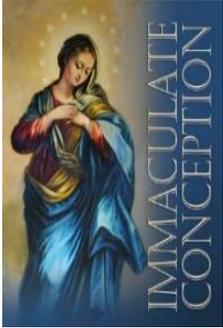




# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## First Sunday of Advent – 1st December 2024



### YOU'RE INVITED TO our Parish Feast Day & Thank You Celebration

Next Sunday 8th December at Manly, starting with 10:30am Mass followed by lunch under the Big Tree in the School yard.

Please let the parish office know if you are able to join us by 2nd December on 9977 5822

[manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

We begin our Christmas appeal this weekend.

If you would like to help a family with a hamper, please take a card from our giving tree which will have all the details on it.

If you would like to make a donation please use the envelopes on the pews or by using our QR code.

On behalf of the families, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your support of Vinnies. Through your generosity we all make a difference to the lives of many.

God Bless Bruce and Mick



### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Each year the Parish hosts a Luncheon on Christmas Day for those who will be spending Christmas Day alone with

around 150 guests coming along to enjoy a festive lunch. This year we will be serving an option of a sit down or take away picnic lunch.

If you would like to donate goods for the Picnic Packs we will be including some of the following:

- Box of chocolates
- Cans of soft drink – coke, lemonade, fanta, sugar free drinks
- Fresh Fruit
- Bon Bons
- Cash donations will be used to purchase the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls, Desserts and anything we are short of

Please leave all donations in the Parish Office Monday to Thursday.

We thank you your generosity which enables the Parish to offer some Christmas joy for all who come along.

**Set up Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 10am**



### Enter the Spirit of Advent: A Journey of Hope

This weekend, we begin the beautiful season of Advent—a time of waiting, hope, and preparation for the coming of

Christ at Christmas. Advent invites us to slow down, reflect, and make room in our hearts for God's presence. But how often does this season rush by in the busyness of shopping, planning, and endless to-do lists?

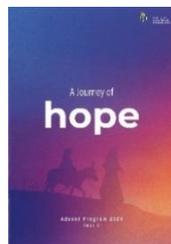
This year, why not make your Advent experience different? Instead of letting it pass unnoticed, enter fully into its spirit. Advent is a journey, and we are invited to walk it with hope. To help you along the way, we have copies of the booklet "A Journey of Hope" available for you. These weekly reflections will guide you to pause, pray, and reconnect with what matters most during this holy season.

I also encourage you to join one of the small groups meeting weekly through Advent (see newsletter for details). These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to share faith, reflect together, and prepare spiritually for Christmas in the company of others.

Let this Advent be a time of renewal for you and your family. Together, let us open our hearts to the hope and joy that Christ brings. I look forward to journeying with you.

Blessings for a meaningful and grace-filled Advent!

Fr Chima



### ADVENT PROGRAM BOOKLET "A Journey of Hope"

As we journey towards the 2025 Holy Year, may this Advent resource inspire hope-filled hearts as we joyfully prepare to celebrate the birth of the Lord.

Please collect your free copy from the entrances to the Church.

The 2nd and 4th Sunday Gospel Reflections have been written by Fr Marek.

Below are the sessions held in the parish starting next week

- Mondays 7pm Parish Meeting Room
- Wednesdays 10am Parish Centre
- Thursdays 7pm Parish Centre

## LET US PRAY FOR

1st December 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Michael O'Toole

### Anniversary:

**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; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Cull; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Rita Hogan

### Dates to remember...

- **Stella Maris School Mass** Tues 3 Dec 9:30am
- **SMM School Mass** Fri 6 Dec 9:15am
- **Anointing Mass at SJB** Fri 6 Dec 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tues 3rd Dec 7pm
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 13 Dec at 6pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am
- **Children's Liturgy in Manly**  
2nd & 4th Sunday at 10:30am Mass



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](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



### The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of December -. For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



### 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



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm - 7.30pm

Adoration Quiet Prayer, Adoration and reconciliation will be available 6pm - 7pm concluding with **Benediction**



### PARISH MORNING TEA

**MANLY:** 3rd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass hosted by the Tongan Community.

**FRESHWATER:** every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the parish hall.

## THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

### Ready-Set-Mass: From Parking Lot to Paradise

First date. School exam. Camping trip. Job interview. Wedding day. Long-distance marathon.

