



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th November 2023

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel is another powerful indictment of the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes were the religious intellectuals of the time, skilled in interpreting the Law and applying it to everyday life; the Pharisees belonged to a religious fraternity ("the separated brethren") who prided themselves on the exact, meticulous observance of the Law. Jesus condemns them for their failure to live up to their teachings: In their eagerness to be revered, they seek to dominate rather than to serve. Religious ostentation and pretension are rejected in favor of the Christian ideal of leadership contained in loving service to the community.

In warning his disciples not to use of the titles "Rabbi," "teacher" and "Father," Jesus condemns the spirit of pride and superiority such titles connote. Those who minister as teachers and leaders should be humbled by the fact that they are not teachers or leaders in their own right but by the inspiration and grace of God. In the reign of God, those who exercise authority have a particular responsibility to lead by serving. connectionsmediaworks.com



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Pope Francis has called for peace:

"Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge and only cause each other to suffer. The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity... Please do not shed any more innocent blood, neither in the holy land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!"

At this time, I ask you on behalf of all those affected by this conflict to pray for peace. In the near future, I hope to have more information on how you can help but for now, prayer is the best answer.

Let us pray with Psalm 122, 6-9:

Ask for peace for Jerusalem: may those who love you live in safety; let there be peace in your walls, safety in your palaces.

For my brothers and my friends, I will say: Upon you be peace! By the house of the Lord our God, I will ask good for you.

Sincerely, **Fr Bernie Thomas OFM**
Commissary of the Holy Land Australia



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There is only one collection at Mass at St Mary's Manly which is allocated as follows:

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



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November – For the Pope – We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



CCD 20 Year Service Award was presented to Louise Wareham last Saturday at the CCD Annual Diocesan Mass at the Cathedral Waitara.

Congratulations to Louise for her continued ministry as a Catechist to our Catholic children in our local State Schools.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

is a process of hearing and living the Good News of Jesus as revealed through the Bible and Catholic tradition in our parish community. Our Focus is a relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We explore the teachings, practices, beliefs, and sacraments of the Catholic Church. Our aim is come to know a deeper understanding and relationship to God and to the parish community where we can find acceptance, welcome, and belonging in God's love.

RCIA Enquiry Nights– Come and See

Tuesday 7th Nov 2023 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

Especially for Adults who are unbaptised or baptised in another Christian tradition and wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith. Contact: Parish Office for more details.



REST IN PEACE – Ann Dryden

was a long-time parishioner of Manly along with her late husband Phil. Ann died during the week and her **Requiem Mass will be held next Friday 10th November at 10:30am** at St Mary's Church, Manly.

Please keep Ann and her family in your prayers.

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES 9:15am

Mass will be held on the following days...

Manly: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Freshwater: Wednesday

LET US PRAY FOR

5th November 2023

Recently Deceased: Ann Dryden; Alan King; Elena Fiori; Teresita Ortiga; Kalara Saleleyawa

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Margaret Burridge; 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; Sheila Lee; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Bill Hipkiss

Only the names of recently deceased will be published in the bulletin during November.



During the month of November we prayer for our deceased family and friends. The **Parish Book of Remembrance** will be on display in the Churches during November.

To add the names of your loved ones please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Dates to remember...

- **RCIA Enquiry Night** Tues 7th Nov 7pm Parish Centre
- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 9th Nov 9:15am
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 10th Nov 6pm Parish Centre
- **Cenacle of Our Lady SMM** Tues 9:45am, SJB Wed 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held in Term 1 2024. We will be holding the Parent Information

Evenings on Tuesday 21st Nov at Manly at 7pm and Tuesday 28th Nov at Freshwater at 7pm.

If your child is in Year 4 or over and you wish them to take part in this program it is essential you attend one of these sessions. If you have any queries please email michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au



The Catholic Doctors and Nurses Event of the year. The Catholic Medical Association National Conference and Inaugural White Mass 10-12th November 2023

Ethical Medicine is at an important crossroad and Catholic practitioners are confronted everyday with an increasingly secular workplace. This conference aims to address a number of the current and emerging issues confronting the Catholic practitioner. This is also a time where we can connect with each other and become more acquainted with the professionals within our network. It is a time for being informed, for joining in fellowship and, most importantly, connecting with Christ. We're looking forward to seeing you at this important time. Please see the full program and Register at: <https://catholicmedicine.org>

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.



Time: 6:00pm Place: Parish Meeting Room

PRAYER GROUP IN SPANISH GRUPO DE ORACION EN ESPANOL

A Prayer Group for Spanish Speaking families meet on a fortnightly basis.

All those who are interested in joining this fellowship gathering are most welcome including children.

Next meeting: Friday 10th November



PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT Manly Freshwater Parish presents "LITTLE BOY"

"Little Boy" is an enjoyable film based on the loving relationship between father and son and set during the second World War. It is rated PG and considered suitable for children aged 8 and up.

Purchase your ticket online via the eventbrite link below or from the parish office in cash

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-marys-parish-manly-presents-movie-night-featuring-little-boy-tickets-733786604487?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information email the parish office manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Northern Beaches Catholic Young Adults Community

will be meeting at Sacred Heart Mona Vale for the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 11th November, followed by drinks at the Park House pub. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet fellow young Catholics on the peninsula and to engage more deeply in your faith in Jesus Christ.

The NBCYAC is a recently formed group that brings together the young Catholic adults of the peninsula, aged between 18 and 35. We meet on the second Saturday of every month for either a social meet-up or a Catholic event, such as a Mass or Shrine visit, followed by a social gathering.

If you are interested, please meet Richard Heasman under the red-and-yellow cross at St Mary's at the end of the 6pm Sunday Mass, and he will add you to the Whatsapp group. We hope to see you there!

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month – Notre-Dame on fire. Described as a breathtaking, spectacular thriller and a love letter to Paris. It was heroic men, women and God's miracles which accomplished an awe-inspiring rescue. Only \$15 @ the piety store.

CD of the month – Your Body tells Gods story – Christopher West. God's vision on human life, love and sexuality. A brilliant introduction to St John Paul's theology of the body. Only \$5 @ the piety store. Only \$5 @ the piety store.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading *Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 130 (JB)*

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. R.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. R.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. R.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13*

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is,

God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 23:9, 10 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 23:1-12 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos)

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(Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery;
Val Buono; Ivica Covic; 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: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am
Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: please contact the parish office
Manly: 4th Sunday of the month
Freshwater: 2nd Sunday of the month

Reconciliation: *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

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