



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th September 2023



### Gospel Reflection

The parable of the generous vineyard owner (which appears only in Matthew's Gospel) is the first of several

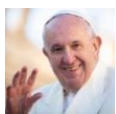
parables and exhortations challenging the Pharisees and scribes and those who criticized Jesus for preaching to tax collectors and sinners.

Jesus makes two points in this parable:

First, the parable speaks of the primacy of compassion and mercy in the kingdom of God. The employer (God) responds to those who have worked all day that he has been just in paying them the agreed-upon wage; they have no grievance if he chooses to be generous to others. God's goodness and mercy transcends the narrow and limited laws and logic of human justice; it is not the amount of service given but the attitude of love and generosity behind that service.

The parable also illustrates the universality of the new Church. The contracted workers, Israel, will be joined by the new "migrant workers," the Gentiles, who will share equally in the joy of the kingdom of God.

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### Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September

**For people living on the margins** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**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.



### ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

Monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 5th October at 7pm in the parish centre. All Welcome.

Dear friends, Fr John has returned from his holidays in India, but he has asked to extend his annual leave for personal reasons.

*God Bless Fr David Taylor*

### CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES 9:15am

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

**Manly:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Freshwater:** Wednesday

The Augustinian Fathers will continue to assist with weekend Mass supply. We are very grateful for their support and generosity.

*Fr David Taylor*



### MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

#### PRAYER

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care.



**Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals for Morocco / Libya**  
Caritas Australia needs your support to respond

to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died, and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. **Donate at [caritas.org.au](http://caritas.org.au)**

## VINNIES FESTIVAL MASS

Bruce and Mick would like to invite you all to the Vinnies Festival Mass.

Place -St Kieran's Manly Vale. Time: 7 pm.

Date: Thursday 5th October

Followed by a light supper. Please text Mick if you would like to come 0402890125.

### LET US PRAY FOR

24th September 2023

**Recently Deceased:** Nair del Bianco de Nadai;  
Trisha Stratford

**Anniversary:** Vivian Mascarenhas; Ramon Sy;  
Sarah Yap; Arnold Sia; Alan Magbuhos; Virginia Calacoci

**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;

### Dates to remember...

- **PPC Meeting** Wednesday 27th Sept at 5:30pm
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 29th Sept at 6pm
- **St Joseph Men's Group** Thurs 5th Oct at 7pm
- **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

**Movie of the month** – Cyrano. An extraordinary musical drama and tale of a heartbreaking love triangle. With a redemptive message and the truth about romantic attraction not being based purely on looks. Only \$15 @ the piety store.

**Our Lady of Fatima and the fall of communism** – Craig Turner. A fascinating insight into the apparitions of Our Lady and the warnings of communism and the protection Mary gives, when we reach out to her. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



**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**
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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



## PRAYER GROUP IN SPANISH

## GRUPO DE ORACION EN ESPANOL

A Prayer Group for Spanish Speaking families meet on a fortnightly basis.

All those who are interested in joining this fellowship gathering are most welcome including children.

Next meeting: Friday 29th September

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Parish Meeting Room



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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS  
POPE FRANCIS FOR THE  
109th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS  
AND REFUGEES 2023**  
(24 September 2023)

***Free to choose whether to  
migrate or to stay***

*Dear brothers and sisters!*

The migratory flows of our times are the expression of a complex and varied phenomenon that, to be properly understood, requires a careful analysis of every aspect of its different stages, from departure to arrival, including the possibility of return. As a contribution to this effort, I have chosen to devote the Message for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the freedom that should always mark the decision to leave one's native land.

"Free to leave, free to stay" was the title of an initiative of solidarity promoted several years ago by the Italian Episcopal Conference as a concrete response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration movements. From attentive listening to the Particular Churches, I have come to see that ensuring that that freedom is a widely shared pastoral concern.

