St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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First Sunday of Advent

29 / 30 November 2025

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All enquiries regarding Funerals and Weddings, please contact **the parish office**
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4.30 pm or by appointment.

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.

A Reflection:

Pope Leo wants us to rediscover the urgency of the Church's vocation to care for the poor and fight against all forms of poverty.

We have a duty, the Pope says, to 'stand at their side and work actively for their integral development.' In short, it is not enough to give to the poor. We have to lift them up.

'Charity has the power to change reality', he affirms, adding that 'it is a genuine force for change in history.'

This aspect of the Christian life cannot be postponed. As the Pope says, 'the dignity of every human person must be respected today, not tomorrow.'

Moreover, he continues, 'the extreme poverty of all those to whom this dignity is denied should constantly weigh upon our consciences.' There is no room in authentic Christian discipleship for 'theoretical excuses' that become obstacles to action 'to resolve the concrete problems of those who suffer.'

Dogmatic belief in the efficacy of trickle-down economics and unregulated capitalism, the Church teaches, is misguided belief. We should never fall prey to the delusion that injustice is somehow a product of the natural economic order. We Christians are called to challenge such misplaced assumptions.

'We need to be increasingly committed', the Pope emphatically declares, 'to resolving the structural causes of poverty.'

[Quotes from Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, 4 October 2025: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html]

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Fr Baiyi's Prayer

Let us pray:

Almighty God, together with the universal Church, we welcome the First Sunday of Advent this weekend, the beginning of a new liturgical year. The readings for this Sunday remind us of how we should prepare for the second coming of your Son. We do not know when your Son will come again, but when the time is fulfilled, your kingdom of peace and love will be present among us. Help us to live each day according to your will, so that we may be ready to welcome it.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Your Diary: The Week Ahead!

Please note: Trish is on leave from Monday to Friday.

1	December	Mon	*9.15 am– 1.30 pm: Aurelie in Office*
2	December	Tues	Office Closed 6.00 pm Mass at SJV
3	December	Wed	*Office Closed* 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
4	December	Thurs	*Office Closed*
5	December	Fri	*8.30 am– 1.30 pm: Mary-Anne in Office* 10.30am School Thanksgiving Mass
6	December	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
7	December	Sun	Second Sunday of Advent - Year A 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30am Mass (SJV)

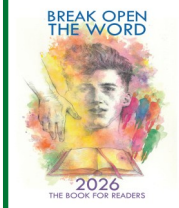
Looking forward to Christmas ...

Our Christmas Masses are as follows:

Christmas Eve: WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

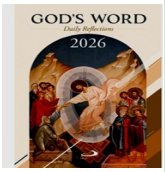
- *FAMILY MASS [INCLUDING A CHILDREN'S TABLEAU] AT 5.00 PM ST JOHN VIANNEY'S*
- *EVENING MASS 7.00 PM AT ST JUSDE'S GUMDALE.*

Christmas Day Mass: THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER



In St Vinnie's Shop today ...

Break Open the Word [Suggested for all readers]: $30.00



God's Word $20.00

NEXT SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S CHURCH

at 2pm

Advent Carols Service

As we journey through Advent towards the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, let us gather in Prayer and Song as we participate in this special service which is based on the annual Carols from King's College, Cambridge – Bible readings foretelling and narrating the birth of Jesus, interspersed with traditional Carols.

To conclude the Service, afternoon tea will be served.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, this is a great opportunity to focus on the 'true' meaning of the Advent and Christmas season. Bring along your friends to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music and reflection.

(A gold coin donation would be appreciated with proceeds going to St Vincent de Paul to purchase Christmas fare for their annual Christmas hampers.)

"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 & Neil or email the Parish Office: *manly@bne.catholic.net.au* OR *hypps://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report Laura*

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
SAT 29 NOV	ARTHUR| DENIS	JANE	JEN	DENISE	MIKAELA | COLLEEN | JANE	CARMEL	A
SUN 30 NOV	LAURENT | JACK	STEVE P	JUNE	AURELIE	TRISH | MARK | CARMEL S	DONNA	
SAT 6 DECEMBER	DENIS | ?	JEN	MAUREEN	JANE	MIKAELA | DENIS| VOLUNTEER REQUIRED	PAM	B
SUN 7 DECEMBER	LAURENT | OSCAR	ANNE	HELEN	JACK	MARK | TRISH | SONIA	BRODIE & ANNABELLE	

Dear Parents/Grandparents,

We would like to invite the children to celebrate with us on Christmas Eve at our Family Mass at 5pm on 24th December.

