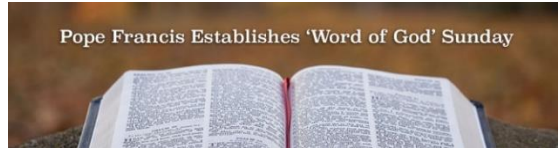




MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

Diocese of Broken Bay



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 26th January 2020

Our Catholic liturgical calendar has a new celebration – **Sunday of the Word of God** which is celebrated this weekend for the first time. In September 2019 Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.

At all the Masses this weekend we will commission our Readers and CCD Scripture Teachers and Helpers.

Blessing of Readers and Catechists Word of God Sunday (Invite Readers and Catechists to come forward)

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of the universe and Father of all:
you have called us to serve you and praise you
in the family of the Church.
Look with mercy on these women and men
who are prepared to proclaim your word,
and to lead your people closer to your teaching and to grow in faith.
Bless + them, and purify their hearts this day
so that they may always live what they proclaim.
Help them to be men and women of faith and prayer,
guided by your Spirit and filled with your love.
Let them share their faith and love
with their families, their friends, their students,
at home, in the classroom, and in our community.
Loving Father, listen to our prayer,
which we offer through Christ our Lord, in your Holy Spirit:
All glory to you, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor
Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Kim
Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati
Paula Martin
Pastoral Coordinator: Michelle Ellis
Administration Office:
Mon – Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm
Fri: 9am – 4pm
6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095
Tel: 9977 5822 / 8379 1720
After Hours Urgent Sick Calls:
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Presbytery: 9977 2100
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au
www.bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

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
**Liturgy of the Word and
Holy Communion**
Manly: Monday 9:15am
Freshwater: Monday 9:15am

Mary Immaculate Church
6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095
St John the Baptist Church
cnr Johnson & Oliver St,
Freshwater NSW 2096
Baptisms: *by appointment only*
Manly 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month
Reconciliation:
Manly Sat 10am – 11am
Freshwater Sat 4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS

Thank You for your financial support of our
Priests and Parish Community
The 1st Collection is for the financial support
of our priests.
The 2nd Collection is for the maintenance &
running costs of our Parish Community.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January Prayer intention for
evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace We pray that Christians, followers
of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice
in the world.

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

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.

Parish Pastoral Council: Laurie de Ambrosis; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Paul Pervan; Ian Press
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

January 2020

Year A

Mon 27/1 – 3rd week Ordinary Time	2 Sam 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30
Tue 28/1 – St Thomas Aquinas	2 Sam 6:12-15,17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wed 29/1 – 3rd week Ordinary Time	2 Sam 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thurs 30/1 – 3rd week Ordinary Time	2 Sam 7:18-19,24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Fri 31/1 – St John Bosco	2 Sam 11:1-10,13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Sat 1/2 – 3rd week Ordinary Time	2 Sam 12:1-7,10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sun 2/2 – Presentation of the Lord	Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

LET US PRAY FOR

26th January 2020

Recently Deceased: Joy Ehrlich; Noel Corrigan

Anniversary: Phillip Eric Arena

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Zacchaeus Emmanuel Joseph Ratnam; Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Les Reilly

Mass Intention Publications: All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.



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

Please **TURN OFF** your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages



St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.



Children's Liturgy is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



Pope Francis In the Christian life, it is not enough to be knowledgeable: unless we step out of ourselves, unless we worship, we cannot not know God. Christian life is a love story with God.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **School Staff Mass** Tues 28th Jan @ 9:15am
- **Crazy Whist Cards** Tues 28th Jan @ 10am
- **RCIA** Tues 28th Jan @ 7pm
- **PPC Meeting** Wed 29th Jan @ 7pm

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS



FRESHWATER: will resume Sunday 2nd February 2020

MANLY: following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.

"PARKING IN MANLY CHURCHYARD" During the Holiday Season please be aware of extra cars and safety in the Church yard. If you are able to use the Council car parks (first 2hrs free) please do so as this will leave the Church car park free for those less agile.

