

MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April 2024

DIVINE MERCY HOUR

SUNDAY 7th of April 2.00pm - 4.00pm



- Procession
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
- Sacrament of confession
- Adoration with St Faustina's Diary
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Benediction
- Veneration of St Faustina's relic
- Blessings of Divine Mercy Images



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St Mary's Church, 6 Raglan St, Manly



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

was celebrated yesterday at Manly and Freshwater.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 18th May 2024 at 10am & 12noon. Both ceremonies will be held at St Mary's Church, Manly.

The Sacramental Program will commence at the Preparation Masses on weekend 27/28 April.

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



esus, 7 trust in You

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" 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; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Bill Hipkiss; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Curll; Maria Vasile; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Mary Hetenyi

Dates to remember...

Anniversary:

- Anointing Mass Fri 5 April at 9:15am
- First Holy Communion Sat 6 April at 11am
- Divine Mercy Sunday 7 April at 2pm 4pm
- Spanish Prayer Group Fri 12 April at 6pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady

Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am





CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS – 6pm – 7.30pm

Quiet Prayer, Adoration and reconciliation will

be available 6pm – 7pm concluding with Benediction



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.



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April: For the Role of Women This month's prayer intention is "that the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an

end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world."



The Northern Beaches Catholic Young Adults Community (NBCYAC) will be meeting at The Sands Hotel, Narrabeen at 7pm on Saturday the 13th

April. The NBCYAC seeks to bring the Young Adult Catholics of the peninsula together in fellowship, love of Christ and mission in Him for those aged 18-35.

If you would like to attend, or would like to know more about the NBCYAC, please contact Richard Heasman at riheasman@gmail.com and he will be happy to add you to the WhatsApp group.

PIETY STORE

Love and Mercy: Faustina. An excellent docudrama (2019) on the incredible true story of St Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy, \$20 at the piety store.

The battle within – sin and how to fight it – Jeff Cavins. Fascinating insights on the 4 major wounds that inflict us all and 3 secret weapons to help us overcome sin and serve the Lord from a place of freedom and love. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



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.

PILOT PROGRAM –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this.

The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

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

- 1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
- 2. Collection plates during Mass
- Tap and Go machines using your credit/debit card or EFTPOS Terminals.



- 4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
- 5. Direct into Parish Bank Accounts
 - 2nd collection Parish Bank Account Funds the running of the Parish



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• **1st collection** Supports our Priests
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
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HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.

Manly Catenians Dinner 18 April 2024 at St Kieran's Parish Centre 7 pm

Members of the Parish Community are cordially invited to attend this event when a very special guest speaker will tell all about the wonders of AI-Artificial Intelligence.

Cody McCarney, the grandson of our North Harbour Parish stalwarts Anne and John McCarney, is a young entrepreneur and the Director of DecodesAI, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) consulting firm at the forefront of harnessing AI to reshape the way that we interact, learn, and experiment using technology.

In his upcoming talk, Cody will explore what AI is, its transformative impact over the past year, and offer us a glimpse into a future where AI reshapes the business landscape and maybe our lives forever.

A 2 Course Dinner will be provided at a cost of \$45 .BYO drinks.

If you wish to attend please contact Romano Donato -<u>romano@romanodidonato.com.au</u> by Friday 12 April 2024. Payments details can be provided."

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 MANLY community.



PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

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

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble on Thursday 18th April 2024. There is plenty of parking available in the Parish car park.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting. Following the meeting Father Aldrin will be our guest speaker, his topic will be "What is a Church".

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on **0478 083 116** or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

Gospel Reflection

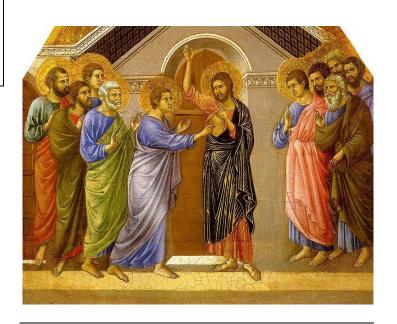
The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter (for all three years of the Lectionary cycle) is "act 2" of John's Easter drama.