"An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said: 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him'" (*Mt 2:13*). The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt was not the result of a free decision, nor were many of the migrations that marked the history of the people of Israel. The decision to migrate should always be free, yet in many cases, even in our day, it is not. Conflicts, natural disasters, or more simply the impossibility of living a dignified and prosperous life in one's native land is forcing millions of persons to leave. Already in 2003, Saint John Paul II stated that "as regards migrants and refugees, building conditions of peace means in practice being seriously committed to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one's own country" (*Message for the 90th World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, 3).

"They took their livestock and the goods that they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and they came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him" (*Gen 46:6*). A grave famine forced Jacob and his entire family to seek refuge in Egypt, where his son Joseph ensured their survival. Persecutions, wars, atmospheric phenomena and dire poverty are among the most visible causes of forced migrations today. Migrants flee because of poverty, fear or desperation. Eliminating these causes and thus putting an end to forced migration calls for shared commitment on the part of all, in accordance with the responsibilities of each. This commitment begins with asking what we can do, but also what we need to stop doing. We need to make every effort to halt the arms race, economic colonialism, the plundering of other people's resources and the devastation of our common home.

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need" (*Acts 2:44-45*). The ideal of the first Christian community seems so distant from today's reality! To make migration a choice that is truly free, efforts must be made to ensure to everyone an equal share in the common good, respect for his or her fundamental rights, and access to an integral human

development. Only in this way will we be able to offer to each person the possibility of a dignified and fulfilling life, whether individually or within families. Clearly, the principal responsibility falls to the countries of origin and their leaders, who are called to practice a good politics – one that is transparent, honest, farsighted and at the service of all, especially those most vulnerable. At the same time, they must be empowered to do this, without finding themselves robbed of their natural and human resources and without outside interference aimed at serving the interests of a few. Where circumstances make possible a decision either to migrate or to stay, there is a need to ensure that the decision be well informed and carefully considered, in order to avoid great numbers of men, women and children falling victim to perilous illusions or unscrupulous traffickers.

"In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property" (*Lev 25:13*). For the people of Israel, the celebration of the jubilee year represented an act of collective justice: "everyone was allowed to return to their original situation, with the cancellation of all debts, restoration of the land, and an opportunity once more to enjoy the freedom proper to the members of the People of God" (*Catechesis*, 10 February 2016). As we approach the Holy Year of 2025, we do well to remember this aspect of the jubilee celebrations. Joint efforts are needed by individual countries and the international community to ensure that all enjoy the right not to be forced to emigrate, in other words, the chance to live in peace and with dignity in one's own country. This right has yet to be codified, but it is one of fundamental importance, and its protection must be seen as a shared responsibility on the part of all States with respect to a common good that transcends national borders. Indeed, since the world's resources are not unlimited, the development of the economically poorer countries depends on the capacity for sharing that we can manage to generate among all countries. Until this right is guaranteed – and here we are speaking of a long process – many people will still have to emigrate in order to seek a better life.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (*Mt 25:35-36*). These words are a constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door. Consequently, even as we work to ensure that in every case migration is the fruit of a free decision, we are called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant; this entails accompanying and managing waves of migration as best we can, constructing bridges and not walls, expanding channels for a safe and regular migration. In whatever place we decide to build our future, in the country of our birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone.

The synodal path that we have undertaken as a Church leads us to see in those who are most vulnerable – among whom are many migrants and refugees – special companions on our way, to be loved and cared for as brothers and sisters. Only by walking together will we be able to go far and reach the common goal of our journey.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 May 2023*

FRANCIS



In just a few weeks' time, members of the XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will gather to begin the first session.

We invite you to keep in your prayers both Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Chancellor of our Diocese, Kelly Paget as they prepare to travel to Rome

for this significant gathering.

## OCTOBER MINISTRY ROSTER IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES

### 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
- Prayer Group in Spanish – contact Parish Office 9977 5822
- 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

GOSFORD PARISH

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

# THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN PAUL II

ON THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOSFORD SHRINE

EVENTS OCCURRING ALL DAY 22ND OCTOBER  
9:30AM - 6PM

MAIN CELEBRATION: MASS @9:30AM W/  
BP EMERITUS MOST REV ROBERT M MCGUCKIN



Register via the QR Code

MASS  
VENERATION OF RELICS  
PRAYER  
MARKET STALLS  
BBQ  
HOSPITALITY  
MUSIC

**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.

**Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass**  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/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.



