St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Chair: Arthur Gaka

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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.

New Leadership Appointments in Our Parish

As we begin 2026 with gratitude and hope, our parish gives thanks to God for the generous spirit of service among our people. It is with joy that I announce several key leadership appointments that will support and guide our parish life in the year ahead and beyond.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Anne Skitmore as the new Chairperson of our Parish Pastoral Council. Anne has served on the PPC for some years and has consistently offered thoughtful contributions, practical support, and generous commitment to the life of our parish. Many parishioners will know Anne through her involvement in the music ministry, the St Vincent de Paul Society, and the Liturgy Committee, as well as her readiness to assist with PPC events and, when needed, to take meeting minutes. Her experience and strong faith will be a great gift to the PPC as it continues its important work of pastoral discernment and planning.

Parish Finance Council (PFC)

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of Arthur Gaka as the new Chairperson of the Parish Finance Council. Arthur brings valuable experience, professionalism, and a strong sense of responsibility to this role. The Finance Council plays a vital part in the stewardship of parish resources and in supporting the mission of the parish through careful planning and sound financial oversight. I am grateful to Arthur for his willingness to serve the parish in this important capacity.

Liturgy Committee

Finally, I am pleased to announce that **Deacon Laurent Fontaine** has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Liturgy Committee. The Liturgy Committee plays a central role in supporting the prayerful and faithful celebration of the Church's liturgy, which lies at the heart of our parish life. Deacon Laurent has received formal theological education and has undertaken specific studies in sacred liturgy. His love for the Church's liturgy, together with his pastoral sensitivity, will be a great blessing to our parish as we continue to celebrate the sacred mysteries with reverence and care.

As we look forward, I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our former Chairpersons: **Steven South** (Parish Pastoral Council), **Hugh Davies** (Parish Finance Council), and **Maureen Hasset** (Liturgy Committee). Each of them has served our parish with generosity, dedication, and love.

We thank them deeply for the time, energy, and care they have given in leading these important ministries, and for the solid foundations they have helped to build.

As a parish community, let us warmly welcome **Anne, Arthur, and Deacon Laurent** into their new roles. I invite you to support them generously and to keep them in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen them in their service. ***May our parish continue to grow together in faith, hope, and love.***

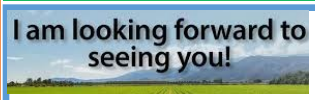
-Fr Baiyi Gong

For Your Diary

2 February	Mon	No Mass
3 February	Tues	6.00 pm Mass
4 February	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group 9.30am Mass
5 February	Thurs	No Mass
6 February	Fri	9.30 am Whole School Mass 9.30 am Janoah Gardens: Liturgy of the Word with Communion. [Sr Cecily] 11.30 am Funeral for Kevin Lane.
7 February	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or any time by appointment] 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
8 February	Sun	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30am Mass (SJV) RCIA: *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens* 10.30 am *Volunteers Brunch in the Hall.*

Hey Kids!
We're back!
Happy New Year!

CHILDREN'S Liturgy is back too!
THIS weekend;
Sunday 1st February at 9.30 am Mass
And
Everyone is invited to Morning Tea after 9.30 am Mass.



VOLUNTEERS BRUNCH

We want to say THANK YOU TO ALL OUR Volunteers
St John Vianney's AND St Jude's
Volunteers' Thanksgiving Brunch:
10.30 am Sunday, 8 February 2026
LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER: PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP

flocknote

Scan the FLOCKNOTE Code above OR alternatively you can sign up with the LINK: Copy and paste:
https://manlycatholic.flocknote.com/dashboard

PLEASE NOTE: This link and QR Code is the initial one needed to register as Parishioners.

When signing up to FLOCKNOTE, like any secure legal document, you need to supply your Name, Ph No and Email address. In the case of urgent and necessary emails, we will be able to contact you.

AS NEEDED: When signing up for children's Preparation for different Sacraments, eg Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance, each Sacrament will have it's own Code/Link, but please register as a parishioner/family first.

