

MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

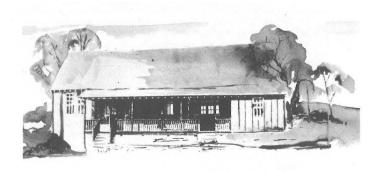
Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 21st November 2021

THIS SUNDAY ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE ITS CENTENARY

at the 9am Mass and we welcome Bishop Anthony who will be celebrating the Mass.

A brief time line of St John the Baptist Church Freshwater

On 20th November 1921 the foundation stone for St John the Baptist Church, Harbord (now Freshwater) was blessed by Michael Kelly Archbishop of Sydney on land purchased by the Archdiocese for the building of a church. Harbord was part of the very large Manly



The 'Station Church', or 'Chapel of Ease', shortly after it was built.

parish and was under the pastoral care of Fr (Monsignor) John McDonald Parish Priest Manly.

St John's Church was opened in July 1922, both as a Church and a School. The building was a long hall with a wooden verandah, divided with movable partitions for classrooms and Sunday Mass. The School was run by the Good Samaritan Sisters from Stella Maris Manly.

On 18th November 1940 Harbord became a separate parish with Fr James Delaney as its first resident Parish Priest (1940 – 1966). A separate school was built in 1956.

In 1960 St John's Church was extended and renovated.

In 1966 Fr James Delaney was transferred to Manly parish, and Fr Roger Pryke was appointed Parish Priest until 1972 when he resigned from the priesthood. In 1968 the orientation of the church was changed to its present arrangement and a small single manual pipe organ was commissioned and installed.

Fr Hugh Law was appointed Parish Priest (1972 – 1989). He retired due to ill health. The Church was carpeted and received the statue of St Anthony of Padua from the Italian Community.

Fr Brian Moloney was appointed Parish Priest (1989 – 1990). He was transferred to Corpus Christi Cathedral St Ives as Administrator. The present marble altar, a gift from Sacred Heart Church Pymble was installed.

Fr Patrick (Paddy) Gillic was appointed Parish Priest (1990 – 2008 when he retired). The organ was moved to its present position and the seating was slightly reorganised. Harbord Parish was renamed Freshwater Parish with the change of name to the suburb.

Fr John Hannon was appointed Parish Priest (2008 – 2015). In 2008 Freshwater and Manly Parish were amalgamated by Bishop David Walker becoming Manly Freshwater Parish.

Fr David Taylor who grew up in the Harbord Parish (Freshwater) was appointed Parish Priest in 2015.

We encourage everyone to book early for our Christmas Masses on Trybooking.com (see notice on page 3).

What's inside this weekend's bulletin...

- Christmas Mass Booking
- Covid QR Card

- Christmas Day Lunch
- Word of God 2022 Daily Reading & Reflection

Live Streaming of Mass

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November - People who suffer from Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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**

LET US PRAY FOR

21st November 2021

Recently Deceased: Ma'ata Fonua

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Joseph Francis

During November, only the names of recently deceased will be published in the bulletin.

November Year E

Mon 22/11 – St Cecilia Dan 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tue 23/11 – 34th week in Ord Time Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wed 24/11 – Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & companions

Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19 Thurs 25/11 – 34th week in Ord Time Dan 6:12-28: Lk 21:20-28

Fri 26/11 – 34th week in Ord Time Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Sat 27/11 – 34th week in Ord Time Dan 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36 Sun 28/11 – First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

<u>Parish facebook:</u> facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish <u>Parish website:</u> bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

PRAYING WILDREN Praying with SUNDAY LITURGY Children which is designed for families with young children to use at home

Each Sunday's liturgy includes music for gathering, the readings, reflections on the gospel, video, group activity, prayer for the week and a home activity sheet.

This pdf will be sent by email with the newsletter



Mass For You At Home on Channel 10 at 6.00 am each Sunday



Let us pray together that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Are you struggling to pay the bills? CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it

hard to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them

at info@catholiccaredbb.org.au..



