



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th August 2023



### Gospel Reflection

In Matthew's Gospel, the storm at Gennesaret and Peter's walking on the water immediately follows the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The depth of Peter's love for Jesus is not

matched by a depth of faith; but Jesus, nonetheless, raises the sinking disciple up from the waters of fear and death. *connectionsmediaworks.com*

**LET US PRAY FOR** 13th August 2023

**Recently Deceased:** Rodney Wallis

**Anniversary:** Lim Ai Chu; Rodolfo Lusung; Virginia Rodriguez; Susanne Yuchengco Santos

**Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage"** 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 Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary

### Dates to remember...

- **Feast of the Assumption – Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Tues 15th Aug Manly:** 9:15am & 6pm **Freshwater:** 9:15am
- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 17th Aug 9:15am
- **Cenacle of Our Lady SMM** Tues 9:45am, SJB Wed 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm

### PIETY STORE

**Movie of the month:** "One night with the King". An impressive Biblical epic based on the story of Esther. A story of monarchy, treason, courage and faith. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month:** "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" – Raymond de Souza  
A fascinating insight on how sacred scripture, the writings of the early church fathers and common sense fully support "The Assumption". Only \$5 @ the piety store.

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

*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.*

*We of Manly Freshwater Parish acknowledge the Kay-ee-my people, on whose ancestral lands we gather to worship today.*



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

**Tuesday 15th August**

You are reminded that the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Manly Masses** 9.15am & 6pm  
**Freshwater Mass** 9.15am

Students from our local schools will be joining us at the 9.15am Masses.

### We welcome the Augustinian Priests

Frs Jojo, Senan and Abel from Manly Vale and Frs John and Percival from Brookvale who will be assisting in the weekend Masses while Fr David is on leave.

### CHANGES TO 9:15am WEEKDAY MASSES DURING AUGUST...

**Mass will be held on the following days...**

**Manly:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Freshwater:** Wednesday



### Condolences to the Wallis family

Sadly Rod Wallis died on Monday night. Rod, Julie and Graham are long time parishioners at St John's Freshwater. His company laid the carpet in St John's Church while Fr Paddy was parish priest.

Rod's Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 18th August at 10:30am.

Please keep Julie, Graham and Gary in your prayers.

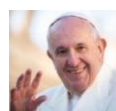
### CATHOLIC CARE HOMELESSNESS APPEAL

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for Catholic Care's homelessness services.

**Please return your donations to the parish office or place in the collection plate at one of the weekend Masses no later than 20 August.**

**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.



### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August –

**For World Youth Day** We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

## THE LETTER – Community movie screening

### Stella Maris College Theatre

Thursday 17th August at 6:30pm – 8:30pm

The Letter has been viewed by millions of people around the world inspiring action to heal our relationships with God's creation, our common home. It took over six years to make the film. The intention is to watch the film and then have some dialogue as a community so that together we can take better care of our common home.

This community screening is a local community event hosted by St Mary's Primary School P&F for the school and parish and open to the local community. Please note that the film is suitable for Year 5 students and above and will be held in the Stella Maris College Theatre, Manly.



To register please access the eventbrite webpage via the QR code or the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/668067837887>

The trailer of the film is accessible here:

<https://www.theletterfilm.org/>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the film night.

Jacqui Rémond – [jacquiremond@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiremond@gmail.com)

## PARENTING SEMINAR

### “UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY”

St John the Baptist School Hall on Tues  
29/08/2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm



**POSITIONS VACANT** Three of our Diocesan parishes are seeking to recruit a permanent part-time Parish Secretary.

The Parish Secretary role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, general & sacramental program administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

All three vacancies have flexibility within the working schedule for the right candidate, however the role does require a physical presence in the Parish office.

The ideal candidate will have a comprehensive knowledge and demonstrated experience with office administration as well as a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite of programs. As this role is often the first point of contact for the parish, well-developed communication and interpersonal skills are crucial, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to Catholic values and teachings.

**The Lakes Parish** is looking for someone to work four days per week, approximately 26 hours per week, with a preference for the working schedule to be Monday to Thursday. Applications close **Wednesday, 30/8/2023**

**Lindfield-Killara Parish** is looking for someone to work three days per week, approximately 22.5 hours per week. Applications close **Wednesday, 30/8/2023**

**Epping & Carlingford Parish** is looking for someone to work 24 hours per week, with flexibility on days/hours. Applications close **Friday, 1/9/2023**

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to the relevant parish office:

The Lakes Parish: [Lakesparishoffice@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Lakesparishoffice@bbcatholic.org.au)

Lindfield-Killara Parish: [parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au)

Epping & Carlingford Parish:

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## WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE...

Dear all, by the time you receive this report, our time in Portugal will have ended and we will be on our way home. Know that your prayers have greatly supported us in our journey, which has been very physically and spiritually (and sometimes emotionally!) challenging.

This has not been an easy pilgrimage, neither in the lead up to it, nor in its execution. There are few things in life which are easy, but it is usually the harder things which are all the more rewarding. This falls into the latter camp.



This report covers our time with the Pope in the Vigil Mass and Closing Mass, which we spent overnight at the Campo Graca in north Lisbon. Both of these were very moving experiences. As we were very close to the stage, we had a clear view of the Pope at both of these events. To be able to both see and hear the Pope was definitely a highlight of the trip. His chief message was 'Rise Up, Do Not Be Afraid' and for us to say 'Yes' to Jesus as Mary did to the Archangel Gabriel.



As of the 8th of August, we are staying in Fatima, a few hours north of Lisbon, where, in 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three peasant children. We have just completed the Rosary in the main Shrine square, along with many other thousands of pilgrims and participated in the Candlelit Procession as well. The flags of many nations were held high for Our Lady and Richard Heasman was

able to hold the Australian and Diocesan flag for our parish and all our diocese and nation. This was indeed a very special moment for us.

We have not yet finished our pilgrimage as there are still many sites to see around Fatima. But with the end drawing near, we reflect on the blessing of representing the Parish at this World Youth Day 2023 and look forward to sharing what we have learned upon our arrival back home.

Many blessings to you all,

Richard Heasman, Josh Wright and Samson Hyland



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### First Reading *1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 (JB)*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 84:9-14 (JB)*

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. R.

### Second Reading *Romans 9:1-5 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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

### Gospel Acclamation *Ps 129:5 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

### Gospel *Matthew 14:22-33 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

**After Hours Sick Calls:** 0499 910 010

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Michael McGrath (Deputy Chair); Margaret Dent  
(Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery;  
Val Buono; Ivica Covic; 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:* 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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