



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st October 2023



### Gospel Reflection

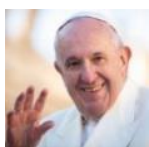
Today's parable of the two sons is a devastating condemnation of the Jewish religious leaders whose faith is confined to words and rituals. Jesus

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.

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### 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.



### 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.

While Fr John is on his scheduled annual leave in New Zealand the Augustinian Fathers will continue to assist with the weekend Mass supply.

We are very grateful for their support and generosity.  
*Fr David Taylor*

### CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES 9:15am

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

**Manly:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

**Freshwater:** Wednesday

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASSES

**Freshwater – Wed 4th Oct at 9:15am**

**Manly – Fri 6th Oct at 9:15am**



"The Synod is first and foremost an event of prayer, and listening does not solely involve the members of the synodal assembly, but every baptised person, every particular Church," Synod general-secretary Cardinal Mario Greco said this week.

"Indeed, all are called in this moment to join ourselves to the communion of prayer and in the insistent invocation of the Holy Spirit so it may guide us in the discernment of what the Lord asks today of his Church. "To pray for the synodal assembly, to intercede for all of its members, firstly the Holy Father who so often asks us to pray for him, is to realise the highest level of participation," Card. Greco said.

Members of the XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will gather to begin the first session.

Please keep in your prayers our parishioner Sandie Cornish, Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Chancellor of our Diocese, Kelly Paget as they prepare to travel to Rome for this significant gathering.



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.



### ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

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

All Welcome.

## LET US PRAY FOR

1st October 2023

**Recently Deceased:** Louise Santos; June Hopkins; Ann Bouchier; Giuseppe Ferraro

**Anniversary:** Matthew Beninati

**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...

- **Anointing of the Sick Masses at 9:15am**  
Freshwater Wed 4th Oct; Manly Fri 6th Oct
- **St Joseph Men's Group** Thurs 5th Oct at 7pm
- **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

**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**  
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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

**Vacation Care September 2023**  
**St Mary's Catholic School, Manly**  
7.30am – 6pm 0409 455 359  
[oshc.manly@catholicaredbb.org.au](mailto:oshc.manly@catholicaredbb.org.au)

2/10 Closed  
4/10 Wizarding Movie Workshop  
6/10 Mini World Cup

3/10 Benny the Magician  
5/10 Carnival Fun

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## PIETY STORE

**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.

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### First Reading *Ezekiel 18:25-28 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-9 (JB)*

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

### Second Reading *Philippians 2:1-11 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

### Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel *Matthew 21:28-32 (JB)*

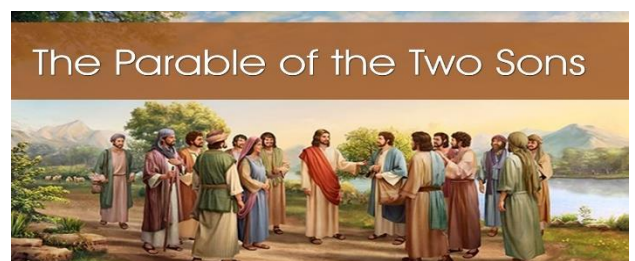
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.


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





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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

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