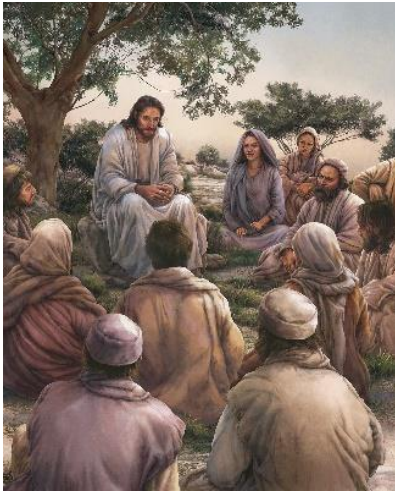




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th September 2023



Gospel Reflection

Chapter 18 of Matthew's Gospel is a collection of Jesus' sayings on the practical challenges facing the Christian community, including status-seeking, scandal, division and the topic of today's reading, conflict.

Today's Gospel reading sounds more like regulations devised by an ecclesiastical committee than a

discourse by Jesus (this chapter has been called the "church-order discourse" of Jesus). But the real point of Jesus' exhortation is that we must never tolerate any breach of personal relationship between us and another member of the Christian community. At each stage of the process – personal discussion, discussion before witnesses, discussion before the whole community – the goal is to win the erring Christian back to the community (the three-step process of reconciliation outlined by Jesus here corresponds to the procedure of the Qumran community).

Jesus' exhortation closes with a promise of God's presence in the midst of every community, regardless of size, bound together by faith.

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THANK YOU...

Fr David was delighted to see the continuing work in our Church and Presbytery yards. He would like to congratulate our wonderful gardeners from Freshwater and Manly who have brightened up our gardens in readiness for Spring.

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

10th September



This is an annual event and an important time to reflect on how we can all play a part in creating a safe and supportive community for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We at Manly Freshwater Parish see safeguarding as a shared responsibility and commitment to ensuring that our parish and schools are safe for everyone to grow and flourish.

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](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)



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.



Dates to remember...

- **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

Vacation Care September 2023

St Mary's Catholic School, Manly

7.30am – 6pm 0409 455 359

oshc.manly@catholiccaresdbb.org.au

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

LET US PRAY FOR

10th September 2023

Recently Deceased: Valerie Farrell; Elizabeth McAteer; Mary Thwaites

Anniversary: Tereza Music; Diana Music

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

'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



**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
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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 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
- 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

OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Don't miss out on tickets!
With Ignite 2023 only a few weeks away, it's now time to jump online to register your attendance at the 2023 Ignite Conference.

BE QUICK LATE FEES START SOON! If you are

after a discount code, please send an email to evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au. Discount codes will need to be activated by no later than Tuesday 12 September 2023. Opportunities exist to volunteer in either a part-time or full-time capacity. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Angela Harris (Ignite Volunteer Coordinator 2023)** via email volunteers@igniteconference.com.au for additional information. For more information about Ignite visit: <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>

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

DO YOU FEEL STUCK? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU JUST CAN'T RESOLVE ON YOUR OWN?

Counselling supports with CatholicCare Broken Bay are now available. Counselling provides an opportunity to explore tricky life experiences or concerns in a safe and reflective environment. When feelings become overwhelming or confusing, counselling can be really helpful. We work with you, assisting you to face challenges and stressors, coming up with suggestions to tackle or resolve these challenges. We listen, talk through experiences and help you think about ways forward.

We offer face-to-face sessions at our Artarmon, Brookvale, Tuggerah and Waitara based Family Centres as well as via telehealth. And we have short wait lists. Sessions are \$60 per hour and a \$20 rate is available for concession card holders. We are also an accredited provider of NDIS supports.

Please reach out today – our door is open.

Call 1800 324 924 or visit.

<https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/counselling/>

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 9451 5097 or go to www.ffcp.org.au/positions-vacant-in-catholic-diocese

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading *Ezekiel 33:7-9 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (JB)*

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

Second Reading *Romans 13:8-10 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:15-20 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace

*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt true faith in you.*


*Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.*

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

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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
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