St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Ascension of The Lord
Year A– 16 and 17 May 2026

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Sacraments of Initiation
All enquiries for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

Funerals and Weddings
All enquiries regarding Funerals and Weddings, please contact the parish office.

Parish Mission Statement

We follow the words of our patron, St John Vianney, who said "He is here."

We recognise Christ is in the Word, the Eucharist, and in us, His people, with a special reverence for Him, in the poor and marginalised.
We are called to make Christ present through our prayer and charity.
We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and create a community where everyone is welcome;
the young and the old, together to experience the loving presence of God.
We believe He is here amongst us and we joyfully go out to make Him present to all.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Quandamooka, Yuggera and Turribal Peoples, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and

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The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

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How would you like to send and receive communication within the Parish?

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) have created a short questionnaire/survey to seek your preferences on how we share information within the Parish.

Please complete the survey by using the QR code in the newsletter, or from the poster near the entrance of the church.

Alternatively, please use the suggestion box at the back of the church, or speak directly with a member of the PPC.

The week ahead...

18th May	**Mon**	No Mass **Parish Office Closed**
19th May	**Tues**	6pm Mass **Parish Office Closed**
20th May	**Wed**	9am Rosary 9.30am Mass [followed by morning tea] **Parish Office + Church Open 8.30am - 1.30pm**
21st May	**Thurs**	No Mass **Parish Office Closed**
22nd May	**Fri**	10.30am Mass at Lota House **Parish Office Closed**
23rd May	**Sat**	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass
24th May	**Sun**	**Pentecost Sunday** 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer

Almighty God, before your Son ascended into heaven to be seated at your right hand, he promised to send your Spirit to us so that we would not be left as orphans. He also taught us to make disciples of all nations and to baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Help us to rely on your Spirit as we carry out your Son's commandment in word and deed, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

International Morning Tea — Postponed

For parishioners looking forward to our traditional International Morning Tea on Pentecost Sunday, this will unfortunately not take place this year, due to problems with access to the hall because of current building works.

However, on **Sunday 2nd August** we are planning a special morning to celebrate our patron saint. So watch this space!!

THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT

Enriching the lives of people with disability

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The Little King's Movement is a private association of Christian faithful who have been supporting people with disability in Brisbane since 1967. We're not a NDIS or clinical support provider.

ACTIVITIES – we hold several functions weekly and monthly for disabled adults and elderly members of our community, including Fellowship Day, Golden Years, Craft Day, Wednesday Social Day and Art Classes. We also have a popular Thrift Shop with a good selection of items, books, plants and bric-a-brac.

For any enquiries, please contact The Little King's Movement, Woolloongabba. Ph. 07)33911432. Email: admin@thelittlekingsmovement.org.au
Website: www.thelittlekingsmovement.org.au

St John Vianney's Catholic Parish
Sacrament of
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation Sessions - Your choice of Saturday or Sunday
LOCATION - Sessions will be in the CHURCH not the hall.

Week 3: 16 May 3.30pm or 17th May 8am
Week 4: 23 May 3.30pm or 24th May 8am

Tuesday catch-up sessions will be led by Denis Hohnen 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Rehearsal: 10am Saturday 30 May
Ceremony: Sat 6th June 5pm Mass; or Sun 7th June 9.30am Mass

Children: Remember to have your attendance card signed after Mass.

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Knights of the Southern Cross Silver Circle - Winner for Draw 10 of 10
The winners for **Draw 10** of the current Silver Circle are: **1st Prize Helen Eather Ticket No 81**, **2nd Prize Helen Vickers Ticket No 45, 3rd Prize Denise Adams Ticket No 41**. **Congratulations,** and thanks to those who support the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights.

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
16 May	Henry Peter Harvey	Maureen	Laura	Janice	Alison Adeline	Anjoline Angelo	A
17 May	Lita	Anne	Aurelie	Helen	Heather Sonia Steve P	Emma	
23 May	Denis Henry Sienna	Alison	Gerardina	Jane	Denise Colleen Carmel	Carmel S-K	C
24 May	Lita Julieta	Carolina	Helen	Steve T	Trish Mark	Aurelie Charlotte	

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all."

