



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Third Sunday of Easter – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024



### Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of Luke's account of Jesus' first post-resurrection appearance to his disciples. The two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to confirm the women's story of the resurrection. While they are excitedly telling their story, Jesus appears.

Luke goes to great lengths in his Easter accounts to make clear that the resurrection was neither the fantasy of a group of crazy zealots nor is the resurrection story a plot concocted by the disciples who somehow managed to spirit the body of Jesus away (according to Luke's account, the disciples themselves had not gone near the tomb themselves or even expected any kind of "resurrection"). In the details he presents here, Luke is countering the arguments forwarded to explain away the resurrection myth. There can be no mistake: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality, a reality in which all of the Scriptures find their ultimate fulfillment.

For Luke, the power of Jesus' resurrection is realized in the way it "opens" one's heart and mind to understanding the deeper meaning of God's Word and to fully embracing the Spirit of God. In our faith and trust in the Risen Christ, we become "witnesses" of the mercy and forgiveness of God. *Connectionsmediaworks.com*

**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 MANLY community.



### 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.

### LET US PRAY FOR

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Leisha Mortimer

**Anniversary:** Hugh Massey; Dorothy Sanford; Patricia Rosley; Albert See Sr; Roderick Valenton; Alfonso Yuchengco; Anita Morris

**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 Curl; Maria Vasile; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Mary Hetenyi

### Dates to remember...

- **Spanish Prayer Group** Fri 12 April at 6pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



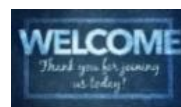
### CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

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.

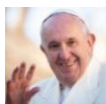


### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS – 6pm – 7.30pm

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."

## 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 - [romano@romanodidonato.com.au](mailto:romano@romanodidonato.com.au) by Friday 12 April 2024. Payments details can be provided."

### SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

**Sacred Heart Church 2 Richard Porter Way Pymble** on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:henrywk@yahoo.com.au) or telephone Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email [terry\\_scanlan@bigpond.com](mailto:terry_scanlan@bigpond.com) if you are planning to attend.



### 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**
- 3. 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.
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  - **2nd collection Parish Bank Account** Funds the running of the Parish  
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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](mailto: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.

### 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 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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



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<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/manly-freshwater/news-events/calendar-of-events>



To express interest or ask questions you may contact: [marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au)



Catholic Vocations Broken Bay  
Young Adult Event

**Encounter**

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 6PM

*Save the Date!*

Special Guest Speaker

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Bishop of Broken Bay

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### 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](mailto:vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au).

### Vocations Office Events



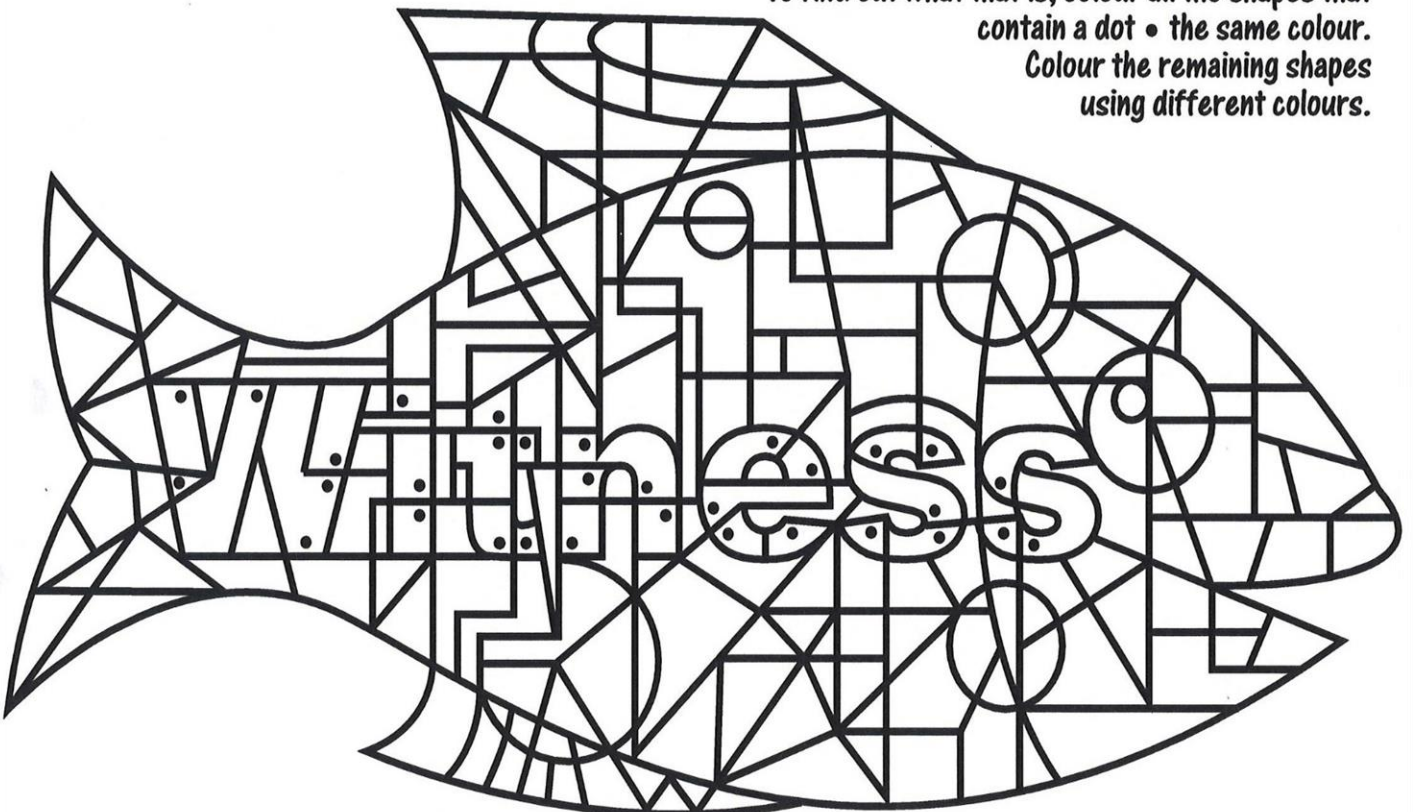
Scan, Connect, Engage! Use our QR Code for all Vocation Office Events! It's your ticket to seamless entry and instant updates. Scan now and join us on the journey of faith! [Website](#)



# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024



*There is something that Jesus asks us to do for him.  
To find out what that is, colour all the shapes that  
contain a dot • the same colour.  
Colour the remaining shapes  
using different colours.*





# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 7<sup>TH</sup> April 2024





8 April 2024

## Letter to the clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Broken Bay

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In February 2023 I committed the Diocese to an innovative annual *Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Framework*. This framework seeks to increase awareness of our own personal and collective ongoing responsibility as a Church community to be vigilant in safeguarding. This is a commitment marked by consistency and constancy.

After consultation and discernment, I have decided that the theme for Safeguarding Awareness for 2024 is **The Voice of the Vulnerable** with a particular focus on **Domestic Family Violence**. Our approach to this theme is one of **advocacy**.

Domestic Family Violence (DFV) often occurs behind the closed doors of the family home, a place which should be reflective of communion in God's self-sacrificing love. Recent statistics show that 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 8 men, have experienced some form of violence since the age of 15.

The outcome is that relationships become disfigured to the detriment of the entire family. We cannot remain silent in the face of this difficult reality. Our faith acknowledges the dignity of every human person and teaches us that being open to self-sacrificing love brings about a renewal of relationships. We must be intentional in teaching and mirroring to our children and young people safe, respectful, and life-giving relationships.

In our advocacy of this year's theme, I commend to you our Diocesan resource, 'A Catholic response to Domestic Violence' available at the link below. A calendar of events to support the theme across our Parishes, the Chancery, CatholicCare, and Catholic Schools Broken Bay is also currently being developed and implemented.

I also encourage your engagement in the further aspects of our Diocesan Framework, including our annual Liturgy of Lament (22 October) and national and international markers such as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (15 June), National Child Protection Week (1-7 September) and International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December).

May the light of Easter which never fades, open wide those doors which have become closed and reconfigure our relationships to one another through the sacrificial love of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL Bishop of Broken Bay

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The Letter highlights the Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Framework and the theme The Voice of the Vulnerable with a particular focus on Domestic Family Violence.

Including in the advocacy of this year's theme is a video, "**A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence**", with Bishop Anthony highlighting how this increasingly alarming issue impacts many families – women, children and men. The video also highlights support services and further resources.

The Letter includes a link to the video on the Diocesan Safeguarding page.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/a-catholic-response-to-domestic-violence>

The video is also available on the Diocesan YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i62OPYJK08Q>

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## Third Sunday of Easter – Year B

### First Reading *Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 (JB)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9 (JB)*

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! R.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. R.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R.

### Second Reading *1 John 2:1-5 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his

commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

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

### Gospel Acclamation *cf Luke 24:32 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

### Gospel *Luke 24:35-48 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.


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

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**Seminarian:** Matthew French

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**St John the Baptist Church**  
cnr Johnson & Oliver St, Freshwater 2096

**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

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

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**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

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**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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**St Mary's Primary School** 7256 2135  
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