## SJB FRESHWATER PRESENTS LAEL STONE RAISING RESILIENT AND COMPASSIONATE CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2023  
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL HALL  
JOHNSON STREET, FRESHWATER 2096  
6:15PM FOR A PROMPT 6:30PM START

\$15 for one adult, \$20 for two adults  
(small booking fee extra).  
Register via QR CODE below  
tickets are required

### TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WILL INCLUDE:

- GUIDING OUR CHILDREN TO BECOME RESILIENT ADULTS.
- PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO BUILD STRONGER CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR CHILDREN.
- IDEAS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE FRUSTRATED OR GOING THROUGH CHALLENGING SITUATIONS.
- SIMPLE WAYS TO CREATE CO-OPERATION.
- DEALING WITH OUR OWN TRIGGERS AS A PARENT.
- UNDERSTANDING BIG EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS AND ASSISTING YOUR KIDS IN BECOMING EMOTIONALLY RESILIENT



Lael Stone is an author, TEDx speaker, counsellor and parenting educator who specialises in navigating trauma and disconnection in families. She has spent the last 18 years working with families and running programs in Secondary schools for teens on relationships and Well-being. She is a mother of three grown-up children and the co-founder of Woodline Primary School - a new innovative school focused on supporting emotional intelligence in children. Her latest book sits on many bestseller lists, and she currently speaks all over Australia on how to build more connections in families.



## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS...

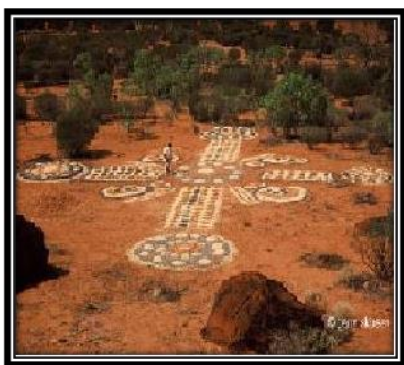
As Term Three at SJB draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on yet another eventful term. It has been a time filled with valuable learning experiences, meaningful activities, and personal and group achievement.

Our term 3 events included Book Week, National Child Protection Week, Father's Day Celebrations and Science Week! Our students eagerly engaged in Book Week activities, embracing the chance to dress up in imaginative costumes for the parade, enjoying the entertaining sessions from the visiting authors, exploring the book fair, and immersing themselves in Perform Education's 'Way to Cool' musical. During Science Week, it was the Year 5 and 6 students who took charge of organising and overseeing various activities throughout the school.

A highlight of the term was the participation of over 60 of our students in the State Wakakirri finals at Nida. They shone both on and off the stage, embodying our SJB values. We couldn't be prouder of their remarkable efforts! We are thankful to the many parents and staff who gave their time and energy to this event. We are also proud to mention that Colby W and Nate R represented our school at the Bear Pit Public Speaking Competition held at the Parliament of NSW, while April S and Lila B showcased their talents at the Northern Beaches speaking competition hosted at St. Kevin's. Additionally, our school was well-represented at the Northern Beaches Catholic Schools athletics carnival, with many of our students giving their best. Congratulations to all our SJB representatives!

Our Thursday morning Playgroup has remained a very popular gathering throughout the term and will continue into Term 4, welcoming everyone from our community. Join us every Thursday from 9-10 am!

Last weekend, we celebrated the works by our students who participated in this year's Religious Creative Arts Competition by showcasing their work at our Family Mass. The theme for their artwork was "COMPASSION: '...be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble' (1 Peter 3:8)." It was inspiring to see how uniquely our students expressed their ideas through their creative artworks.



