



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and
St John the Baptist, Freshwater

Diocese of Broken Bay



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

29th December 2019

Today's readings highlight the interpersonal character of family life. In Sirach the dynamics of family living and responsibility as exercised in the ancient world unfold before our eyes. The rewards of faithfully observing these family codes are showcased in the responsorial Psalm. Paul directs our attention to the manner of living to which we are summoned as members of the family of God, a manner of living that flows from the bond of perfection that unites us. The gospel narrative paints a picture of a family that follows the directives of God.

For Joseph and Mary, conditions for family life are far from ideal. What the Gospel of Matthew narrative brings out, however, is that it is precisely the forced exile to Egypt that enables the infant

Messiah to repeat the experience and captivity of his people in Egypt and to come more directly in this way, like Israel, under the scope of God's liberating and saving power. It renders applicable to Jesus what the prophet Hosea spoke in God's name with respect to Israel, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son'.

All that has happened, therefore, including especially the disturbance and threat, is gathered up and woven into the divine plan foreshadowed in the scriptures. Israel was 'God's child' in a metaphorical sense. Jesus is God's Child in a unique sense. In his person, 'God is with us' (Emmanuel) in the intimacy and immediacy of family relationships.

Brendan Byrne LiturgyHelp 2019

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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

Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

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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 December The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

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

Mon 30/12 – Octave of the Nativity

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Tue 31/12 – Octave of the Nativity

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Wed 1/1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Num 6:22-28; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-1

Thurs 2/1 – Sts Basil the Great and Gregory

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Fri 3/1 – Weekday of Christmas Time

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Sat 4/1 – Weekday of Christmas Time

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Sun 5/1 – Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Year A

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020



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.

LET US PRAY FOR

29th December 2019

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.



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).

EUCCHARISTIC 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

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of the Parish Christmas Day lunch. It was a great success and a fun filled day was had by all who assisted and guests who attended.



"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.



PLEASE NOTE PARKING IS ONLY PERMITTED IN THE MARKED BAYS – NO STACK PARKING!!!

Hello and Welcome!!

GREETERS Over the Christmas period we have a lot of visitors to our Parish and it would be great to welcome them. Please feel free to grab a bundle of bulletins and greet our visitors and fellow parishioners at our Christmas celebrations.

No Cash!

Tap and Go Units for your convenience are near the doors. Units set at \$10 and \$20
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Year A

First Reading *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (JB)*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy; with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 127:1-5 (JB)*

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! R.

Second Reading *Colossians 3:12-21 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your

wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Colossians 3:15, 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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