What do these things all have in common? Stop reading here, and try to figure it out.

...Don't cheat! I said stop reading!

Okay, well, maybe you got it - the answer is, they all require *preparation*.



And it's the season for it too. We're in Advent now, and as Catholics we are now called to *prepare*; one, for Jesus' birth at Christmas; and two, for the Second Coming of Christ.

...But its got me thinking, how can we keep this theme going, specifically for the Mass? This week, let's ask the question:

What can we do to better *prepare* for Mass?

† † †

Note, this list is *not* exhaustive, but just a few to consider...

**Firstly, fast before Communion.** Although Catholics often choose longer, canon law requires that we fast from food and drink *at least one hour* before receiving Holy Communion. (Canon 919). Why? Well, there's several reasons, but a key one is that fasting cultivates within us a *greater desire* to receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. As human beings, body and soul, our appetites affect each other. Thus, being physically hungry often makes us more spiritually hungry - we yearn more for Christ, and so our souls fly to Him more easily.

**Secondly, arrive early.** If there's one thing we know about Catholics, it's that they *love* getting to Mass as early as possible. ...Okay, sorry that's a stretch. Still, it's a beautiful thing. When we do our very best to get to Mass early, we show our deep love and respect for Our Lord, who shares special graces with us even before the Mass begins. Arriving early helps us to take some time for *silence*, to kneel down, close our eyes, and quieten our troubled souls to *receive*. Silence also helps us gather together our prayers, works, joys and sufferings - that we might offer them to God in the Mass.

**Thirdly, bless with holy water.** Ever wondered why we bless ourselves with holy water at the font? The answer is simple: to remind us of our baptism. That's right - that special day when you were washed clean, born again, baptised into new life in Christ. Water poured. Sign of the cross. What a day! ...Forget your birthday. How much better is that day we are welcomed into the Church - indeed, welcomed into Heaven!

**And lastly, genuflect to the King.** In the Middle Ages, men and women who entered the presence of the king would bow or bend their right knee - a sign of honour, respect and admiration. Pretty cool. But it's the same for us. When we enter the church and approach our seat, we genuflect with our knee in the direction of the tabernacle. ...not for itself of course, but for the One who resides there - Christ, the King of the Universe - the One who welcomes us into eternal life in His Kingdom. Who wouldn't! Its a great way to prep for Mass.

† † †

And that's it. That's *four* simple ways we can prepare ourselves for Holy Mass. As I said, it's not exhaustive - indeed there's many I really wanted to include but, alas, no space...

Still, if there was just *one* thing you'd like to do this week, what would it be? What might you do today, to prepare yourself for the *most* important thing you'll do this week?

- God bless you. Seminarian Matthew



## PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY (PWBB) 2024/2025 APPEAL

PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese: our **Catechists in the public schools (CCD)** and our **Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program**.

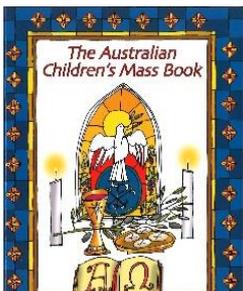
Our Pastoral Works Appeal connects everyone to the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. Every gift or donation brings comfort, friendship or security and often opens the doorway to a faith-filled life.

Asking for donations is never taken for granted, especially in challenging economic times. Parishioners at Manly Freshwater have been extremely generous in supporting the Diocese's previous charitable works appeals and in the 2024/2025 financial year, the Diocese is asking us to **target \$51,095 by 30 June 2025**.

We will keep you informed as we progress towards June 2025 and remind those with taxable income that **all donations over \$2 are tax deductible**.



Appeal Envelopes will remain at the ends of the pews and at the 2 main entrances, or you may wish to donate online via the QR code here or on our website. (Please remember to select Manly Freshwater as your parish).



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

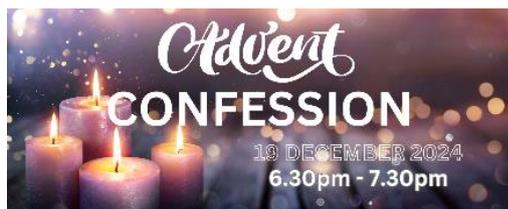
**Children's Mass books** are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the Mass.

