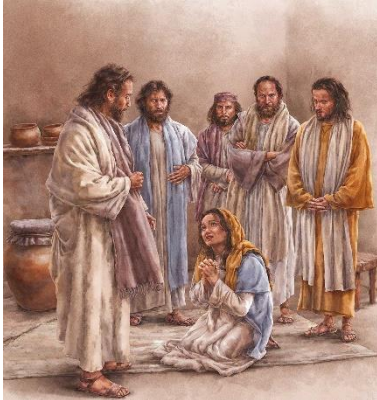




# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th August 2023



### Gospel Reflection

The story of the Canaanite woman was a marker for the Christians of the predominately Gentile Christian communities. Jesus' healing of the daughter of the persistent Canaanite mother became a prophetic model for the

relationship between Jewish and Gentile Christians. The woman is not only a Gentile but also a descendent of the Canaanites, one of Israel's oldest and most despised enemies. Despite Jesus' rebuff of her (equating Gentiles with "dogs," as Jews referred to anyone who was not a Jew), the woman has the presence of mind to point out that "even dogs are given crumbs and scraps from their masters' tables." She displays both great faith in Jesus (addressing him by the Messianic title of "Son of David") and great love for her daughter (subjecting herself to possible ridicule and recrimination for approaching Jesus) that should inspire both Jew and Gentile – and Christian.

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### LET US PRAY FOR

20th August 2023

**Recently Deceased:** Judith McKenzie

**Anniversary:** Georg Sweeting; Peter Dent; Bill Dent

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

### Dates to remember...

- **SJB Class Mass** Wed 23rd Aug 9:15am
- **PPC Meeting** Wed 23rd Aug 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

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

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

**Manly:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Freshwater:** Wednesday



### Office of the Bishop Vox Populi 11 August 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am reflecting on our pilgrimage and our

World Youth Day experience in Lisbon, Portugal, as I make my way to the airport and our pilgrims also prepare for their return journey.

What an amazing time it has been for our young people to be present with the Holy Father and 1.5 million young people from all around the world. They came together to express their faith in Jesus Christ and stand united in solidarity as members of the Church who are venturing out into the world to proclaim the Good News.

We have just concluded a three-day retreat at Fatima. It was such a wonderful time for our students, young adults, teachers, seminarians, priests, and religious as we gathered together in prayer.

We have been accompanied by Mary, walking together and being led more deeply and lovingly into Jesus Christ, her Son - which is the heart of our mission.

It has been a fantastic time that has had a profound effect on everyone, and I am really confident the Lord is doing good things in them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I know they will bring life to our Church and advance the mission as we proclaim Jesus Christ to the World.

My prayers and blessings,

+Bishop Anthony

### FUNERAL NOTICE



Long time Manly parishioner Judith McKenzie died last Thursday. Her funeral will be held next Tuesday 22nd August at 1:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Fairfield. Please keep Judith and her family in your prayers.

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

## URGENT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED



The Altar Society at Freshwater are looking for one or two extra volunteers to assist once a month. If you are interested please contact the parish office.



## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with students from St Mary's, St John's and St Paul's sharing in the Masses with parishioners at Manly and Freshwater.

### PIETY STORE

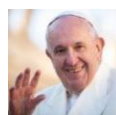
**Movie of the month:** "One night with the King". An impressive Biblical epic based on the story of Esther. A story of monarchy, treason, courage and faith. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month:** "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" – Raymond de Souza  
A fascinating insight on how sacred scripture, the writings of the early church fathers and common sense fully support "The Assumption". Only \$5 @ the piety store.

**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.



**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.



### PARENTING SEMINAR "UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY"

St John the Baptist School Hall on  
Tues 29/08/2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm



### 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**
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### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- 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

### POSITIONS VACANT FROM THE DIOCESE...

**Clergy Care Coordinator** – The Chancery is seeking an experienced Care Coordinator to support our clergy in their health and medical requirements. This role also provides support to our retired clergy to optimise their independence and maintain their quality of life and dignity as they age.

You will be required to have relevant tertiary qualifications in aged care, nursing, social work or equivalent qualifications or experience working in the aged or healthcare sector, along with demonstrated experience cooperatively supporting clients with complex needs, working with those clients, families and carers to achieve positive outcomes.

This is a permanent full-time position. If the above sounds like you or you would like more information, please apply by sending a CV and brief cover letter addressing role requirements via email to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Parish Vacancies** – Three of our Diocesan parishes are seeking to recruit a permanent part-time Parish Secretary.

The Parish Secretary role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, general & sacramental program administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

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**Epping & Carlingford Parish** 24 hours per week, with flexibility on days/hours. Applications close **1/9/2023** [jim.mckee@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jim.mckee@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### First Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

### Second Reading *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

### Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:23 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### Gospel *Matthew 15:21-28 (JB)*

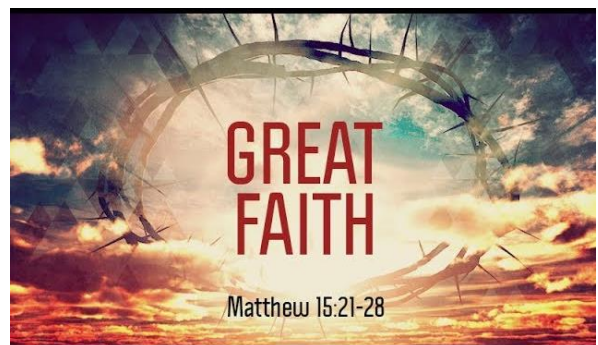
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**Bequests – Remembering your faith community in your Will!** After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a bequest directly to your local parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay? This is called a legacy or bequest. Over the years, many people who have felt a special connection with their local parish and church have left part of their Estate to their Parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay. Like a gift to a charity, a bequest of any amount to the Church is a way of saying “thank you” for the spiritual nurturing provided to you and your family over the years. If you would like further information on bequests including how we can acknowledge your generosity in your lifetime, please speak with your Parish Priest or the Broken Bay Diocese Office for Communications on 8379 1664.

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**St John the Baptist Church**

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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

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

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Paul Pervan (Chair);

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 month

**Reconciliation:** *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

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