



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th September 2023

Matthew 18:21-35



Gospel Reflection

The cutting edge of Jesus' teaching on love is that nothing is unforgivable or

should there be limits to forgiveness.

It is ironic that Peter should ask the question about forgiveness that introduces the parable of the merciless steward, since Peter himself will be so generously forgiven by Jesus for his denial of Jesus on Good Friday. It was common rabbinical teaching that one must forgive another three times; the fourth time, the offender was not to be forgiven. Perhaps Peter was anticipating Jesus' response to his question by suggesting seven rather than the conventional three times; but Jesus responds that there should be no limit to the number of times we must be ready to forgive those who wrong us ("seventy times seven times"), just as there is no limit to the Father's forgiveness of us.

As the king in the parable withdraws his forgiveness of his servant because of the servant's failure to forgive another, so will God withdraw his forgiveness of the unforgiving and merciless among us. God's forgiveness is not entirely unconditional: if we do not share it, we will lose it. *connectionsmediaworks.com*

Dates to remember...

- **St Paul's College Yr 12 Graduation Mass** Wed 20th Sept 9:15am
- **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



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.



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**

THANK YOU ...

We would like to thank the Augustinian fathers at Manly Vale and Brookvale for celebrating our weekend Masses for us. Fr Michael Belonio PP, Fr John Zhang & Fr Abel van der Veer.

LET US PRAY FOR

17th September 2023

Recently Deceased: Elaina Lewis

Anniversary: Barbara Vickers

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Margaret Burrigge; 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; Elaina Lewis

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.

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

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.

Parish Centre Mary Immaculate
6 Raglan St, Manly

Prayer Group in spanish
Grupo de oracion en español

Friday September 15
at 6 pm

Children are welcome
The meetings will be every 2 weeks



Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth

will be hosting our usual Youth Group this Sunday 17th September at 7pm – 8:30pm at St Mary's Church Hall after the 6pm Youth Mass.

Come for free pizza, table tennis, basketball, netball, party games and new friends.

Email: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

Facebook: Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth

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Northern Beaches Region St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass

'Go to the poor; you will find God'

Thursday 5th October 2023 at 7pm at St Kieran's Church 2 King St, Manly Vale. Followed by supper in the parish centre. RSVP: 19/9/23 to Christine 7203 3452 or christine.anthony@vinnies.org.au



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- 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.
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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
- 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

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.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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

First Reading *Sirach 27:30 - 28:7 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 (JB)*

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. R.

Second Reading *Romans 14:7-9 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

Gospel Acclamation *John 13:34 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'


The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.




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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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