not feel like it – we all are wanted. We talked on how much forgiveness can free us from burdens that take our joy. *Fr Marek Woldan*



## MINISTRY ROSTER – MAY 2024 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1 4 – 5 May	Week 2 11 – 12 May	Week 3 18 – 19 May	Week 4 25 – 26 May
		<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Most Holy Trinity</b>
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Freya Zemek Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango
	Music	CD'S	CD'S	CD'S	CD's
	Warden	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek
	Piety Store	Elizabeth Bray Chiplin	Merle Zemek	Elizabeth Bray Chiplin	Merle Zemek
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson	Matthew French Owen Koster	Matthew French	Matthew French Owen Koster
	Readers	Jan Van Den Broek	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas	Jan Van Den Broek
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	Warden	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Ivica Covic Teresa Hearn	Matthew French Bernie Lawler	Ivica Covic
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Ron Gravolin	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	Carmel Lawler Katalina Taefotu	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua
	Music	Tongan Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Tongan Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	Warden	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan
	Morning Tea			Tongan Community	
	Piety Store	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker
6pm Mass	Server	Matthew French Gabriele Wan	Matthew French Richard Heasman	Ivica Covic Gabriele Wan Owen Koster	Matthew French Richard Heasman
	Readers	Dean Gale	Sandie Cornish Richard Heasman	Youth Group	Family Mass
	Music	Josh Willard	TBC	Simon Hyland	Family Mass
	Warden	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>
	Piety Store	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Aira & Christian Escobio

## MINISTRY ROSTER – MAY 2024 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 4 – 5 May	Week 2 11 – 12 May	Week 3 18 – 19 May	Week 4 25 – 26 May
		<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Most Holy Trinity</b>
5pm Vigil	Server	Lou Maruca	Ian Press	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield	Amanda Whitfield	Jessica & Joseph Press
	Music	CD's	CD's	CD's	CD's
	Server	Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery	Francis Raymond	Amorina Wright
9am Mass	Readers	Patricia Brown Luke Campbell	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic	Toni Walsh Pam Brown	Josh Wright Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	Altar Society	N/A	Patricia & Solo Brown	N/A	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza
	Morning Teas	Assistance Required	Tim Markwart	Angelica & Michael Rosatto	Wright family

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822

# I am the vine and you are the branches



5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

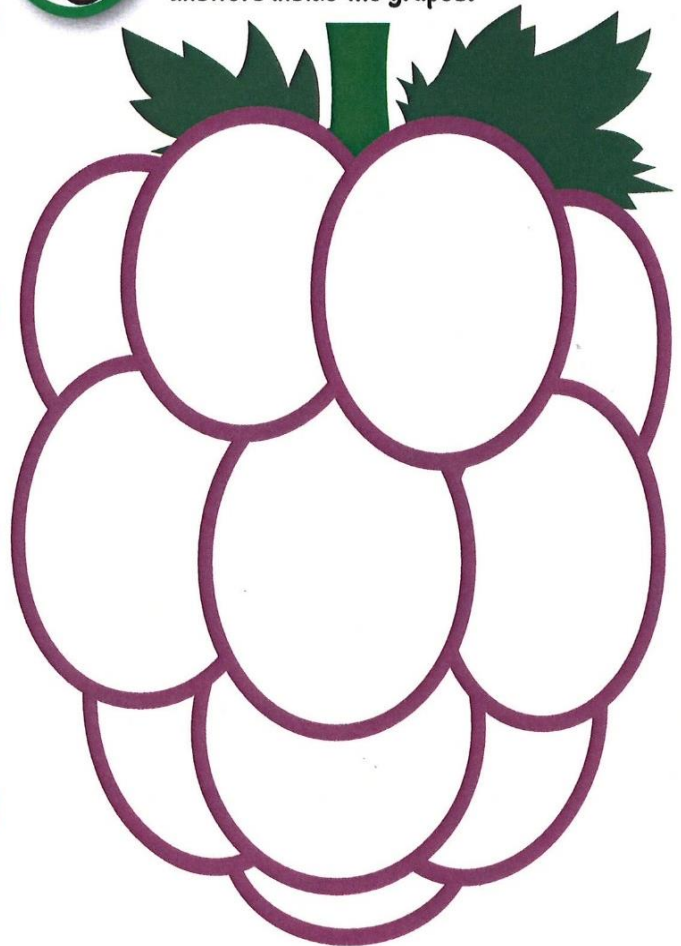
Who are some people in your community who are like branches of the vine? On each branch, write down a name and how they contribute their 'fruit' to the community.



Jesus says that we must be fruitful disciples. What are some of the ways that you can be a disciple to Jesus? Write or draw your answers inside the grapes.

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Can you work out which of these three branches is the one bearing fruit?



# Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year B

## First Reading

*Acts 9:26-31 (JB)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 21:26-28, 30-32 (JB)*

**R. I will praise you, Lord,  
in the assembly of your people.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' R.

## Second Reading

*1 John 3:18-24 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St John

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in

him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 15:4-5 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 15:1-8 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS**

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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): 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 7pm – 9pm

### **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

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**Parish Pastoral Council:**  
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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 & Freshwater**  
Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

**Baptisms:** please contact the parish office

**Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am – 11am**

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