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



### COME AND SEE – INVITING YEAR 6

Calling all Year 6 students to come along to our next Youth Group on Sunday 1st December at 6pm Mass followed by Youth Group with games, pizza, fun and great talks.



Advent Confession will be held on Thursday 19th December at 6:30pm in Manly. A special opportunity to prepare for Christmas is Reconciliation. We come together as a Faith Community to reflect on our shared weakness and sinfulness and to seek forgiveness.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Friday 6th December will be held at 9:15am at Freshwater only.

Tuesday 3rd December Stella Maris College will hold their End of Year Mass at 9:30am at Manly



**We invite you to join us at one of our Christmas Masses...**

### Mary Immaculate Manly

Tuesday 24th December

- 6pm Children's Mass
- 8pm Tongan Choir
- 10pm Parish Choir

Wednesday 25th December

- 8.30am & 10.30am

### St John the Baptist Freshwater

Tuesday 24th December

- 5pm Children's Mass

Wednesday 25th December

- 9am Parish Choir

## You're invited To CHRISTMAS

### DAY LUNCH

St Mary's Catholic Church  
Enter from Denison St, School Entrance  
11am - 1pm

This year we will be providing a Take Away Picnic Lunch and gift.

There will be some tables set up under the big tree if you wish to enjoy your Picnic with some other guests.

It's been a tough year for many, so no matter what your circumstance, you are **always** welcome to come along!!

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- ✓ Free
- ✓ Special Gift Bag for all guests
- ✓ Family friendly
- ✓ Non-alcoholic
- ✓ Friendly Community

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## PIETY STORE



Celebrate Christmas with one of the beautiful nativity sets on display in our Manly Piety Store at the back of the Church. We also have a selection of Christmas Cards, 2025 Divine Mercy, Columban and Josephite Calendars, advent candles as well as rosary's, DVD's, CD's and more.

The Piety Shop is open before and after Mass on the weekend or call into the Parish Office during office hours.

### Movie of the month Saint Bridget of Sweden

A documentary on an incredible 14<sup>th</sup> century Saint. Wife, mother and mystic who received divine revelations on the afterlife. Only \$10 at the piety store.

### CD of the month Purgatory – from the other side – Karlo Broussard

For thousands of years Saints and Holy souls have revealed a cleansing process before entering heaven and also the importance of prayers for the dead.. This is also supported by Biblical texts. Only \$5 at the piety store.



## Christmas Blessing Letterbox Drop ...help required!!!

This Christmas we are calling for volunteers to deliver a Christmas Blessing Card to every home in the parish, wishing all a Joyful Christmas and letting them know about our Christmas services. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822 for further information.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.

This will cater for children aged 3 to 8 years old. Each week a theme that correlates to the readings and Gospel is presented to the children using age-appropriate materials. The adult catechists incorporate prayer, song, group discussion, worksheets and other activities so the children can relate the Word of God to daily life. The children leave the church after a blessing from the priest, gather in the parish meeting room, and return during the offertory.



**CRAFT STALL** – thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas Craft Stall last weekend. As a result we were able to donate to the Northern Beaches Women's Shelter \$4,500 plus an additional \$920 raised outside – they were very grateful.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS** – would you like to prepare with your child or grandchild a Christmas Card which will be given to those in our local Nursing Homes.

Please drop into the parish by Wednesday 11th December.

Don't just ATTEND YOUR Church  
LOVE YOUR CHURCH,  
SERVE. GIVE. JOIN.  
WORSHIP. ENGAGE!

## CHRISTMAS MINISTRY ROSTER

To help us plan for our Christmas Masses this year we ask that you let us know if you are available to assist in one of the ministries (Servers, Readers, Welcomers, Piety Shop Assistant). Please advise the Parish Office on 9977 5822

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**Break Open the Word for the 2025 Liturgical Year** Books are ready for collection. If you are a current Reader at Manly or Freshwater, please collect your book from the Sacristy and mark off your name off on the list. If you are interested in becoming a Reader, please contact the parish office.