During Term 3, Stage 2 and 3 delved into the religious education units of 'Land, People, and Spirit,' which explores Aboriginal spirituality and its connections with Catholic spirituality. In the Aboriginal way of life, everything is interconnected – land, people, and spirit. Aboriginal individuals find their true essence largely within their relationship with the land, expressing themselves physically, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually through this deep connection.

Catholic spirituality also sees land and people as being sacred and as revelations of God in the world. There is therefore a beautiful connection between Aboriginal and Catholic spirituality's, which may only be made with the intention of offering respect to Aboriginal beliefs and cultures. Year 6 have participated in the "Prayer of the Four Directions" (Written by Mary Senj & Sr Marea Ross, based on Rainbow Spirit Theology concepts) and visited the Aboriginal Heritage Office to learn more and make more connections.

This week, R U OK? day called on us all to let people know we are here to listen. Across the school children engaged in activities on how to take the time for a conversation and helping others know that they are supported and connected.

We are very excited to announce our upcoming Term 4 events, please contact the school the school for further information!

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Lael Stone presents: 'Raising Resilient and Compassionate Children'

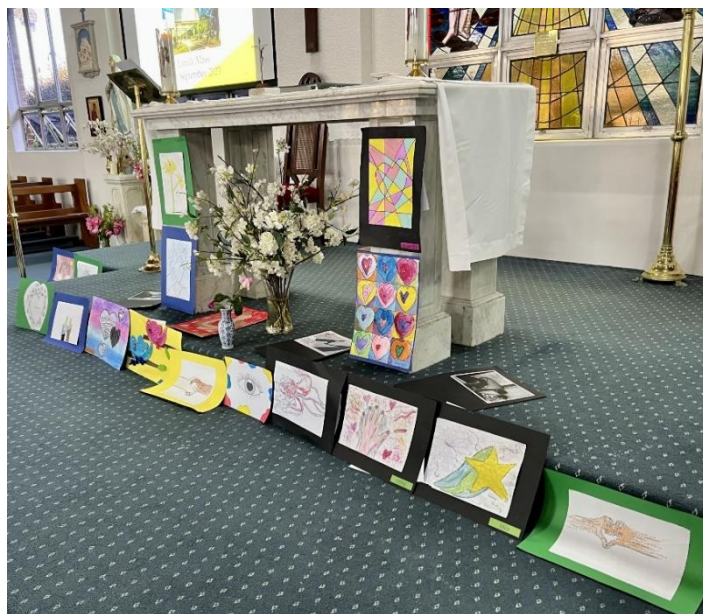
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - SJB Art Show

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – SJB Christmas Carols

Kind regards Kelli Johnson (Acting REC)



2023 SJB Sporting Representatives  
ATHLETICS



## ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS...

As we bid farewell to another term at St. Mary's Primary School, we're excited to share with you all the wonderful happenings that have filled our school with joy this term. From creativity to community spirit, our students and staff have truly shone brightly this term.



### Religious Creative Arts Competition:

One of the highlights of this term was announcing the winners of this year's Religious Creative Arts Competition. St. Mary's made us all incredibly proud with three entries

securing 3rd place and one entry coming in 1st place across all schools in Broken Bay. The theme this year was COMPASSION, and our students beautifully captured it through their creative entries, expressing the values of being "like-minded, sympathetic, loving one another, and being compassionate and humble" (1 Peter 3:8).

Here are our talented award winners:

- Taylor Longhurst received 1st Place for her own written song.
- Indigo Houghton and Mia Artakianos received 3rd place for their original dance.
- Zoe Neilson and Gracie Bishop also achieved 3rd place with their thought-provoking short film.
- Claudia Poole received 3rd place for her visual art entry.

**Book Week Parade:** Our school was filled with excitement and imagination during our Book Week Parade, showcasing the theme "read, grow, inspire". The air buzzed with energy as our students and teachers brought their favourite book characters to life.