PLEASE NOTE: PARKING IS ONLY PERMITTED IN THE MARKED BAYS...NO STACK PARKING!!!!



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.



FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading. You can view it through YouTube – search frpaulkim (one word with no space).

Prayer in time of Bush Fire and Drought

Hear our prayers, O God, for the effort to quench the fires that rage in our land; and, sustaining our spirits, keep us graciously from all harm and give success to the work of our hands.

O God, Lord of all creation, by whose power the whole earth came to be, look upon our parched land, we pray, and bestow upon it abundant rain, that pastures, fields and paddocks may by your goodness thrive once more. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



AUSTRALIA DAY 26th January

This is the date of the arrival in 1788 of the first European settlers in Australia. The liturgy marks Australia's national day with prayers seeking God's blessing on all its peoples, old and new. The liturgy prays for harmony and respect among all Australians and commends the nation and its leaders to God's care.



Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

As part of the Catholic Church's national response to the bushfire crisis, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has announced,

"Parishes across the country will be taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to the Vinnies' bushfire appeal."

Due to the urgency of this crisis, St Vincent de Paul have been unable to prepare envelopes for this appeal.

Donations can be made the following ways:

Option 1 – Bank Deposit

Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia Inc

BSB: 062 000 | Account Number: 171 832 17

Reference: CDBUSHFIRE20

If a receipt is required, email the following details to Admin@svdp.org.au: Name of person seeking a receipt; Name of Church entity (e.g. parish name and suburb); Date the deposit was made; Amount of deposit; and Contact details – postal address or email account.

Option 2: Online donation

Follow the prompts to make your donation.

online at www.bushfireappeal.com.au.

Option 3: – Envelopes (Christmas)

Christmas Appeal envelope located at the church entrances please mark the envelope clearly with "BUSHFIRE".

Donations raised will go directly to people effected by the bushfires. More information may be obtained at the diocesan website

www.bbcatholic.org/givebushfires/resources.

Thank you for your help and generosity.

Mick O'Farrell
President

Freshwater Conference

Bruce Whittet
President

Manly Conference



This Sunday – 6pm Mass at Manly.

we will be celebrating with the young people who attended the

Australian Catholic Youth Festival and we would like to invite all young people to come along. Please join us for supper following the Mass.

Youth Masses will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the 6pm Mass in Manly.

WHIST



Crazy Whist Card morning will be held this Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 10am in the parish meeting room. All welcome to come along and join in the fun. Small donation towards lunch is appreciated.



WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We have a wonderful PPC here at Manly Freshwater who works closely with our Priests and the parish community. As we commence a new year we would like to invite you to consider coming on board.

Our first meeting for 2020 will be held on

Wednesday 29 January

at 7pm in the parish centre.

Your contribution would be very welcome



We are currently seeking more Catechists and Helpers for our CCD Classes in 2020

What is a Catechist?

A Catechist is someone who is from our Parish Community who volunteers

- To teach and share their faith with the Children in our local government schools.
- Has a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.

What is involved?

To be a Catechist you need to be able to:

- Give around 1 hour each week to share your faith in a local government school.
- Do a little bit of preparation at home, using the lesson resources and work books provided for students and the catechist.
- Participate in some training and support offered from time to time.

Who can be a Catechist?

- Catechists come in all shapes, ages and from all walks of life, reflecting the rich tapestry of our Church.
- Many Catechists start as a classroom helper and from there are eager to take on a class themselves

If you put your hand up to be involved you will be really well supported with training and resources.

Currently we have classes at all our schools that do not have a Teacher or Helper so please consider joining our wonderful team.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact

Laurie: 9949 7750 (Manly) or

Toni: 9905 2894 (Freshwater)



MANLY MORNING TEA ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

We require assistance on the 4th & 5th Sunday for the morning teas following the 10:30am Mass. If you can assist please contact the parish office.

