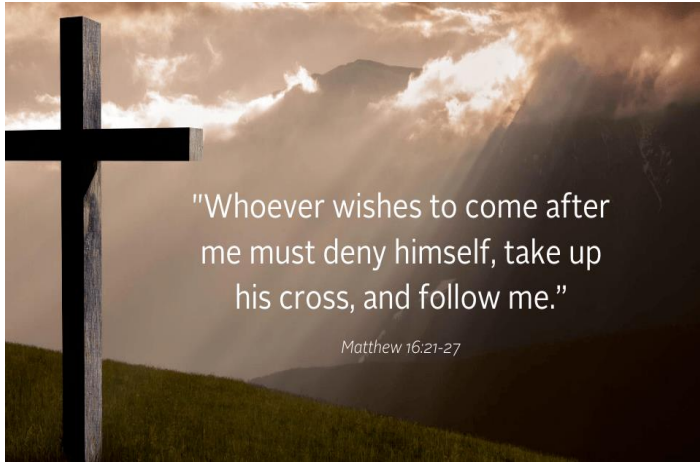




# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd September 2023



### Gospel Reflection

Peter's confession of faith (last Sunday's Gospel) begins a new phase of Matthew's Gospel. As he makes his way to Jerusalem, Jesus' teachings will now be addressed primarily to his disciples on the events and work that awaits them in Jerusalem – and beyond.

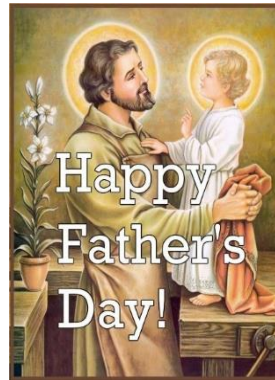
The hostility between Jesus and the leaders of Judaism is about to reach the crisis stage. In today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims unambiguously that his mission as the Messiah includes suffering and death. Peter is sharply rebuked by Jesus for his seemingly innocent remark that Jesus should be spared such a fate, but Jesus sees Peter's refusal to accept such a possibility as a "satanic" attempt to deflect the Messiah from his mission of redemption. To avoid suffering and hardship in order to opt for the easy and safe course is purely human thinking, an obstacle to experiencing the life of the Spirit. Authentic discipleship involves taking on the cross and "denying oneself" – disowning ourselves as the center of our existence and realizing that God is the object and purpose of our lives.

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*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.*

**Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass  
manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos**



This Sunday, Fathers' Day, we remember and honor dads, grandfathers, uncles, and all the men, living and deceased, who tirelessly and selflessly gave of themselves for their families with unconditional love. It is a good time to also recall the exemplary role-model and patron saint of fathers – Saint Joseph – foster father of Jesus, husband of Our Lady and patron of the Universal Church.

### FR JOHN'S ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr John will be taking his annual leave from 5th – 18th September inclusive.

Please keep him in your prayers while he travels to India to visit his family.

The Augustinian priests from Manly Vale and Brookvale will be assisting in the weekend Masses.

### CHANGES TO 9:15am WEEKDAY MASSES 5th to 15th September...

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

**Manly:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Freshwater:** Wednesday



### 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.



### ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

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

### SPANISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY



Fr John is initiating a group for Spanish Speaking families who are new to Australia to connect with one another. All those who are interested in joining this fellowship gathering are most welcome.

Date: Friday 1st September at 6:00pm

Place: Parish Centre

**LET US PRAY FOR**

3rd September 2023

**Recently Deceased:** Branka Mudronja; John Devitt AM;

**Anniversary:** Deanna Parsons; Adrian Kennelly; Patrick Donnelly; Amelia Katherine Smith

**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; Elaina Lewis

**Dates to remember...**

- **St Joseph Men's Group** Thurs 7th Sept 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.

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**Vacation Care September 2023**

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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**

**POSITION VACANT – Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish Catechist Coordinator Role**

Frenchs Forest Parish is seeking a Catechist Coordinator. The primary purpose of the Parish Catechist Coordinator is to lead and support the catechists of Frenchs Forest Parish who provide Special Religious Education (SRE) to the Catholic Students in State Schools within the Parish. We are looking for someone with a strong personal commitment to SRE, Catholic teachings, faith and mission of the Catholic Church. This will be a permanent part-time role in the Parish working 6 hours per week.

For more information contact the Parish Office on 9451 5097 or go to [www.ffcp.org.au/positions-vacant-in-catholic-diocese](http://www.ffcp.org.au/positions-vacant-in-catholic-diocese)



**National Child Protection Week (3-9 September)**

is an annual event starting on the first Sunday of September and is a great time to consider how we all play a part in creating a safe and supportive community for children and young people. At Manly Freshwater Parish we see safeguarding as a shared

responsibility and commit to ensuring our parish and schools are safe for the children to grow and flourish.



**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](mailto:christine.anthony@vinnies.org.au)



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**Our Church is always open to anyone who enters, including the local brush turkey!!!!**



## Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### First Reading *Jeremiah 20:7-9 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 62:2-6, 8-9 (JB)*

**R. My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. R.

### Second Reading *Romans 12:1-2 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world

around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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 16:21-27 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

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Michael McGrath (Deputy Chair); Margaret Dent  
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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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