## FRESHWATER BEACH CAROLS

**Sunday 8th December from 5:30pm**

Come along and join in the fun at the Freshwater Carols, Freshwater Reserve on Sunday 8th Dec.

If you are able to assist in serving sausage sandwiches from 5.30pm to 7.00pm please speak to Francis Raymond or contact the parish office.

The Carols will commence at 7pm.



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**
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Supports our Priests  
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Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
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**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

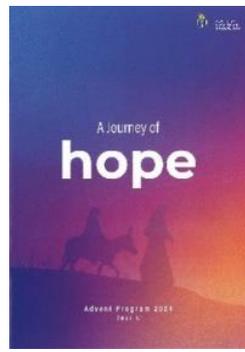
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**DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT**

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.

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

**Advent Program Booklet**



The Broken Bay Advent Program booklet is now available.

As we embark together on the liturgical season of Advent, a time of preparation, anticipation, and hope at the coming birth of the child Jesus - we are reminded of the immense joy that awaits us.

This season of the Church offers a time to pray, to listen to and converse with God, who loved us so much that He sent His only Son into the world so that we may come to know Him and the depth of His love for us.

This first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, a year of particular significance with the commencement of the Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope. In proclaiming this year, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all pilgrims on this earth, united in our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As a people of hope, we welcome the Holy Family into our homes with joy, and wonder, at the humility of an all-powerful God, coming to us in a form that is vulnerable, innocent, and absent of pomp and grandeur. May the humility of Christ, born in the stable, help to orient us on the road to holiness through our expressions of prayer, acts of service to our family, friends, and communities, and renew in us a desire to be Pilgrims of Hope in the world.

The Advent Program booklet is an invitation to reflect prayerfully on the Sunday gospel readings in Advent. It can be used individually or with a group. For each of the four weeks of Advent, the booklet includes a reading of the gospel text, a reflection on the text, and a personal story, along with reflection suggestions.

The Advent Program booklet is available in our churches and at the link below.

[Advent Program Booklet \(PDF 1.1MB\)](#)



We would like to recommence Communion to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on Sundays.

This includes our local Nursing Homes and parishioners at home.

We look forward to hearing from you if you have previously been a part of this ministry or if you are interested in being trained as a Minister to the Sick. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822.

**PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Parish facebook:** facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

**Parish website:** bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

*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.*

## Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priesthood

It is with great joy that I invite you to the Ordination of Deacon Tu to the Priesthood. This special event will take place on **Saturday, 7 December 2024, at 11:00 AM** at **St Kieran's Church, Manly Vale**.

We are honoured to have **Bishop Anthony** as the presiding bishop for this sacred ceremony.

Your presence would be a great blessing as we come together to celebrate this significant milestone in Deacon Tu's journey. We look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with you.

Please mark your calendars and join us for this momentous event.

Yours in Christ, **Fr. MICHAEL BELONIO, OSA**

Even though **Altaration** has finished we will share some insights from those who attended in coming weeks.



### 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 Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:  
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm  
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

**Young Adults Formation Night** with seminarian Matthew and celebrating Ivica Covic's birthday.



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



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! Email:

[manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com)

Instagram: manlyfreshwater\_catholicyouth

# First Sunday of Advent– Year C

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 33:14-16 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (JB)*

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour. R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. R.

## Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Ps 84:8 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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## Gospel Reflection

Advent begins at the end: the promised return of Christ at the end of time. For the faithful disciple, history is a moving forward, a journey to the fulfillment of God's reign when God's Christ will return as Lord of all. We therefore live in a permanent state of Advent: watchfulness, preparation and perseverance as we await the return of the Holy One who has already come.

In his Gospel, Luke depicts our final judgment very simply: "to stand before the Son of Man." Luke infers that our "judgment" before Christ will be a moment of illuminating truth, when all artifice will melt away, when our rationalizations will fail us, when we will see our holiness and face our failures. But rather than make us tremble, the prospect of standing before Jesus should fill us with hope: that the "shoot of Jesse" comes to redeem us despite ourselves, that, in him, God loves us in our holiest moments and our most glaring sinfulness.

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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**

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**Baptisms:** please contact the parish office

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