



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Mary, the Holy Mother of God – 1st January 2023



Gospel Reflection

In the Roman church, today's solemnity is the oldest feast of Mary in the Church, honoring her by her first and primary title, "Mother of God."

Jesus is given the name **Yeshua** – "The Lord saves." The rite of circumcision unites Mary's child with the chosen people and makes him an heir to the promises God made to Abraham – promises to be fulfilled in the Child himself.

Today we honor Mary under her most ancient title – **Theotokos**, Bearer of God: In accepting her role as mother of the Messiah, she becomes the first disciple of her Son, the first to embrace his Gospel of hope, compassion and reconciliation.

As Mary, the young unmarried pregnant girl, believes and trusts in the incredible thing that she is to be a part of, even the most ordinary of us can believe in our parts in the drama, too.

The God who makes all things new in Christ enables us to make this truly a new year for each one of us – a time for renewal and re-creation in the love of God, a time for making this year a year of peace in our lives and homes, a time for making this new year truly a "year of our Lord."

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PASTORAL CARE 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. We look forward to seeing you and wish you a Joy filled Christmas.

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January – For educators We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Dates to remember...

- **Cenacle of Our Lady** Manly Tues 9:45am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wednesday 6pm – 7:30pm



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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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



There are currently no collections during Mass. If you would like to make a donation, we encourage you to use the Tap and Go Machines at the entrances of the Churches. Thank you for your support.

FACE MASKS – please bring a face mask with you if you wish to wear it in the Church

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

LET US PRAY FOR

1st January 2023

Recently Deceased: Tony Cahill; Joanna Bateman; Yvonne Geary

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrige; 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; Julie & Rodney Wallis



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



The Church celebrates this Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday occurring between the Nativity of the Lord (December 25th) and Mary, Mother of God (January 1st). However, in some years these feasts occur on Sundays themselves, in which case the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30th.

This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christians families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.



SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY
by using one of the following...

1. **Planned Giving:** many parishioners support the parish through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or. **EFTPOS Terminals.**
3. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



4. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts

- **Church Account** Funds the running costs of our Parish
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- **Pastoral Account** Supports our Priests
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PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Church
Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary – Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater on 1st Friday each month at 9:15am Mass
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



Mothers have the important job of bringing us into the living world by giving birth to us. What are some of the important things that we know about Mary?

Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Year A

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27 (JB)

A reading from the book of Numbers

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (JB)*

R. May God bless us in his mercy. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

Second Reading *Galatians 4:4-7 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 1:1-2 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:16-21 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib ...When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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
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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