



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 21st April 2024



Gospel Reflection

Jesus' figure of the good shepherd is not an idyllic, serene image. Palestinian shepherds were held liable for every single sheep entrusted to their care; "good" shepherds, motivated by a sense of responsibility rather than money, considered it a matter of honor to lay down their lives for the sheep in their charge, taking on

every kind of wolf, wild beast and bandit in defense of the flock. While the shepherd/sheep metaphor is well-known throughout Scripture, Jesus' vow to lay down his life for his sheep is something new. It completes Jesus' break with the mercenary religious leaders of the Jewish establishment who care little for the flock they have been entrusted to serve.

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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.

LET US PRAY FOR Recently Deceased:

21st April 2024

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; 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 Cull; Maria Vasile; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Mary Hetenyi

Dates to remember...

- **PPC Meeting** Wed 24 April at 6pm
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Fri 26 April at 6pm
- **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.



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

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

FAREWELL FR DAVID

Fr David will be leaving next week and will be commencing his Long Service leave. We thank him for his dedication and support of the parish over the past 15 years.

We wish Fr David a restful break and we ask that you keep him in your prayers.

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

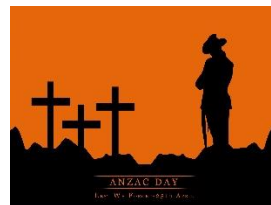
Sunday following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm). Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)



For something different, come along and visit our **Mother's Day Craft Stall on Sunday 5th May at St Mary's Church**. Mother's Day gift ideas and winter warmers with lots of novelty craft items which have never been seen before.



ANZAC DAY 25th April

Service and sacrifice are words well known to the Catholic faithful. They also speak to the solemn day of commemoration we call Anzac Day.

A day of history and tradition when we honour those who fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in WW1 and lost their lives.

With the passing of decades we have come to honour the service and sacrifice of thousands of men and women who have battled through many theatres of war, and have not returned to family and friends.

We also remember the peacekeeping missions where the same Anzac spirit has been borne-out in defence of the defenceless and the fight for freedom.

Anzac Day is an important and much-loved national day. It is not about glorifying war but acknowledging our past and paying tribute to those who fought.

We pray for all those who have died or were wounded in all conflicts, and for those who are still haunted by their memories. We pray for their families and carers. We pray in gratitude and we pray for peace everywhere.



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."

SISTERS of LIFE – Sydney Evangelisation

The Sisters of Life are women who are in love with Love – Love incarnate, crucified, and Risen – and captivated by the truth of the beauty of every human person, created in God's image and likeness.

19 April: Reflection Eveing 4pm. Theme: A Spirituality of Care. A Reflection Evening at the University of Notre Dame.

20 April: Alumni Retreat Day 9am – 5:30pm. Theme: Turning to God. University Alumni are invited to this full day retreat \$20 St Martha's Leichhardt.

21 April: Womens event: 5pm – 7:30pm \$10 Tangara School for Girls.

24 April: Fidelis 6pm. Join us for an exciting Fidelis with the Sisters of Life's last public event. ACU Strathfield.

For registrations and info
www.unicatholics.org.au



FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA Sunday 16th June 2023

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.

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 – 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: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

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.



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.

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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Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
 - **1st collection** Supports our Priests
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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 manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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.

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.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year B

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. R.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. R.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:11-18 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

To express an interest or for more information please contact Fr Marek Woldan on

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The parish office has copies of the pilgrimage itinerary and what to expect. Come in and pick up a copy.

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Presbytery: 9977 2100

After Hours Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

Parish Pastoral Council:
Michael McGrath (Chair); Ivica Covic (Deputy

Chair); John Zemek (Deputy Chair); Val Buono;
Patricia Carroll Margaret Dent; Robert Marshall;
Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

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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