### Environmental Art and Design Prize Competition:

Our Year 4 students embarked on an educational journey to the Manly Art Gallery, where they enjoyed a curator-led tour of the Environmental Art and Design Prize Competition which brings together a community of creatives to highlight environmental concerns and hopes across the nation. The works selected

present fresh perspectives on global climate crisis and sustainable life on earth which supports the students' Geography unit on the earth's environment.



### Kindy 2024 Welcome BBQ:

Welcoming our newest students is always a heartwarming event at St. Mary's. Our kindy students-to-be for 2024 visited our school for the annual Welcome BBQ. They had a

chance to meet their new friends and current Kindy teachers, visit the Kindy classrooms, and enjoy a sausage sizzle with their families. This event is part of our transitioning-to-big-school program, easing our new students gently into school life before they commence their educational journey next year.

**Movie Night Fun:** A big shoutout to our Kindy families for organizing our Movie Night. The kids had an absolute blast with an impromptu karaoke, a screening of 'Clifford the Big

Red Dog,' delicious pizza, popcorn, and lolly bags for all! It was a delightful evening of family fun and bonding.



### Public Speaking Success:

Our talented public speakers, Tommy and Lilou from Year 6, represented us admirably at the Northern Beaches Catholic Schools Public Speaking competition. Both students exhibited excellent

presentation skills, and we're proud to announce that Tommy was awarded first place. This remarkable achievement means we'll continue to hold the trophy for another 12 months, following our victory in 2022! Tommy went on to be crowned champion public speaker across the whole Broken Bay Diocese when he came in 1<sup>st</sup> place for both his impromptu and prepared speeches.

### Broken Bay Athletics Championships:

Our 24 students showcased their athletic prowess at the Broken Bay Athletics Championships. Gracie (Y6) was crowned the 12-13 years female champion, Lucette (Y6) secured the runner-up position, Milla (Yr 5) won the 11yrs age champion and Liv (Y4) was awarded runner-up in the 8-10 years female category. Special congratulations to our Junior Boys Relay Team and Senior Girls Relay team for winning their events, and the Junior Girls Relay team for placing second. We owe a huge thank you to Lara Williams, an ex-St. Mary's student, who provided invaluable relay training. The improvements in our relay runners were evident in the results, and we couldn't be prouder!

### Celebrating Father's Day:

We came together to celebrate Father's Day, a special day to honour our dads, carers, and father figures. The day began with a memorable Father's Day breakfast, followed by a beautiful liturgy led by Year 2. The highlight was the heartwarming classroom visits, where students and their families shared special moments of appreciation and love.



### Lunch with the Stars:

Sixteen of our Year 5 and 6 students had a memorable experience at the annual Children's Book Council of Australia Northern Sydney sub-branch's "Lunch with the Stars" event. This

gathering brought together over 200 kids from 20 schools and 26 children's authors and illustrators. Our students dressed up and decorated their table beautifully with the theme of their lunch buddy authors, Pip Harry (The Little Wave) and Lesley Gibbes (Quick as a Wink, Fairy Pink). A wonderful day was had by our book lovers: meeting authors and illustrators, listening to interesting presentations, book signings, a quiz/drawing competition, and a delicious lunch.

*Josie Gradwell (REC)*

## Vacation Care September 2023 St Mary's Catholic School, Manly

7.30am – 6pm 0409 455 359

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25/9 Roller Disco	2/10 Closed
26/9 Double Dutch Skipping	3/10 Benny the Magician
27/9 Cooking & Kitchen Skills	4/10 Wizarding Movie Workshop
28/9 Wheels Day	5/10 Carnival Fun
29/9 Teddy Bear Picnic	6/10 Mini World Cup

**Catholic Care Diocese of Broken Bay**

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

**Note: Readings for the Manly Family Mass will be taken from the Children's Lectionary**

### First Reading

*Isaiah 55:6-9 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18*

**R. The Lord is near to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. R.

### Second Reading *Philippians 1:20-24, 27 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*For me to live is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

*cf Acts 16:14 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 20:1-16 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'


The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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