Any children who would like to dress up and come along to be in the play, will need to come along to a practice with Donna and Anne, on the Liturgy Team.

All are welcome and there are roles to suit everyone: **Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds and Angels.** We also have behind the scenes contributions to be made.

Practice will be before 9.30am Masses leading up to Christmas. Parents , please let the Parish office know if you would like your child to participate

romero CENTRE
love has no borders

Instead of gifting yet another book, pair of socks or something they don't really want, why not consider a donation to charity as a Christmas gift for your loved one/s?

The Romero Centre relies heavily on volunteers and community donations to exist. The centre assists thousands of people each year who arrive in Australia seeking asylum and safety from torture, war and violence.

Cash or grocery gift cards (in a sealed, labelled envelope) can be donated anytime **via the usual weekend collection**. A member of the Parish Council will ensure the donations reach the Romero Centre as a matter of urgency. ***Thank you***

PLEASE PRAY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marea Peake, Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Craig [1st Anniversary], Majorie Ball, Terence Barron, Eileen Blinco, Pat Brennan, Eileen Brumpton, Dorothy Buckley, Leonard Buckley, Win Campbell, Edith Christian, Kathleen Cooper, Prudence Costello, Hazel Fanning , Keyra Hancox, Eunice Harrison, Sybil (Patricia) Hendry, Sr Joyce Hoffman, Marjory Ide-Tolley, Arthur Kelly, Margaret Kirkwood, Eliza (Nellie) Laggan, Bernard Lawder, Stephen Leather, Francis Mason-Johnson, Graham McAuliffe, Sr Margaret McKenna, Margaret McKinless, Olga Morrison, Leslie Nutt, Des Osborne, Walter Passey, Noel Peter Phillips, Joseph Reilly, Fr Paul Siebert, Edith Smith, Annie Smithson, Grace Spann, Vittorio Superina, Dorothy Taylor, Patricia Wamsley, Mary Watson,

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

Dennis Long, Ailbe Caplis, Reg Carmichael, May Horneman, John Abberdan, Robert Patterson, Therese Shepherd, Anne Dixon, Glenda Rogers, Laurie 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.

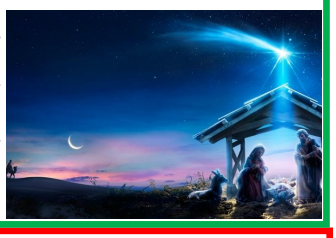
OUR ADVENT JOURNEY

As we commence and journey through the season of Advent, our church liturgical environment symbolises this journey with:

* music and hymns chosen for the specific Sundays;
* the lighting of the Advent candles; and
* the Nativity scene.

The four Sundays in Advent are a prayerful progression to the celebration of Christmas.

To emphasize this progression, our Nativity scene will evolve each week to tell the story of the recollection of the journey towards the birth of Jesus.



Vinnies good works

St Vincent de Paul Society– Manly Conference

Christmas Hamper Collection 2025

Our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal for non-perishable food will be held during the

first 3 weeks of Advent,
commencing the weekend of 29th /30th November,
at both St John Vianney's and St Jude's churches.

We look forward to the continuing support of the Parish to assist those in need in our community, and to add a little cheer to their lives at Christmas time. Hampers will be delivered on Saturday 20th December, so it would help if we can receive donations earlier rather than later. We would appreciate donations of:

1. Christmas fare e.g., tins of leg ham, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings *(individual ones rather than large please)*, fruit mince pies, long life custard, & jellies.
2. Tinned / bottled fruit & vegetables,
3. Tins of biscuits, shortbread, savoury biscuits (Jatz, water crackers etc.)
4. Bottles of cordial & fruit drinks, packs of poppers, soft drinks.
5. Christmas table items - bonbons, serviettes, decorations
6. Christmas sweets / chocolates
7. Coles, Woolworths, Kmart gift voucher

Please leave your donations in the baskets at the entrance of the churches.

Thank you for your support.

Did you know??

There is a special number to call for urgent needs:
1800 846 643
To make donations for the poor.
BSB 046-786 ACC No. 100026597
Name: SVdP Manly Conference

St Vincent de Paul Society Good Works

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Sunday of Advent
Year A: Sunday 30 Nov 2025

First Reading — Isiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'
He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. *R.* see v1

(R.) **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. ***(R.)***
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. ***(R.)***
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' ***(R.)***
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. ***(R.)***

Second Reading — Romans 13. 11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation — Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

6/7 December Next Sunday's Readings:

Second Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading:	Isaiah 11:1-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Second Reading	Romans 15:4-9
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12

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