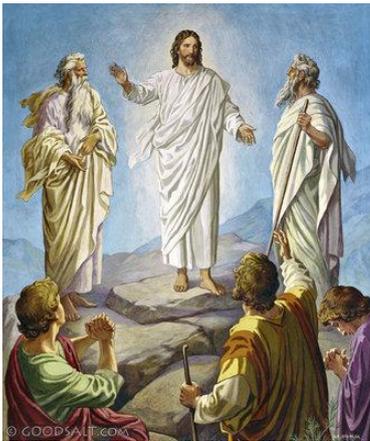




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Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

The Transfiguration of the Lord – 6th August 2023



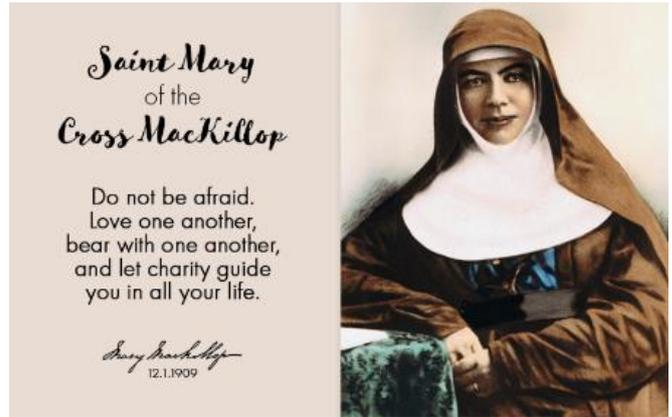
Gospel Reflection

Today's Solemnity of the Transfiguration celebrates the extraordinary transformation of Jesus witnessed Gospel, Peter, James, and John on (tradition says) Mount Tabor.

Matthew's account (which takes place six days after Jesus' first prediction of his passion and his first instructions on the call to discipleship) is filled with

images from the First Testament: the voice in the cloud which repeats Isaiah's "Servant" proclamation, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, the dazzling white garments of Jesus.

Matthew's primary interest is the disciple's reaction to the event: their awe at this spectacular vision will soon wither into fear at the deeper meaning of the transfiguration – a meaning that they do not yet grasp. As the disciples will later understand, the transfiguration is a powerful sign that the events ahead of them in Jerusalem are indeed the Father's will. connectionsmediaworks.com



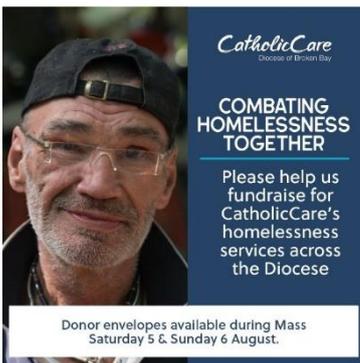
Tuesday 8th August Feast Day of Mary MacKillop – 9.15am Mass at Manly

CHANGES TO 9:15am WEEKDAY MASSES DURING AUGUST...

Mass will be held on the following days...

Manly: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Freshwater: Wednesday



CATHOLIC CARE HOMELESSNESS APPEAL

There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for Catholic Care's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 5 & 6 August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

Envelopes will be available in the pews.

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.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK

On the 8th of August, let us pause to honour Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint and beloved

patron. As we do this, let us also remember the importance of National Vocation Awareness Week which will take place from August 6-13, 2023. During this time, may we implore the Lord for more committed, dedicated priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women, who take courage in Jesus Christ, gain strength from our shared beliefs, and graciously accept the generous gift of a vocation as presented to them by God.



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August –

For World Youth Day We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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.

We of Manly Freshwater Parish acknowledge the Kay-ee-my people, on whose ancestral lands we gather to worship today.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS Quiet Prayer & Adoration 6:00pm – 7pm
Scripture Reflection on the Eucharist & Benediction 7pm – 7:30pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm.

**LET US PRAY FOR
Recently Deceased:**

30th July 2023

Anniversary: Monica Browett; Robyn Fenn;
Geoffrey Formica

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; Zachaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary

JULY Parish Pastoral Council Meeting update...

Fourteen members of PPC met for our July monthly meeting.

LITURGY St. Mary's Choir returning after Winter recess. Robert and Gina Marshall, Tongan Choir and Parish Musicians continuing their great service ensuring live music happens at our Sunday Masses which is appreciated. Organist Pat Brown and Freshwater Choir performing on Sunday at 9.00am Mass and doing a great job.

Fr. John to develop Children's Choirs for those family Masses in coming months.

FINANCES Finance Committee Chair John Zemek reported healthy bank balance. He is now preparing a monthly Income/expenditure report for parishioners to be kept well informed. REMEMBER, if you do not carry CASH please make use of the TAP machines at each door entrance. **Your support of the Parish is essential, and we thank you for your contributions.**

MAINTENANCE a new 3 year projected budget is being prepared and reviewed. Regular annual upkeep of Parish Churches and facilities and activities is around \$ 50,000.