PIETY STORE IS NOW OPEN Living Faith Books now available at the Piety Store

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

-- St. Alphonsus Liguori

NO GROUPS ARE MEETING ONSITE

ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

The following meetings have been scheduled for the week ahead:

- Lectio Wed at 10am
- Rosary with Fr John Thurs at 7pm



Rosary with Fr John will meet on 1st Thursday of each month at 6pm and on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



BIBLE STUDY Will be held on Tuesday at 7pm on 23 November 2021

Fr John will continue a Bible Study via Zoom on the Tuesday 23rd November 2021. You are most welcome to join. **Week 4(23rd November) – Gospel of St Mark**

In November the Bible Study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Meeting ID 872 561 5999 Code: 2512



WELCOMERS NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

if you can assist please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

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Manly Mass Times

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December -4pm and 6pm (Family Masses) 8pm and 10pm

Christmas Day – 7am, 8:30am and 10:30am

Freshwater Mass Times

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December -4pm (Family Mass in Church) and 5:30pm (Family Mass Outside) and 7pm

Christmas Day – 9am



CHRISTMAS DAY **LUNCH FOR THOSE SPENDING CHRISTMAS ALONE**

This year we will be serving a take away picnic lunch.

We are still seeking the assistance of a Setup Coordinator - this person would need to be available during the week of Christmas to coordinate volunteers with

- Decorating the Undercroft at the School
- Tables set out for the assembly of the picnic packs
- All supplies and gifts to be taken to the undercroft and set out.

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

- Cans of soft drink coke, lemonade, fanta
- Box of chocolates
- 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 Cans into the Parish Office or in the basket at the Church entrances.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day or for the setup please email the Parish Office manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

To help us plan for the extra Masses this year we ask that you let us know if you are available to assist in one of the ministries listed below

Servers Welcomers Readers Piety Store Assistant

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



New digital APP The Diocese of Broken Bay has a newly launched digital App. It is straightforward, modern and easy to use.

It offers the ability to

- o give weekly offerings to our Parish
- see readings of the day,
- o find Mass times and Live stream information
- discover Catholic news highlights

Developed for parish communities in Broken Bay, the donation options for 1st and 2nd Collections are especially helpful.

Visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/parishgiving or on your mobile App store. Search for "Parish Giving Broken Bay".

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?

2nd collection Parish Bank Account

Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

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1st collection Parish Bank Account

Supports our Priests

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

Thank you for your ongoing support

Christmas Blessing Letterbox Drop 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.

By reaching out to our community in this way, we hope to welcome and invite others to join us at our Christmas Celebrations. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office on 9977 5822 for further information.



Pastoral Works Appeal (formally

CWF) Our Parish Quota this year is \$48,304.00 - envelopes are available this weekend. Thank you for generous support.



During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died in our **Book of**

Remembrance which will be on display in the Churches during November. We invite you to take a moment to add the names of your loved ones to our Parish Book of Remembrance. Please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or emailing to manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



COVID REQUIREMENTS

Please be aware that everyone must use the QR code to check in, and it

is no longer sufficient for people to record their names and contact details in writing.

If you do not have a smartphone, check in will need to be done through a personal COVID check-in card that will need to be scanned as you enter the church. To apply for this card online go to https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/create-covid-19-check-card. If you need any help getting your card, please contact the parish office and we will assist you.

You will also need to

- Wear a mask for Mass
- Cleanse your hands
- Observe social distancing of 2sgm
- Refrain from congregational singing.
- The Parish Office will remain closed until 15th December but you can contact our wonderful parish staff on 9977 5822 or by email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Novena for NSW State Premier Dominic Perrottet

A state-wide novena has been organised to pray for our premier Dominic Perrottet, seeking the intercession of St Joseph that the premier will be guided and encouraged by the Holy Spirit to be a good and just leader; and be granted the political freedom to be an effective leader.

The novena commences on Sunday 21 November and ends on Monday 29 November.

https://mcusercontent.com/466af249e088db70ab864 d088/files/57d9b037-665a-cf7b-609b-1f2098473ed9/Novena for new NSW State Premi er_Dominic_Perrottet_823154.1_.pdf

Copies can also be found at the entrance to the Churches.



Break Open the Word for the 2022 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.

Message from Fr John Hannon – former Parish Priest

Dear friends at St John's.

As I believe it's 100 years since the parish of St John the Baptist was established, and hearing of your impending celebrations, I thought I'd just put in a word of greeting, as one of the many of the passing parade of priests who have provided pastoral ministry in the former village of Harbord over the last century.