Sacramental Dates for 2020

Parent Information evening for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- Manly – Tuesday 18th February at 7pm
- Freshwater – Tuesday 25th February at 7pm

Reconciliation

- Tues 24th March – Manly
- Wed 25th March – Freshwater

Program commences weekend of the 1st March

First Holy Communion Sunday 31st May

Program commences weekend of 3rd May

Confirmation Sunday 30 August

The Craft Group have been busily knitting Pouches which will be donated to Wires for the wildlife that have been injured in the fires. The group is in need of **8 ply pure wool**. Please drop the wool to the Parish Office.

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month "St Giuseppe Moscati"

A beautiful Italian film. An aristocrat and academic accredited for discovering insulin as a cure for diabetes. A doctor who touched thousands of people's lives. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

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No Cash! Tap and Go Units for your convenience are near the doors. Units set at \$10 and \$20
Thank you for your generous support.



PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Mon 6pm – 6:45pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Monday to Friday from 9:45am -11am Adoration on Wed continues from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm in the Parish Room and Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater 1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

HEALING MASS with Alan Ames on Tues 4th Feb at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

FEBRUARY 2020 Roster – FRESHWATER

Ministry	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	
	1st – 2nd February	8th – 9th February	15th – 16th February	22nd – 23rd February	
	<i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
5pm Vigil	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ian Press	Lou Maruca	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press
	Readers	Shirley Abbott	Amanda Whitfield	Assistance Req	Amanda Whitfield
	Ministers of Communion	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca
	Music	CD's	CD's	CD's	CD's
	AV Screens	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
	Acolyte/Snr Server	Mick O'Farrell	Joanne Druery	Lou Maruca	Amorina Wright
9am Mass	Readers	Claire Mullane	Toni Walsh	Pam Brown Luke Campbell	Joshua Wright Jasmine Wright
	Ministers of Communion	John Dunn	Toni Walsh	Toni Walsh	Toni Walsh
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca
	Altar Society	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	Marg Norrie Meg Storey	Mary Ann Marles	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza
	Morning Tea	Andy & Becky	Feledy family	Raymond family	Brigid, Lynn, Wright family
	Children's Liturgy	Jackie Feledy	Rena Curl	Assistance Required	Leanne Ippolito

FEBRUARY 2020 Roster – MANLY

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822

Mass Times	Ministry	Week 1 1st – 2nd February	Week 2 8th – 9th February	Week 3 15th – 16th February	Week 4 22nd – 23rd February
		<i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
6pm Vigil	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ron Gravolin	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Freya Zemek
	Junior Server		Bernie Lawler		
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese John Stapleton	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	John Stapleton Bill Tango
	Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni
	Music	tbc	CD's	Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson
	Warden	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek
	Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis
8:30am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Patty Thomas Sonia Zadro	Rita Bruzzese Anne Walton	Patty Thomas Assistance Required	Jan Van Den Broek Assistance Required
	Ministers of Communion	Mary Prager Assistance Required	Tiere Morgan	Judith O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Madeleine Le Surf Tiere Morgan
	Music	Parish Choir	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	Warden	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina
	Piety Shop	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Veronica	Jan Dorsen
	Morning Tea	Assistance Required	Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Lynn Parkes	Lynn Parkes
	Children's Liturgy				
10:30am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Louise Wareham	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin	Ron Gravolin
	Junior Server	Iona & Teresa Hearn			Bernie Lawler Iona & Teresa Hearn
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Jean Halcrow	Jane Fonua Therese Hava	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Ministers of Communion	Assistance Required	Kim McGrath Liana & Shaun Hearn	Jan Dorsen Liana & Shaun Hearn	Assistance Required
	Music	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall
	AV Screens	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Warden	David Hala	Marika Jones	David Hala	Peter Bartolotta
	Piety Shop	Maria Condomitti	Maria Condomitti	Anne Gaughan Kim McGrath	Anne Gaughan Kim McGrath
	Morning Tea	Tina & Sokee	Filipino Group	Tongan Community	
6pm Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic
	Server	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill	Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan	Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill
	Readers	Maddie Gale Simon Cahill	Paul Novak Sandie Cornish	Maddie Gale Tbc	Family Mass
	Ministers of Communion	Michael Wan Kieran Wan	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Richard Heasman	Pam Rawson
	Music	Youth Mass	Josh Willard	Youth Mass	Family Mass
	AV Screens	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Family Mass
	Warden	Mark Wall	Stephen Crowley	Mark Bateman	Family Mass
	Piety Shop	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy



