

Diocese of Broken Bay

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

The Epiphany of the Lord – 6/01/2019

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Mary Immaculate Church

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,

Freshwater NSW 2096

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

Baptisms: by appointment only

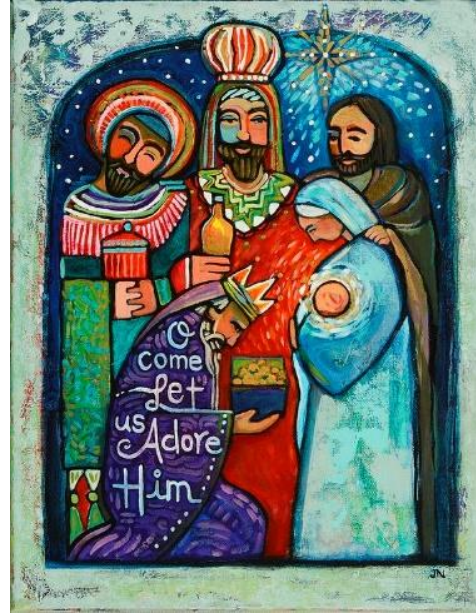
Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation:

Manly Sat 10am – 11am

Freshwater Sat 4:30pm



Epiphany is showing the new works of God. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, we see in the newborn child, the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to seek God and truth, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

The readings stress two main themes. First, there is the inclusivity of God's saving work in the world. All of the readings speak of the diverse groups that are drawn into God's grace and glory in one way or another (the nations, wealthy and poor, powerful and oppressed, Jew and Gentile). Secondly, there is the worship and the offering of gifts that accompany the experience of being included. It is significant that, at the start of his human life, the one who is God's gift to the world, who brings God's grace and salvation to humanity, first receives the worship and the gifts of humanity. It is also significant that the ones who bring those gifts are those who would have been excluded from the worship of God in the Temple – Gentile foreigners. The message here is twofold: the incarnate Christ has come for all humanity, not just a particular national or religious group, and the glory of God, reflected in the incarnate God-child, teaches us that God's glory is also reflected in all humanity; no one is excluded from the grace and glory of God.

Every church community, and every person longs for the light of God's glory and blessing to shine on them. When our focus is on serving, empowering, standing with, and loving those around us, with no particular expectation of their response, then they sense this too, and are drawn to the Christ they see in us – rather than to any particular doctrine, church or theological position. If Epiphany is about God's glory filling the world, it must happen through our Christlike love and service.

Sacredise 2018.

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.

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.

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Freya Zemek

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **Parish Office Opens** Mon 7th Jan 2019
- **RCIA** Tues 15th January @ 7pm
- **Meditation Group** Mondays @ 6pm
- **Book Club Group** Tuesdays @ 10am
- **Craft Group** Tuesdays @ 10am
- **Lectio Divina** Wednesdays @ 10am

SUNDAY MORNING TEAS

FRESHWATER: following the Sunday 9am Mass each weekend. Having a break from 23rd Dec '18 until 20th Jan '19



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.



There is NO parking in the fenced in area next to the Church from 10:30am – 3:30pm weekdays. The Churchyard parking along Raglan St is only for visitors to the Parish Centre or the Church. Please be aware that the Churchyard is also used by the School and the safety of the students is our priority.

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.

January

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Mon 7/1 – Week of Christmas Time	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tue 8/1 – Week of Christmas Time	1 Jn 4L7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wed 9/1 – Week of Christmas Time	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thurs 10/1 – Week of Christmas Time	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22
Fri 11/1 – Week of Christmas Time	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Sat 12/1 – Week of Christmas Time	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sun 13/1 – The Baptism of the Lord	Is 40:1-5,9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

LET US PRAY FOR

6th January 2019

Recently Deceased & Anniversary

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Kay Flenady; Paul Miller; Majella McLoughlin; Anita Lo Casio; Stephen Taylor; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Cate Flint; Carmel Keys

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.

THE JANUARY ROSTER IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH



New Parish email addresses are noted on Page 2 of the bulletin. The Parish Office is now **manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au**
Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Church Renovations

We are very happy to advise that the renovations on the stonework at the eastern end of the Church have been successfully completed and most of the stain glass windows have been repaired. The total cost of this work was \$254,477.60 and the Parish Finance Committee is very grateful for your donations of \$37,675.00 towards these very large expenditures. It is the Maintenance Committees plan to continue with restoration work on the southern gable and the cleaning of stone in 2019.



It has been 13 years since the roof on the Church was replaced and it is now necessary for a full inspection of the roof to be carried out as corrosion of the metal frame work supporting the tiles has been discovered in the north east corner of the roof. You will be advised of the outcome of this inspection when it has been completed.

Thank you for your financial support and patience in these matters.
Fr David Taylor, Parish Priest & the Parish Maintenance and Finance Committees.

The Epiphany of the Lord – YEAR C

First Reading (JB) Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. R.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R.

Second Reading (JB) Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now

share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel (JB) Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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