



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th October 2023



Gospel Reflection

Jesus' parable of the wedding feast is another illustration of Israel's rejection of God's promise. The invitation is

therefore extended to everyone – Gentiles, foreigners and those who do not know God – to come to the Lord's table. (Matthew's readers would see the "destruction of those murderers" and the "burning of their city" as references to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D.)

Jesus tells a second parable within the parable of the wedding feast. The wedding garment is the conversion of heart and mind required for entry into the kingdom. The Christian who does not wear this mantle of repentance and good deeds will suffer the same fate as those who reject outright the invitation to the wedding. As the apostle Paul writes (Romans 13: 14), we must "put on" the garment of Christ.

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Fr John's personal leave...

I have been advised by Fr David Ranson Vicar General of the Diocese, to please keep Fr John in your prayers for the next several weeks as he will be on a period of personal discernment. I ask that you respect his privacy and allow him his space. We support him through our prayers, trusting that this period of leave will be a graced one for him.

God Bless you all Fr David Taylor PP

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES 9:15am

Mass will be held on the following days...

Manly: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

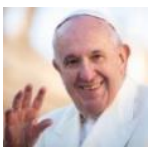
Freshwater: Wednesday



Each year the Parish hosts a Lunch on Christmas Day for those in our Community who will be spending Christmas alone.

With Christmas only about 12 weeks away, it's time for us to look at how we can make our Annual Christmas Day Lunch special for our guests and volunteers.

We will be holding a **Planning Meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 6pm** in the Parish Centre Manly. If you would like to be involved with the Planning Group, we invite you to come along – we would love to see some new faces and bring along your ideas.



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October – For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

21/22 October 2023



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death. Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need. Envelopes will be available in the pews from this weekend.

MANLY WATERS PRIVATE HOSPITAL HOLY COMMUNION TO THE PATIENTS

Our parish has ministered to Manly Waters Hospital for many years taking communion to patients on Sunday mornings. Now is the time to re-establish this ministry (post covid) which the hospital welcomes. We invite parishioners to consider taking up this important ministry. You will only be required once a month and training will be provided beforehand. If you are interested please contact the parish office 9977 5822.

Thanksgiving Mass for the Varghese-Fell family will be held on Tuesday 17th October at 9:15am.



Requiem Mass for Louise Santos

will be held next Friday 20th October at 11am at St Mary's Church, Manly. Please keep Louise and her family in your prayers.

LET US PRAY FOR

15th October 2023

Recently Deceased: Louise Santos

Anniversary: Mary (Maria) Arena; Ben Hawdon; Kath Papallo; Tracey Cini; Charles Cini; John Caruana

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; 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; Myree Randazzo

Dates to remember...

- **Christmas Day Lunch Meeting** Tues 17 Oct at 6pm
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 27th October at 6pm
- **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



**PIETY STORE
SANTA TERESA
CROSSES**

The Piety Store has some ceramic crosses from Santa Teresa (Lyentye Apurte) Community in the NT. The Santa Teresa

Spirituality Centre has an important role in the community and Catholic Parish. As well as being a place of traditional healing, the Centre is the venue for many spiritual and artistic activities.

The crosses from Santa Teresa are all originals, no one is the same. They make wonderful gifts and in turn help the community.

Movie of the month – Sound of freedom (Jim Caviezel) God's children are not for sale. Based on true events, the child trafficking syndicate is more organised than people realise. A recent box office hit, \$20 @ the piety store.

CD of the month "To hell and back – divine love and the cross" Anne Marie Schmidt. An incredible testimony on divine providence during the Nazi persecution and Russian invasion. The hand of God from the perspective of a Czechoslovakian survivor. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



**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.

**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



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 31st Oct & 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

Diocese of Broken Bay invites you to a **LITURGY OF LAMENT Shing the Light** Thursday 12 October 2023 at 4.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara RSVP: Friday 6 October 2023. Presider: Very Rev Dr David Ranson evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au

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.



**PIZZA AND 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.

Date: Friday 11th November 2023

Venue: Stella Maris Theatre 52 Eurobin Ave, Manly

Tickets: \$10 ea or \$20 family

Pizza from 6:30pm Movie begins 7pm

IT WILL BE A GREAT NIGHT OUT

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 (JB)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name, If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. R.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your

needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.


Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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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