Tuesday 21 January 2020

Letter from the Vicar General – 2020 Australia Day Message

Dear brothers and friends,

As Bishop Anthony is currently on leave, it is my privilege to write to you again – now on the approach of the Australia Day weekend. I thank you for taking to heart my recent letter about how we might best frame our response as a Diocese to the national bushfire crisis, for the way in which our parish communities have prayed for the relief we now experience, and for the manner our neighbourhoods have prepared to contribute financially to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal being conducted in all our parishes this coming weekend.

This weekend we mark a number of important occasions. We commit by action to respond to those who have been so deeply affected by the crisis that has marked our nation over the last number of months; we commemorate Australia Day and the momentous turn the land in which we live took with the beginnings of European settlement in the late 18th century, mindful of the impact this had for our First Peoples. Throughout our Church, we also celebrate Word of God Sunday recently initiated by Pope Francis to make us more mindful of the power of God's Word, especially as it is proclaimed to us through our rich tradition of Scripture which speaks with ever new and fresh possibility to us.

The Word of God comes to us in the texts of Scripture in a unique and unrepeatable way. Above all, God speaks to us in Jesus, the one Word ever uttered by the Father as the 16th century St John of the Cross taught. However, God speaks to us, through Christ, in other diverse ways. At his funeral, just prior to Christmas, my father asked a saying to be placed in the front cover of the Mass booklet, "Lord, I've read your Gospel not in the Bible alone." I do not know where he discovered it, but it conveys how God is always speaking to us: in the depths of our hearts and consciences; through our relationships; and through the events of our experience. In our discipleship, Mary the Mother of the Word teaches us to live in expectation and openness of this voice of God – to receive this Word with both humility and possibility, and to nurture it with both attention and care.

The circumstances of this summer have been a word to us in Australia we cannot ignore. It is a word that calls for our response. We cannot go further into the new year without attending to the difficult questions about the changes to our climate and their impact on our landscape, wildlife, communities and livelihood. Hearing this word, we cannot avoid the responsibility that belongs to each of us to live and to act in a different way for the sake of our environment. Though we have been blessed these days with some relief from the intensity of the crisis, we must face now its long-term impact. The lives of people and communities have been irrevocably changed. The environmental, emotional and economic implications are simply enormous and will endure well into the future. This, too, must be a word to us that not only stirs our compassion, but which also galvanizes social and political action to effect real change.

Over these months we have witnessed extraordinary service and courage. Our firefighters and all those who have been involved on the frontline of this national crisis deserve our utmost esteem and gratitude. They have taught us best what being Australian means. They, too, are a word to us just as are the many stories of community support that the tragedy has narrated. We can express our gratitude most by learning from them. We best honour our memory of their selflessness by working together to bring about something different for our country so that the future might present with hope rather than anxiety. May this be the commitment of our celebration of Australia Day this year. May our commemoration be one of special reflection, of particular invitation, and bear the opportunity for a new way of living in this land so ancient and for which we have stewardship in concert with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters from whom we must always learn and journey forward together.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Very Rev Dr David Ranson,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ranson".

Vicar General



AUSTRALIA DAY READINGS - Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 32:15-18 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The effect of justice will be peace.

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land; and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

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

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

R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

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 up 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 *1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (JB)*

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

One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

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. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of

healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

Gospel Acclamation *cf Matthew 11:25 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Jesus began to speak to the crowds. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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