COLLEGES and SCHOOLS Principals were pleased to report of increasing enrolment numbers for 2024. After mid-year holiday break all schools are back to full operation and undertaking useful community and sporting activities. Schools' ART competitions underway.

YOUTH and WYD now being held in Lisbon with 3 of our younger parishioners joining Bishop Anthony and 167 other BB Diocesan attendees. Youth Mass held 3rd Sunday at 6pm followed by Pizza evening.

FILM EVENINGS now being planned to stage 4 films in the Stella College Theatre over coming months. Watch this space.

SYNOD Meeting in ROME Our Parish is well represented by Sandi Cornish. Fr David advised that this would be the most important gathering in ROME since Vatican II way back in mid 1960's. Pope Francis called this SYNOD together as he says "the Church simply has to change". Let's pray and look with great interest which just might come from this Synod.

SEBASTIAN (the Cockatoo and his merry band of fellow Cockatoos) have been having one hell of a time over the past few months, shredding tons of debris onto our parked cars and making it slippery to navigate even when walking. Well, we are getting the car park leaf blown 3 times a week to take these monsters on. The TREE is magnificent and leaves an equally magnificent mess.

Questions - should you have any I am always happy to discuss. *Paul Pervan Chair PPC Manly Freshwater Parish*



Richard, Josh, Simon and Sampson

OLA FROM LISBON!!!

"Ola! Richard, Josh and Samson are now safe and sound in Portugal and have already experienced many of the events open to them.



We have just returned (as of 1st of August) from the Opening Mass, where over one million young Catholics were able to celebrate Mass together. To help you imagine one million people, imagine turning in every direction and not being able

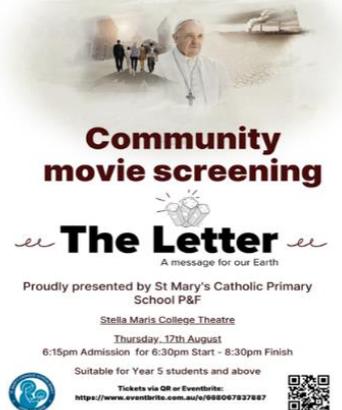
to walk anywhere because of the crowds! And also, there is no end to the crowds. They just keep coming. If this sounds slightly claustrophobic on a warm summer's day, that's because it is!

But the boys enjoyed the Mass thoroughly, along with the rest of the 160 pilgrims from the Broken Bay Diocese. The Body of Christ was distributed from hundreds of volunteers in white umbrellas and seems to have been consecrated from the main altar several hundred metres away.

Please continue to pray for safety and energy for the boys as they continue their pilgrimage and representing the parish. Please also pray for their spiritual journey at this time as they contemplate their faith and what it means to be a Catholic in today's world.

**Stella Maris College
Theatre**

**Thursday 17th August
at 6:30pm – 8:30pm**



The Letter has been viewed by millions of people around the world inspiring action to heal our relationships with God's creation, our common home. It took over six years to make the film. The intention is to watch the film and then have some dialogue as a

community so that together we can take better care of our common home.

This community screening is a local community event hosted by St Mary's Primary School P&F for the school and parish and open to the local community. Please note that the film is suitable for Year 5 students and above and will be held in the Stella Maris College Theatre, Manly.

To register please access the eventbrite webpage via the QR code or the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/668067837887>

The trailer of the film is accessible here:

<https://www.theletterfilm.org/>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the film night.

Jacqui Rémond – jacquiremond@gmail.com



The Transfiguration of the Lord – Year A

First Reading *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Daniel

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9 (JB)*

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. R.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. R.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. R.

Second Reading *2 Peter 1:16-19 (JB)*

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 17:5 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 17:1-9 (JB)*

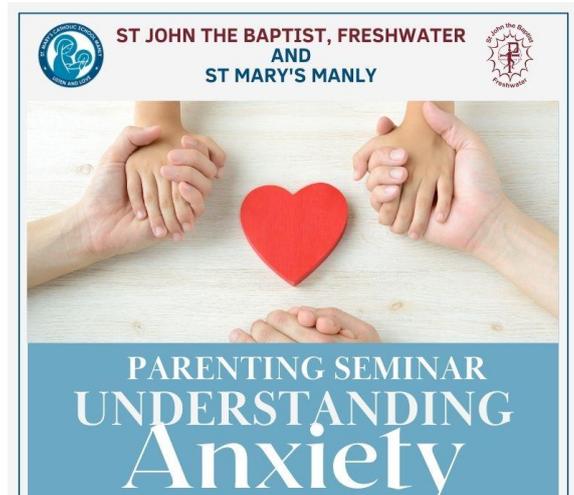
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



PARENTING SEMINAR UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

St John the Baptist School Hall
on Tuesday 29th August 2023
6:30pm – 7:30pm

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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 month

Reconciliation: *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

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