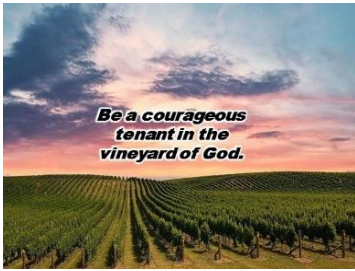




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th October 2023



Gospel Reflection

Today's parable of the two sons is a devastating condemnation of the Jewish religious leaders whose faith is confined to words and rituals. Jesus states unequivocally that

those the self-righteous consider to be the very antithesis of religious will be welcomed by God into his presence before the "professional" religious.

Prostitutes and tax collectors were the most despised outcasts in Judaism. In light of the First Testament tradition of God's relationship with Israel as a "marriage" and Israel's disloyalty as "harlotry," prostitution was considered an especially heinous sin. Tax collectors were, in the eyes of Palestinian Jews, the very personification of corruption and theft. According to the Roman system of tax collection, tax collectors (also called publicans) would pay the state a fixed sum based on the theoretical amount of taxes due from a given region. The publican, in return, had the right to collect the taxes in that region – and they were not above using terrorism and extortion to collect. Tax collectors, as agents of the state, were also shunned as collaborators with Israel's Roman captors.

Jesus' declaration that those guilty of the most abhorrent of sins would enter God's kingdom before them deepened the Jewish establishment's animosity toward Jesus. connectionsmediaworks.com



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.

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.



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.

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.

LET US PRAY FOR

8th October 2023

Recently Deceased: Violetta Filacuridi; Iluminada Llanes

Anniversary: David Paul; Aida See; Mary Connors; June Hurman; Jim Hurman

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

- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 13th 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



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 13th October

Time: 6:00pm Place: Parish Meeting Room



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.

SUPPORT your PARISH **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**
- 6. 2nd collection Parish Bank Account**
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



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 evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au

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

**BROKEN BAY NEWS SEPTEMBER EDITION
NOW AVAILABLE AT BOTH CHURCHES.
PICK UP YOUR FREE COPY!**

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023

Ignite 2023 Youth Conference



Richard Heasman and Simon Hyland had the great pleasure over the long weekend of attending the Ignite 2023 Youth Conference, hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay at the Cathedral Precinct in Waitara. This was attended by some 500 young people, from kids to young adults and some beyond!

The theme for this year's Ignite Conference was Wonder, inspired by Isaiah 29:14, "I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder" and featured worship sessions,

adoration, Mass and various workshops about different aspects of the Catholic faith. These were very helpful in encouraging the faith of the young people and in building relationships between them. Both Simon and Richard were able to catch up with some World Youth Day attendees as well, which added an extra piece of joy to the festivities.

The next Ignite Conference will also be held at the Cathedral Precinct in Waitara in late September 2024. This is definitely the event to attend if you'd like to deepen your faith, get to know other Catholics and take your relationship with Jesus to the next level.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20*

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R.

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. R.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will

guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 15:15 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.


Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SOUTH STEYNE
medical CENTRE

Nestled between the pines at South Steyne – our Medical Centre born from the belief of looking from a fresh perspective towards healthcare. You will find highly trained, experienced GPs and Nursing Staff, with a range of skills to provide you with quality comprehensive care.



Address: 15 South Steyne, Manly
Phone Number: (02) 7209 2920
Fax Number: (02) 7209 2921
Website: southsteynemedical.com
Email: SSMadmin@southsteynemedical.com

MAURER
FAMILY FUNERALS

*Finding guidance
during a difficult time
is comforting*

**MAURER FAMILY
FUNERALS**

*4 Generations of Family
Serving the Community
since 1941*

Offices at
**Balgowlah & Chatswood
9977 2113**

www.maurerfunerals.com.au

Accredited Funeral Home
**Australian Funeral Directors
Association**

**Simplicity
Funerals**



**Jenny Smith,
Funeral Director**

**340 Sydney Rd
Balgowlah
9907 9765**

Offering Australia's leading
prepaid funeral plan.
All area
Australian owned.
www.simplicityfunerals.com.au

**WILSON
FAMILY
FUNERALS**



Local family owned and
operated. Personally talk
to Ann, Kate and John.

VISIT Suite 3, 1440 Pittwater Rd
North Narrabeen, Sydney
CALL 02 9913 7131
wilsonfamilyfunerals.net.au

**R.L. GRAY
ELECTRICAL**
SINCE 1949



*'Providing outstanding
service to our community
for over 65 years'*

**Residential, commercial
& industrial installations
and repairs**

- Lights & Power
- Stoves & Hot water
- Telephone & Internet

**FREE QUOTATIONS
PLEASE CALL BEN
9948 3799
0418 419 718**

**St John the Baptist
Primary Catholic
School K – 6**
7 Johnson St,
Freshwater
9939 6699

**St Mary's Primary
Catholic Schol
K – 6**
Denison Street, Manly
7256 2135

Stella Maris

COLLEGE MANLY
A Catholic Girls' College of
Good Samaritan Education
from Year 7 - 12

**inclusive
inspiring
innovative**

Living and learning
Benedictine values in the
21st Century.
9977 5144
52 Eurobin Avenue,
Manly NSW 2095
www.stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

**ST PAUL'S
MANLY
PRIMA PRIMUM**

**St Paul's Catholic
College Manly**

St Paul's is a Catholic high school
for boys in Years 7 to 12

**Respect
Responsibility
Results
Reverence**

**Darley Road, Manly
Ph: 9977 5111
Fax: 9977 0959**
www.stpaulsmanly.nsw.edu.au
E: stpauls@dbb.edu.au

Parish Priest: Fr David Taylor
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au
Assistant Priest: Fr John Puliparambil
john.puliparambil@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Secretary: Jenny Beninati
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au
Mary Immaculate Church (Parish Office)
6 Raglan St, Manly 2095
Parish Office: Mon to Thurs 8:30am – 4:30pm
Phone: 9977 5822
manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au
www.bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater
St John the Baptist Church
cnr Johnson & Oliver St, Freshwater 2096
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

St Mary's Primary School 7256 2135
Principal: Paul McGuire
St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699
Principal: Alicia van der Merwe
St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111
Principal: Michael Reid
Stella Maris College 9977 5144
Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie



For **real** estate done
differently on the
Northern Beaches
Janet Sajowitz 0419 615 693
DiJONES