I think it was in 2009 that then Bishop David Walker asked me to take on responsibility as parish priest of Harbord/Freshwater as well as Manly. I was most fortunate to have the willing assistance of Father David Taylor, joining me as co-pastor soon afterwards. It was a challenge to work across the 2 faith communities over the rocky divide between Queenscliff and Freshwater beaches, but things evolved in a positive direction from the start, resulting in the formation of Manly Freshwater parish, with your faithful pastor the late Father Paddy Gillic continuing on in residence.

There are so many happy memories of time spent with you as friend and priest, so again I express gratitude for the friendship and support given in that 6 years or so where I was involved with you. The Sunday morning gatherings for more than morning tea after 9.00am Mass were memorable, thanks to Francis Raymond and team, an added incentive to be there!!

As I was leaving Manly Freshwater at the end of May 2016, prior to my return to Melbourne, I recall thinking I had been fortunate to be in such active faith communities of friends, as well as being in an unmatched environment, with the 3 best beaches in Australia (Manly, Freshwater and Curl Curl) not that I spent all of my time at the beaches, but it was a lovely walk from Manly to Dee Why headland, not quite matched down here with my walk along the Maribyrnong River!!

Having landed here at Essendon, 10 minutes from Tullamarine Airport, as you could imagine, I have been more than a little frustrated at the limitations on travel for the last 20 months or so, as have we all. Nevertheless, we do seem to be getting back on track, but with the necessary precautions of vaccination and distancing still. Parish life here has just started to open up after the longest lockdown in the world, so that's something for the Guinness Book of Records!!

I am sure you'll celebrate well on this auspicious and happy occasion, where at least you can gather to celebrate as a faith community, as we continue to live the Gospel as Good News.

Wishing you all continued health and happiness and every blessing. Fr John Hannon

A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay Thursday 11 November 2021 Feast of Saint Martin of Tours My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Debate by the NSW Assembly on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (2021) is about to commence in the chamber. The discussion that will ensue over the coming weeks, and most likely into early 2022, will be both personal and passionate as Members of Parliament speak from both their own perspective and that of their electorates. I have written to the Members of Parliament of the electorates in our Diocese to express my grave concern about development and to urge them to consider carefully its implications.

In respect to this sensitive matter, the social mood has clearly continued to evolve in a way that the language of personal rights has achieved considerable dominance over concern for the common good. All who are engaged in this question are committed to the alleviation of unbearable human suffering. We are united in this common endeavour. It is the question of how such suffering might be mitigated that forms radically different perspectives in the debate.

It has long been the understanding in the Catholic Tradition that extraordinary means are not a moral requirement for the preservation of life. Each person must have the right to determine to withdraw from such treatment if the consequences are not for the benefit of a quality of life. The direct termination of life, however, is a different matter. As a form of palliation, termination, though technically achievable in a sterile and controlled manner, is an unacceptable solution to the problem of suffering. It is not how we may be able to eliminate those who suffer that makes for a genuinely human society but rather how we care for them. "Voluntary Assisted Dying" is a failure of humanity. Where doctors are free to destroy life, rather than to protect it, there eventually society accepts the sanction of the State to determine who lives and who dies.

In the debate that unfolds over the coming weeks, much weight will be given to the testimony of personal experience, the pain of watching loved ones die. Such deeply moving stories, however, must be heard in the context of what makes for a truly compassionate society. The therapeutic termination of life is not an acceptable form of compassion; it is the avoidance of genuine care and the obligation of

the State to provide the necessary resources for its exercise.

Legislative other Australian change in jurisdictions should not be the basis for the same in the State of New South Wales. It would be commendatory for this State to propose a different strategy to the problem of human suffering - one that is not based on the technical capacity of controlled termination but on the much more humane mystery of human care for the vulnerable. This is particularly the case in regional and rural NSW in which it is known that the lack of access to palliative care and general health services are driving factors in people's desire to seek euthanasia as an option.

The Catholic community stands against this proposed legislation. Its institutions will not participate in an act that they consider abhorrent, nor allow their sites to be used in a way that violates religious conscience and for those acts contrary for which authentic medicine stands.

