



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th November 2023

### Gospel Reflection

These last Sundays of the year focus on the **Parousia**, the Lord's return at the end of time. The parable of the bridesmaids, found only in Matthew's Gospel, is taken from Jesus' fifth and final discourse in Matthew, the great eschatological discourse.

According to the Palestinian custom, the bridegroom would go to the bride's house on their wedding day to finalize the marital agreement with his father-in-law. When the bridegroom would return to his own home with his bride, the bridesmaids would meet them as they approached, signaling the beginning of the wedding feast.

The image of the approaching wedding feast is used by Jesus to symbolize his coming at the end of time. Jesus' return will take many by complete surprise. The love we have for others as evidenced in works of kindness and compassion is the "oil" we store in our lamps waiting for Christ's return.

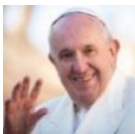
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There is only one collection at Mass at St Mary's Manly which is allocated as follows:

- 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.

### CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES 9:15am

**Mass will be held on the following days...**

**Manly:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Freshwater:** Wednesday

**Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass**  
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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.



### 11TH NOVEMBER

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.



### Holy Land Commissariat

Franciscan Provincial Office

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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**



### 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 to 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.

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.

### Family Mass and BBQ at Freshwater



Please join us at St John the Baptist Family Mass this Saturday at 5pm as we welcome the new 2024 Kindy students and their families. There will be a BBQ following the Mass.

LET US PRAY FOR

12th November 2023

Recently Deceased:

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; Chinnamma Puliparambil

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...

- SJB Class Mass Wednesday 15th Nov at 9:15am
• SMM Class Mass Thursday 16th Nov at 9:15am
• Stella Maris College Yr 10 at Mass Friday 17 Nov 9:15am
• 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



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.

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.

PASTORAL WORKS APPEAL

Our Parish Quota for 2023/2024 is \$47,164. Donation envelopes will be available in the pews. All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

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Advertisement for St John the Baptist's Creative Arts Showcase featuring music, dance, art displays, refreshments, live music, raffle prizes, and silent auction. Tickets are \$10 per adult via QKR. Event on Friday 24 November 6:30PM - 8PM at St Paul's Catholic College Waterford Hall, 124 Darley Road Manly.

Tickets will be drawn at the Creative Arts Showcase on Friday 24 Nov. All funds raised will go towards student resources and events.

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

**NOTE: Readings for the Freshwater Family Mass will be taken from the Children's Lectionary.**

### **First Reading**                      *Wisdom 6:12-16 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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

### **Responsorial Psalm**                      *Ps 62:2-8 (JB)*

**R. My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

### **Second Reading**                      *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left

alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**    *Matthew 24:42, 44 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**                                      *Matthew 25:1-13 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Michael McGrath (Deputy Chair); Margaret Dent  
(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

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**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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