Liturgy Formation Day

(for all liturgical ministers only):
Saturday, 14 February 2026,
9:00am–12:30pm
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.
Morning tea and lunch will be provided. No cost.
Please indicate your attendance by 1 February 2026.
Please refer to the newsletter of 20/21 December 2025 to confirm whether you are a liturgical minister and for more details.
LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY-THIS WEEKEND.

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
31 JAN	DENIS	MAUREEN	JANE	JEN	DENISE | CARMEL | ALISON	SIENNA	E
1 FEB	LITA	HELEN	AURELIE	STEVE	JUNE | SONIA | DONNA	DONNA	
7TH FEB	Henry Harvey Peter	MAUREEN	JEN	ALISON	MIKAELA, DENISE, CARMEL	ANJOLINE	F
8TH FEB	Lita	TRISH	HELEN	MARK	STEVE P, SONIA, JUNE	BRODIE, ANNABELLE & LEON	

"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* .

First Reconciliation Preparation 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now calling for children who have been Baptised and Confirmed, to register for the Preparation Sessions for their Reconciliation which will be celebrated in the Second Rite of the Church Liturgy, in preparation for the First Holy Communion.

If you have missed the Parents Information Session:
Please, urgently contact the Parish Office.

There are four Children's Prep sessions:
[you may choose to attend either Saturday or Sunday]
Saturday at 3.30-4.30pm before the 5.00 pm Mass or
Sunday at 8:00 -9.00 am before 9.30 am Mass.

- *Session 1: 14/15th February*
- *Session 2: 21/22nd February*
- *Session 3: 28 Feb/1March*
- *Session 4: 7/8 March*
- *Liturgy Practice for 2nd Rite of Reconciliation: 14/15 March*
- *Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 21/22 March*

PLEASE PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kevin Lane, Tony Moore, Peter Campbell, Marea Peake, Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Jean Hine, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Luzivina Lozano, Jennifer Lynas, Dulcie, Maher, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, , Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko , George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Maria Skubis, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Bill Spann, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: PLEASE ALSO KEEP PRAYING FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR LIST:

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

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

FIRST FIVE OF TEN PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
By Rev Dr John Chalmers

1. The Principle of Respect for Human Dignity

Every person is created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ. Consequently, every person is worthy of respect simply by virtue of being a human being. People do not lose the right to being treated with respect because of disability, poverty, age, lack of success or race, let alone gain the right to be treated with greater respect because of what they own or accomplish. "People can never forfeit their right to be treated with respect because God, not us, assigns it."

2. The Principle of Respect for Human Life

An implication of the first principle is that every person, from the moment of conception to natural death has an inherent dignity and a right to life consistent with the dignity that is ours as human beings. The Catholic tradition sees the sacredness of human life as part of any moral vision for a just and good society.

3. The Principle of Association

The human person is not only sacred, but also social. We are born in the image and likeness of God, whose essence is community, the diverse community of Father, Son and Spirit. There are three persons in God, but only one God. At the heart of God we find diversity that is a cause of liveliness rather than of division. To put it bluntly: we are our true selves when we relate well to others, not when we are isolated individuals.

4. The Principle of Participation

People have a right, indeed a duty to participate in shaping a more just and humane society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. "All people need to take an active role in the development of socio-economic, political and cultural life. They should be shapers of history (subjects), not just passive recipients of other people's decisions (objects).

5. The Principle of Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the last judgement (Mt 25.31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first. The United States' Bishops put it well: "The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximisation of profits; the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expan-

MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

The options for electronic donations are:
If you are new to our Parish, AND if you are able,

- Use our EFTPOS machine at the Manly parish church. You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.
- By direct deposit - parish bank details are **BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100002778** Account Name: **St John Vianney's Parish, Manly.**
- **Check in to the parish office** and ask for gifting envelopes.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Sunday 01 Feb 2026

First Reading — Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity, seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. *(R.)*

3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation — Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.
Then he began to speak.
This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Weeks Scripture Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10
Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.
Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4
(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Faith is a gift from God.
Gospel Matthew 5:13-16
Salt of the earth, light of the world.

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer

Let us pray:
Almighty God, you reveal true blessedness not in power or success as the world sees them, but in humility, mercy, and purity of heart. Shape our lives by the spirit of the Beatitudes, that we may follow Christ faithfully and live as citizens of your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.