I encourage our people to ring, write or email their own local Members of Parliament to register their objection to the passing of Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (2021). Your voice will be critical throughout the parliamentary debate. Let us address the problem of suffering. Let us do so, however, in a way that promotes a culture of life within our society rather than which insinuates a culture of death, sanitised though it may be.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL Bishop of Broken Bay



Stand up for faith and freedom

Remembering and praying for persecuted Christians around the world

Wednesday 24 November 2021, 7:30pm

Celebrant: Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG





Please register at: www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday

St John's School News...

Basketball clinics Throughout the month of November our primary students are taking part in the annual Basketball Sporting Schools Program run by Manly Warringah Basketball Association. The coaches have been fabulous, delivering engaging lessons, guiding the students through a variety of skill sessions focusing on: dribbling, passing, catching, goal shooting the rules of basketball and fair play. These sessions are always a highlight!

Year 4 Diversity Project For their Project Diversity task in Geography this term, Year 4 were asked to learn about another country within our global community. For this project, they researched their chosen country, its climate, population, food,

culture, religion, language, native flora & fauna etc., before creating presentation, poster and speech on this country. The students then presented their learnings back to their classmates, before taking part in a "showcase of learning" where teachers and Year 5 students walked through to view their impressive interactive displays around our school hall. What amazing work and depth of knowledge they each showed during these presentations.





Warm regards, Sharna Taranto (Acting REC)

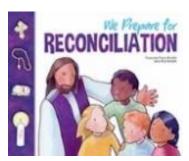
St Mary's School News...

Year 6 held a Leadership Fair last week for the Year 5 students to hear about the role of each Leadership team and ultimately decide what they want to focus on. Such an exciting time for all our new upcoming school leaders. Some impressive enthusiasm was also on display! Last Thursday, our Year 6 Mission leaders led us in a special and touching liturgy to commemorate Remembrance Day.





Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)



Children's First Reconciliation

Please remember the Children preparing for the First Reconciliations in your prayers.



Prayer to St Joseph – St Francis de Sales

"Glorious St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary, grant us, we beseech thee, thy paternal protection, through the Heart of Jesus Christ."

"O Thou whose infinite power reaches out to all our needs, rendering possible for us that which is impossible, look upon the concerns of thy children with fatherly countenance."

"In the troubles and sorrows that afflict us, we have confident recourse to thee."

"Deign to take under thy loving protection this important and difficult endeavor, the cause of our worries, and dispose its success to the glory of God and to the benefit of His faithful servants." Amen.

Reflection

We celebrate the kingship of Jesus with John's Gospel account of what is perhaps Jesus' most humiliating moment: his appearance before Pilate. It is a strange exchange: Pilate has been blackmailed by the Jewish establishment into executing Jesus for their ends; it is the accused who dominates the meeting and takes on the role of inquisitor; Pilate has no idea what Jesus is talking about when speaks about "the truth."

Pilate, a man of no great talent or exceptional competence, was under a great deal of political pressure. He had needlessly alienated the Jews of Palestine by his cruelty, his insensitivity to their religious customs and his clumsy appropriation of funds from the temple treasury for public projects. Reports of his undistinguished performance had reached his superiors in Rome. Jesus proclaims himself ruler of a kingdom built of compassion, humility, love and truth – power that Pilate cannot comprehend in his small, narrow view of the world.



Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading Daniel 7:13-14 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Daniel His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2, 5 (JB)

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. R.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. R.

Second Reading Revelation 1:5-8 (JB)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 18:33-37 (JB)

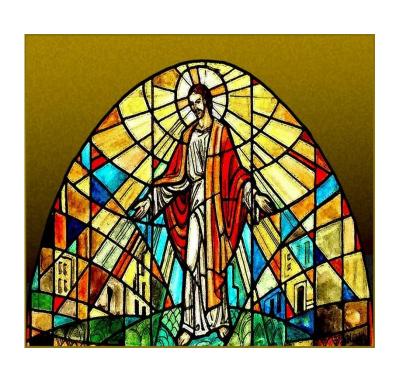
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Presbytery: 9977 2100

After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath

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

Baptisms: please contact the parish office Manly 4th Sunday of the month Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am - 11am

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