

MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 20th November 2022



Gospel Reflection

Throughout his Gospel, Luke has portrayed Jesus as the humble, obedient servant of God. In the resurrection, such humility and selflessness will he exalted by God. In Luke's account, Jesus steadfastly refused any demonstration of power for himself but

manifested the power of God only for the faith and healing of the poor, the troubled, the lost and the rejected. Even while hanging on the cross (an incident recorded only by Luke), Jesus only claims power to save the "good thief" who places his trust in him.

Luke's account of Jesus' crucifixion is a pretty hopeless depiction: Jesus, the generous teacher and the loving healer, is hung on a tree like a common criminal; he is the object of scorn and derision by the very people he came to serve and save. But in one of his last breaths, Jesus offers peace and healing to a criminal hanging there with him. Such is the transforming and redemptive love of Christ. From the crosses and crucifixions of our world, the reign of God takes shape when we imitate the humble selflessness of Christ in bringing his spirit of hope and reconciliation into the lives of those around us. Connectionsmediaworks.com



First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Parent Information Evenings will be held on

Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm at Manly or **Tuesday 29th November at 7pm Freshwater**

If you have any gueries please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



Our Christian Meditation Group has recommenced and will meet each Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. The group will follow the tradition of John Main.

All are welcome to the join the group.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS **Quiet Prayer & Adoration** 6pm - 7pm Scripture Reflection & Benediction 7pm - 7:30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos



PARISH ADVENT **RETREAT** SATURDAY **3rd DECEMBER**

9:30am to 3:45pm lead by Fr John

Fr John will be leading us in a joyous way to begin Advent with talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Lunch and Fellowship.

We invite you to come along and join us. Book through the Parish Office 9977 5822



CHRISTMAS 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 listed below

- Servers
- Readers
- Welcomers
- **Piety Shop Assistant** •

Please advise the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



CHRISTMAS DAY 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 these will be given as gifts to our quests
- Cans of soft drink coke, lemonade, fanta
- Fresh Fruit
- Cash donations will be used to purchase the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls, Desserts and anything we are short of.

Please drop the Chocolates and Drinks into the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day or for the setup please email the Parish Office.

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We will be holding a **Planning meeting** this Monday 21 November at 5.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you would like to join this group please come along.



PARISH YOUTH MASS AND **YOUTH GROUP** this Sunday at the 6pm Mass at Manly. The group will

games.

meet after Mass for Pizza and



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR **MORNING TEA**

Manly: after the 10.30am Mass **Freshwater**: after the 9am Mass

Dates to remember...

- SJB Kindy, Yr 5 & 6 Mass Tues 22 Nov 9:15am
- Sacramental Program Meeting Tues 22 Nov 7pm Manly
- Stella Maris College Mass Fri 25 Nov 9:15am
- Cenacle of Our Lady Manly Tuesday 9:45am
- RCIA Tuesday 7pm Parish Centre
- Lectio Divina Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- Bible Study (zoom) Tue 22 Nov 7pm
- Rosary (zoom) Thur 24 Nov 7pm
- Eucharistic Adoration in Manly Wednesday 6pm – 7:30pm

LET US PRAY FOR

20th November 2022 Recently Deceased: Salvatore Montanhese; Colleen Mooney

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; 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; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; George Fell; Marie Downs

Only the names of recently deceased will be published in the bulletin during November.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA, a parish program to prepare adults for Christian Baptism and full membership in the Church. We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish

Centre. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.



Break Open the Word for the 2023 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 on the list. If you are interested in becoming a Reader, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November: Children Who Suffer We pray for children who

are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



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.

Many of you have not been able to come MA PASTORAL back to Mass on Sunday for different MCARE reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.



CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Tap and Go machines are available at the entrances of both Churches and you are able to make a donation using your credit/debit

card. EFTPOS Terminals are available which have pre-set donation amounts or select "Other Amount" and enter your desired amount to give and then tap your card. Thank you for your generosity



PIETY SHOP has a new selection of Christmas and Advent items on display. We have also received a

new range of Rosary Beads (\$10 each). Come along and have a browse.

Movie of the month: "Father Stu" Mark Wahlburg, Mel Gibson, Jackie Weaver (2022). It will make you laugh and cry. Based on a true story. Rated M. \$15

CD of the month: "Purgatory – our forgotten family" Dr Mark Miravalle. Not only is purgatory true and deeply rooted in sacred scripture and tradition. The practice of offering sacrifices and prayers for our deceased loved ones is our responsibility. \$5.

2023 Columban Art Calendar now available in the Piety Store Manly \$8 each

LIVING FAITH BOOKS Oct/Nov/Dec Now available in the Piety Store \$6.50ea



FR PAUL KIM will be visiting Manly on Friday 2 December and will celebrate Mass at 12noon at Manly.

Fr Paul Kim will be in the Diocese for a week to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the Korean Chaplaincy.

He wishes to celebrate Mass for the parishioners on Friday 2nd December at 12noon at St Mary's Church, Manly followed by a light lunch.

Fr Paul looks forward to seeing as many friends as possible in Manly Freshwater at this Mass.

For catering purposes please advise the Parish Office if you are able to join us for lunch.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Next weekend (26th Nov) we will have our Christmas Giving Tree in both churches.

Freshwater will have a giving tree for family hampers and Manly will have a store gift card tree.

If you would like to adopt a family and make up a hamper for them or help with a gift card please take one from the tree.

Our Christmas Appeal will start on the 3rd December. Envelopes will be available on the pews up to Christmas.

We cannot thank you all enough for all the support you give to Vinnies and the needy families that you help.

Bruce - Manly Conference

Mick - Freshwater Conference

During the month of November, we pray for our faithfully departed.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may the Perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3 (JB)

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5 (JB)

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. R.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. R.

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignties, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

Gospel

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Luke 23:35-43 (JB)
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





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