



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th November 2023

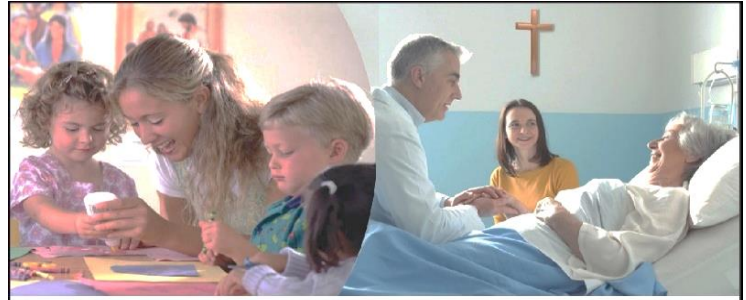
Gospel Reflection

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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Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

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.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Each year the Parish hosts a Luncheon on Christmas Day for those who will be spending Christmas Day alone with around 150 guests coming along to enjoy a festive lunch. This year we will be serving an option of a sit down or take away picnic lunch.

If you would like to donate goods for the Picnic Packs we will be including some of the following:

- Box of chocolates – these will be given as gifts to our guests
- Cans of soft drink – coke, lemonade, fanta
- Fresh Fruit
- Cash donations will be used to purchase the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls, Desserts and anything we are short of.

Please drop the Chocolates and Drinks into the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day or for the set up, please email the Parish Office manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

To help us plan for our Christmas Masses this year we ask that you let us know if you are available to assist in one of the ministries...Servers, Readers, Welcomers, Piety Shop Assistant.

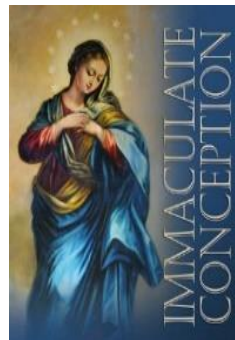
Please advise the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM INFORMATION EVENINGS

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 in 2024 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



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR Parish Feast Day & Thank You Celebration

Friday 8th Dec at Manly, starting with 6:00pm Mass followed by dinner under the Big Tree in the School yard.

Please let the parish office know if you are able to join us by 4/12/23 on 9977 5822 or

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



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

LET US PRAY FOR 19th November 2023

Recently Deceased: Aleksandra Zipevska;
Phillip Romanow (10yrs old)

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; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Paul Gallagher

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



During the month of November we pray 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

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Dates to remember...

- **Sacramental Parent Info Night**
Manly 21 Nov 7pm and Freshwater 28 Nov 7pm
- **PPC Meeting** Wed 22 Nov 5:30pm
- **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



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.

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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 community.



SOUP KITCHEN 2024 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For more than 20 years our Parish and other Churches from the community have been assisting with the Soup Kitchen which is run by the Salvation Army at their premises on Pittwater Road. We serve a meal on Wednesday's twice a month to around 30+ people.

For the past few years, including in covid times, some young mums from the Parish have ensured that a home cooked meal has been available.

We are looking for some assistance in 2024, if you are interested in any of the following please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

- Preparing a Meal at home to feed 30+ people
- Preparing Sandwiches at home or onsite
- Prepare a Meal onsite and assisting with serving
- Serving Meals

The Parish will reimburse the expenses for the ingredients for the meals and sandwiches.

If you would like to know more about what is involved please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822.



WARNING TO ALL PARISHIONERS!!!!

Don't buy any Christmas tree decorations or children's toy novelties until you see the large range of hand made goods at the **Christmas Craft Stall on Sunday 10th December.**

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.

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



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.
5. **Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**
6. **2nd collection Parish Bank Account**
Funds the running of the Parish
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
7. **1st collection** Supports our Priests
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5 (JB)

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. R.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 (JB)*

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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4, 5 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30 (JB)

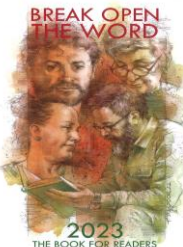
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Break Open the Word for the 2024 Liturgical Year



Books are ready for collection. If you are a current Reader at Manly or Freshwater, please collect your book from the Sacristy and mark off your name on the list. If you are interested in becoming a Reader, please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

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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

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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