

# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

# PENTECOST SUNDAY - 31st May 2020

## Dear Friends,

Pentecost greetings and good health to you all.

We cry out "Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithfully people" it is 50 days since we celebrated Easter- the Resurrection of the Lord in almost total lockdown conditions. Our Churches are now open, but still in very restricted circumstances.

We are becoming more frustrated and possibly a little less understanding. We notice that shops and restaurants seem to have more freedom than our Churches do. I don't have an answer for this, but I do know that the Bishops of NSW have been very persistent in lobbying the Federal and State Governments to relax further the restrictions that have been place on gathering in our Churches.

What I do know is what I see.

The Holy Spirit has been poured out upon us.

I see people showing practical care and concern towards others; joyful at being able to go to Mass and visit the

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, AMEN.

Church; rebuilding social networks that had been forgotten or lost and YES crying a fullhearted "Alleluia" for all that the Holy Spirit has accomplished in us and will continue to do.

We pray with fresh fervor the response to the Psalm "Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth"

## GOSPEL REFLECTION - The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us.

Pentecost, seen as the birthday of the Christian Church, is the culmination of Eastertide. It is the day when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the start of the Church's mission to the world - a mission to bring people to God.

We hear of this in the **Gospel**, when the risen Jesus comes to the disciples in the locked room bringing peace. He shows them his wounds, encouraging them to believe that he is indeed risen from the dead, and sends them out.

In the First Reading the disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, bringing them courage and the ability to speak different languages. Now they can reach out to all nations, telling the peoples about God.

The **Psalm** praises God's greatness, celebrating all the riches and goodness that the Spirit freely gives to 'renew the face of the earth'.

The **Second** Reading speaks of the gifts that God's Spirit gives to each one of us. Working together in different ways towards a common aim, Paul compares us to a human body – each part working towards the well-being of the whole.

As we celebrate Pentecost and the birthday of the Church, we might like to reflect on the particular role that God has for each one of us. This week, I might ponder the contribution that I myself can make to the mission of the Church, and to all those around me. Pathways to God 2020



Facebook- manlyfreshwaterparish Saturday 5pm Mass **Youtube** – access through playlist Saturday 6pm Mass.



Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225 Principal: Paul McGuire St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699 Principal: Judy Slattery St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 Principal: Chris Browne Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

June 2020	Year A
Mon 1/6 – Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
	Gen 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34
Tue 2/6 – 9th week in Ordinary Time 2 Pet 3:11-15, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17	
Wed 3/6 – Charles Lwanga	2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thurs 4/6 – 9th week of Easter	2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Fri 5/6 – St Boniface	2 Tim 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Sat 6/6 – 9th week of Easter	2 Tim 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
Sun 7/6 – The Most Holy Trinity	
Ex 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18	

#### LET US PRAY FOR

31st May 2020

Recently Deceased: Norman Cummins;

Anniversary: Anita Lo Cascio

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Eugenia Cavazzoni, Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; John Beninati; Jill Carmichael; Maurie Fowler; Stephen Robertson



Pope Francis Prayer belongs to everyone: to men and women of every religion, and probably even to those who profess no religion. Prayer is born within the secrecy of our being, in that interior place that spiritual writers often call the "heart". #GeneralAudience

#### Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati & Paula Martin Pastoral Coordinator: Michelle Ellis

#### Administration Office:

After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010 Presbytery: 9977 2100 manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au www.bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am - 11am

#### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

#### Parish facebook:

facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

YouTube: Manlyfreshwaterparish

#### Or bit.ly/2EIGEu7 or frpaulkim

(one word with no space). You can view the YouTube videos thru the parish facebook, click on the link

#### Parish website:

## bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

**HOLY WATER** – Blessed "holy water" is really Easter water, the water of Baptism. Fr David has blessed holy water which is available to anyone who would like to bring a container to collect some. The Urn with the water is in the foyer of the Church.



Home Delivery – If you know someone who would like a bulletin delivered please call the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

#### THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Now available to everyone online at www.catholicweekly.com.au

Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 10am - 11am in the Parish Church at Manly

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



#### St Vincent De Paul Notice during **COVID-19 lockdown**

For assistance with food, clothing or other emergencies please call St

Vincent de Paul Northern Beaches Regional Office 9905 0424.

If you would like to donate nonperishable food, it can be dropped off at 684 Pittwater Road, Brookvalerear entrance (off the carpark)

If you wish to donate clothing it will be accepted at the SVDP Shop Brookvale, Rogers Street, between 9am – 3pm.



## **Act of Spiritual** Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Sunday and Weekday Masses...

In response to the NSW Government's announcement of a 3-step plan to ease restrictions imposed due to COVID19, the following adjustments in the Parish are being introduced on a trial basis:

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**St Mary's Church, Manly** – There will be 2 Masses daily from Tuesday to Friday celebrated at 9.15am and 12 noon.