This policy applies to **Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and visitors to our sites.** For information or to report an incident, please contact our local Safeguarding Reps: Jane O'Brien & Neil Taylor on **lsr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au**

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION 18-22 MAY

IMPORTANT

Please see calendar on page 2 for Parish office and church hours.

Reminder: When we are closed, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER the church or office, as there is HIGH RISK of accident/injury.

Please note: Aurelie will still be available Mon/Wed/Fri 8.30-1.30pm by email and telephone. Josephine will be available Thursday 8.30-1.30pm via email and telephone.

If you need access to the church at other times, please call Aurelie (Parish Manager) on 0413 915 374. Thank you for your patience.

From the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

VOLUNTEERS needed for PIETY STALL (GIFT SHOP) at SJV CHURCH

Do you have a spare 20 minutes before and after Sunday Mass once a month? Volunteers are needed to keep the Piety Stall (Gift Shop) at SJV church open on Sundays. Currently, it is often closed due to lack of helpers.

Please contact the parish office if you can help. Or talk to the person serving on the stall next time you are at Mass. Thank you!

POST BOX at CHURCH

You may have noticed a wooden "post box" at the back of both SJV and St. Jude's churches. The box is available for parishioners to facilitate written communication with the office, Parish Pastoral Council and/or other parish groups. Simply place your message, request or suggestion in the box and it will be followed up promptly. You can also use the post box to post Mass requests or other communication.

The Archdiocese and its agencies reaffirm a united commitment to standing with victim-survivors calling out injustice, and working together as a community of faith to prevent domestic and family violence.

Find more information, tips to support and ways to donate.

PLEASE PRAY for those who are recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Ethel Barker, Bernardo Barot Jr., Ramona Mackay Barot, Simeona Violeta Barot, Dennis Biggs, Andrew Caltabiano, George Carney, Breeanna Castillon, Sr (James) Cavanagh, Sr Emmanuel (Mary) Conneely, Gerald Costello, Agnes (Nancy) Davies, Andreas de Bruijn, Hester Deutschmann, Clarence Dunlop, Jacqueline Farmer, Geoffrey Harrison, Kathleen Hodge, Alan Kane, Francis Kate, Naomi Keller, Jackie Kneeshaw, Ian Lennon, Bessie Lucker, Eva Mancktelow, Agnes Marano, Patrick McDonald, Christins McMahon, Clara Mills, Monica Mulheran, Kevin Mawn, Kate Newman, Mary O'Shea, Sr Francis Perry, Richard Pittock, Josefa Raleigh, Francis Ritchie, Lenore Segeren, Terence Shephard, Annie Smith, Harold Smith, Lawreen Smith, Helen Stewart, Phyllis Sticher, Dudley Taylor, Lothar Thiel, Monica Wells, Kenneth White, Geoffrey Williams, Crispolo Zerna.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

John Abberdan, Laurie Atzeni, Jocelyn Barron, Jack & Mary Beard, Rafferty Beaumont, Ailbe Caplis, Reg Carmichael, Dell Chapman, Sue Wynne-Davies, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrila, Maureen Handcock, May Horneman, Chris Lee, Elizabeth Lisenski, Dennis Long, Grace Moon, Carlos Manabat, Sue McDonald, Patrick Nofoakifolau, Robert Patterson, Richard Pook, Francis Raisch, Eric Roberts, Glenda Rogers, Therese Shepherd, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, and Emma Walters.

To include a name in our 'Recently Deceased', or 'For those Who Are Sick' the Privacy Act requires the permission of a close relative.

MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

By EFTPOS -
The EFTPOS terminal is at the Manly parish church.
You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.

By direct deposit -
BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100002778
Account Name: **St John Vianney's Parish, Manly.**

Or call in to the parish office and ask for gifting envelopes.

Liturgy of the Word
Ascension of the Lord Year A
Sunday 17 May 2026

First Reading *Acts 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven.

He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God.

When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said,

'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 46:2-3, 6-9*

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

Second Reading Ephesians *1:17-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come.

He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew *28:16-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them.

When they saw him, they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.

And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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