Scene 1 takes place on Easter night. The terrified disciples are huddled together, realizing that they are marked men because of their association with the criminal Jesus. The Risen Jesus appears in their midst with his greeting of "peace." John clearly has the Genesis story in mind when the evangelist describes Jesus as "breathing" the Holy Spirit on his disciples: Just as God created man and woman by breathing life into them (Genesis 2: 7), the Risen Christ re-creates humankind by breathing the new life of the Holy Spirit upon the eleven.

In scene 2, the disciples excitedly tell the justreturned Thomas of what they had seen. Thomas responds to the news with understandable skepticism. Thomas had expected the cross (see John 11: 16 and 14: 5) – and no more.

The climactic third scene takes place one week later, with Jesus' second appearance to the assembled community – this time with Thomas present. He invites Thomas to examine his wounds and to "believe." Christ's blessing in response to Thomas' profession of faith exalts the faith of every Christian of every age who "believes without seeing"; all Christians who embrace the Spirit of the Risen One possess a faith that is in no way different less than that of the first disciples. The power of the Resurrection transcends time and place.

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EASTER CEREMONIES

It was wonderful to see so many gathered to remember and celebrate the Triduum at Manly and Freshwater. We welcomed Kit into the Manly Freshwater Parish community through baptism at the Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you to all those who joined in the Easter Vigil Supper, it was a great celebration.

Holy Thursday:

Jesus Passion by SMM school.

Holy Thursday evening:

The Last Supper

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross by our Youth and Young Adults groups

Easter Vigil: Baptism of Kit

Have you noticed our **Easter flowers?** They are tiny but may be the beginning of something bigger – blooming around the church.

Easter Sunday: Young Adults Easter lunch.

HOLY THURSDAY - THE LAST SUPPER







STATIONS OF THE CROSS







Youth and Young Adults Group



EASTER VIGIL MASS











EASTER SUNDAY LUNCH



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, it is an annual feast honouring devotion to Christ's tender mercy for all humanity





Why Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations of Saint Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, the Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Saint John Paul II at the canonization of St Faustina on 30^{th} April 2000.

Jesus expressed His will with regard to the feast in His very first revelation to St Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699.

"My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be a scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday of Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of my mercy.



Divine Mercy information leaflets are available at the Church entrances.

Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches

There is still time to register your attendance!

Join us for an online **Briefing Circle** on 9 April to learn more about the Northern Beaches, Pastoral Discernment project.

At this one-hour online gathering, participants will learn more about the project and ways in which you can participate, you will also be provided with the opportunity to ask questions and share your hopes. There are two sessions that are repeated, so please choose one of the following options when registering.

- 11am Tuesday, 9 April
- 7pm Tuesday, 9 April.

Register here Once registered, you will receive a follow-up email with the Zoom link for your chosen session in the coming days.

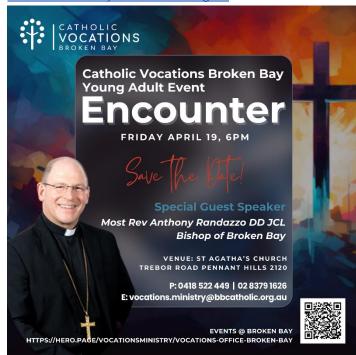
For questions about the project, contact Patti Beattie, Director of Pastoral Discernment and Accompaniment, via email at PDNB@bbcatholic.org.au

Encounter - Young Adult Event

Join us for an unforgettable evening of spiritual growth and community at Encounter, our upcoming young adult event! On Friday, April 19, starting at 6pm, we'll begin with Holy Hour and Reconciliation, followed by a delicious dinner and a special guest speaker, Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

This is a fantastic opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with other young adults, and be inspired by Bishop Randazzo's insights. To secure your spot, please RSVP by April 15.

Don't miss out on this enriching experience! RSVP by contacting the Vocations Office at 0418 522 449 or 02 83791626, or email us at vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au.



Vocations Office Events



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Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - Year B

First Reading Acts 4:32-35 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24*

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone, this is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, 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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Parish Pastoral Council:

Michael McGrath (Chair); Ivica Covic (Deputy

Chair); John Zemek (Deputy Chair); Val Buono; Patricia Carroll Margaret Dent; 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 & Freshwater

Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: please contact the parish office **Reconciliation**: *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

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