**St John the Baptist Church** There will be 1 Mass daily from Tuesday to Friday celebrated at 9.15am

### WEEKEND MASSES

**St Mary's Church, Manly** – There will be 4 Masses celebrated over the weekend:

Saturday - Vigil 6pm

**Sunday** – 8.30am, 10.30am and 6pm.

**St John the Baptist Church** - There will be 2 Mass celebrated over the weekend:

Saturday Vigil 5pm

#### Sunday – 9am

**SIGN-UP AT OFFICE** – Those wishing to attend a particular weekday or weekend Mass please call into the Parish Office or phone (9977 5822) between 9.00am and 4pm to book.

Please note that no more than 10 people may attend Mass at any one time

**Please observe the following Guidelines.** If you have registered to attend a Mass at Manly or Freshwater we ask that you kindly observe the following guidelines:

- Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before Mass is due to commence.
- When you arrive your name will be marked off the register (a requirement of the NSW Government).
- You must use the hand sanitizer provided and observe social distancing at all time.
- Please sit only on the plastic chairs at the front of the Churches.
- Please observe social distancing at Holy Communion, which will only be given in the hand.
- During the Masses the Church doors will be closed.
- If you are feeling unwell please do not attend the Mass you are registered for and advise the Parish Office, so as to allow someone else on the waiting list to attend.



**Online Mass** will continue to be stream each weekend. Details on can be found on the front page.

**PRIVATE PRAYER** Churches will be open for private prayer, with a limit of 10 people in the church at any one time. Parishioners will need to 'sign in' each time they visit and print their name, phone number and the time on the sheet provided or advise the Parish Office, follow social distancing rules, and use hand sanitiser on arrival and departure.



#### The Mass is streamed live each Week here are some suggestions on how to watch the Mass online in a spiritual and fruitful way:

- Prepare yourself and take time out of your Saturday night or Sunday to watch the Mass.
- Create a prayer space:
  - Include symbols such as a Cross, Rosary beads, a Bible or even flowers;
  - o Light a candle;
  - Foster an atmosphere that allows for reflection, praise, thanksgiving and intercession.
- Be fully present and participate in the Mass as much as possible
  - Make the Sign of the Cross;
  - Sit down, stand and kneel at the appropriate times;
  - o Join in the responses as you would normally;
  - o Read the Readings for the Mass;
  - Sing hymns and songs;
  - Recite the prayer for spiritual communion.
  - Remain in silence and reflect prayerfully

## GROUPS MEETING AGAIN

Our Meeting rooms are now able to be used again, with strict guidelines from the Government. Please contact the Parish Office if your group wishes to resume meetings.

Each person in your meeting, must sign in with name and phone number, as per Government requirements. Only 10 people are permitted to attend.



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**Craft Group** meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina groups meets

Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

### SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH DURING COVID-19

Even though the Church are open we are limited to the number on 10 who can gather together at each Mass. Much of the life of the parish is continuing. Most of our parish income comes from your donations given at Mass, either in planned giving envelopes, direct debit or loose on the second collection as well as your generous support of our Priests through the first collection.

During this time we ask those of you who normally make their offerings in cash or through the envelopes on the plate, to please consider using our Planned Giving Program by **Credit Card.** If you would like to contribute by Credit Card please contact the Parish Office on or phone on 9977 5822.

Alternatively, you can make a donation **directly to our Parish Bank Accounts**. (details below)

direct deposit

Parish Bank Account -2nd collection funds the running of the Parish

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank

Acc# 13958001

BSB: 062 784 Please include your name as reference or envelope number

Parish Bank Account -1st collection Support of our Priests

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Acc# 13958002 BSB - 062 784

Your regular donation will give the parish a reliable income so that we can be here to support people who are in need right now, and to be ready for you when we can worship and celebrate the Liturgy again together.

I am very grateful for your continued prayers and support. You are in my daily prayers. *Fr David* 



## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Thank you for your continued connection.

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

#### Our shortfall for this financial year is \$10,000.

## Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Click on this link to give to CWF www.givenow.com.au/cwf or deposit into our account

Acc Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Acc# 13958001

BSB: 062 784 Please include your name and CWF as the reference



## **PIETY STORE MANLY**

As You are aware the Church is closed but the Piety store will continue to operate. If you would like to purchase any items please call into the Parish Office during working

hours. The Piety Store has a wide range of goods including Bibles, Divine Mercy items, rosaries, CD's and much more

**First Reconciliation** During the week some of the Parish Children will be making their First Holy Communion. Please remember the Children and their families in your prayers. The Children from St Mary's and St John's will be make their First Reconciliation in the coming weeks. Further information will be sent home next week.

We will also be commencing our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programs in the near future (dates to be advised).



**Pope Francis to pray the rosary with the Shrines of the world -** The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announces that Pope Francis is to join Marian world to pray to the Virgin Mary for

sanctuaries across the world, to pray to the Virgin Mary for help amidst the pandemic.

"Devoted and with one accord to prayer, together with Mary (cf. Acts 1:14)". On this theme Pope Francis will lead the recitation of the Rosary on Saturday 30 May, joining the Marian Shrines of the world which, due to the health emergency, have had to interrupt their normal activities and pilgrimages. The Pope will once again be close to humanity in prayer, to ask the Virgin Mary for help amid the pandemic. The prayer will be broadcast live to the world from the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens at **5.30pm Rome time**.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization that promotes the initiative, has given dozens of rosaries to families and individuals who represent the areas most involved and most affected by the coronavirus pandemic. These include doctors and nurses, recovered patients and people who have suffered a loss, a hospital chaplain, a pharmacist and a journalist, a Civil Defence volunteer with his family and a family who welcomed their newest member into the world during this difficult time. They will all be present to express hope. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization writes that at the end of this Marian month, Pope Francis will place the sorrows of all humanity at the feet of our heavenly Mother, certain that she will not fail to help

The largest sanctuaries of the five continents will be connected online. These include Lourdes, Fatima, Lujan, Milagro, Guadalupe, San Giovanni Rotondo and Pompeii. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, sent out a letter addressed to the rectors of the shrines to invite them to organise and promote this special moment of prayer in accordance with current health regulations and relevant time zones.

## Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay

26 May 2020 My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In a sermon on Pentecost Sunday given by Pope Leo the Great in the fifth century, the Pontiff and Saint reminded the faithful, "The Spirit's work is still continued in the Church".

He said that it is the Spirit who "sanctifies the whole Church and quickens every rational soul". The same Spirit "is the Inspirer of the Faith, the Teacher of Knowledge, the Fount of Love, the Seal of Chastity, and the Cause of all Power". (cf. Pope Leo the Great, Sermon 75)

These wise and sensible words are as valid today as they were in the fifth century. The great challenge that each one of us faces is to believe them and in so doing, to allow the Spirit to use us in His work of the renewal and the sanctification of our Church and our world. The Spirit is at work in the community of the Church in Broken Bay and in each one of us, his faithful disciples.

Sometimes, there is a temptation to make our faith something rather sophisticated by quoting rules and regulations or theological essays or articles. Do not get me wrong, I am not anti-education. I am the first to encourage people to read more about the faith, to study more deeply, what we believe. However, if our newly acquired knowledge tempts us to think that we are sophisticated in the faith, the temptation might also be to establish a false hierarchy of discipleship where some are perceived to be "better" than others. That is something to be avoided.

As we approach the great feast of Pentecost this Sunday, might we see these days as a time of preparation for faithful discipleship? I think that in a simple kind of way God desires to reveal to us, the living disciples of Christ, the action of His Spirit in us and in our community.

It is encouraging to remember that the Spirit is given to all people – men and women, girls and boys, young and old, weak and strong. Saint Paul reminds us that the Spirit will come to our aid in our human weakness. During his mission and ministry, Paul was constantly confronted with difficulties, challenges and resistance. And yet, he constantly emboldened the community by reminding them that the Spirit enlightens our minds and hearts so that we might hear the words of Jesus, and in this way we will be led – and we will also lead others – to the all-embracing encounter with God our Father.

Over these coming days, I pray that the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit will be with you and your families.

## Plenary Council assemblies set for 2021 & 2022

The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will now take place in October 2021 & April 2022.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference last week decided to postpone the opening assembly by 12 months, with it now to be held in October 2021. Adelaide remains the venue for the first assembly. The second assembly will be in Sydney in April 2022.

"Mindful of the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, it was felt that delaying the first assembly by a full year would provide some certainty that travel and social distancing guidelines will have been lifted for the assembly," said Plenary Council President Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB. "Just as importantly, we believe that period of time will allow for an adequate period of preparation for the delegates and the Catholic community.

"The postponement was an unfortunate speed bump on the Church's path to the Plenary Council assemblies, but we are committed to using this extra time wisely."Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said the continuing preparation for the Council will take on some new characteristics, shaped by the experience of the pandemic.

"A program of webinars, podcasts and other multimedia projects will be rolled out in the latter half of 2020 to help the People of God explore and share about how they respond to the Spirit and live out their own call to mission – as individuals and collectively," she said."The material will be both formative and dialogical to help parishes, families, workplaces and other Catholic communities and organisations consider the unique contribution they make to the life and mission of the Church."

The next step on that journey will come next week at Pentecost, when the papers prepared by the Discernment and Writing Groups will be released.

Each group was tasked with writing a document on one of the six national themes for discernment, which emerged from the voices of more than 220,000 people who participated in the Council's Listening and Dialogue phase.

The papers draw upon Scripture, magisterial and papal teaching, Catholic tradition and relevant practices from beyond the Church, as well as responses received during the Listening and Discernment phase.

"These papers are the fruits of communal discernment and provide a major focus for our continued prayer and reflection. They represent another significant step in our national discernment process as we move towards the working document, or Instrumentum Laboris, for the Council assemblies and the Council agenda," Archbishop Costelloe said. "We sincerely thank the chairs and members of the Discernment and Writing Groups for their contribution and we ask all the faithful to continue to pray for the Church in Australia as we travel through the pandemic and towards October 2021."



## Pentecost Sunday – 31st May 2020

#### **First Reading**

Acts 2:1-11 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 (JB)*

# R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. R.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. R.

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** Sequence Acclamation (JB)

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore. With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us joys that never end.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 20:19-23 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

# As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

