

Parish Information

Quote of the Day

*Life is all about
MOVING ON,
accepting changes and
looking forward to what
makes you stronger and
more COMPLETE.*

SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

STOPLINE Contact: A0B@stopline.com.au

This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Child Safety and Protection of Vulnerable Adults policy is situated in the foyer of the church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Les Sellwood (Chair), Pam Chapman,
Bruce Corrie, Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez,
Maria Jones, Julia McLean

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Dennis Patterson, Irene Gavril, Rosa Maria Santos, Dawn O'Sullivan, Leon and Roz Thomas, Maura Poots, Angela Geraghty, Hugo Callan, Joan Francis, Angela de Weger, Terry Coles, Margaret Brennan, Ted Chapman, Leslee O'Connell, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Val Steeden, Mitchell Swee, Barbara Peet

For a name to be included in the 'Prayer for our Sick' list, the Privacy Act now requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Majorie Ball, Terence Barron, Eileen Blinco, Pat Brennan, Eileen Blinco, Dorothy Buckley, Leonard Buckley, 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, Edith Smith, Annie Smithson, Vittorio Superina, Dorothy Taylor, Patricia Wamsley, Mary Watson, Win Campbell, Fr Paul Siebert, Sr Joemaria C.M.C, Carmen Phairs

COVID-19 UPDATE

From the Archdiocese: 'The Chief Medical Officer has expressed confidence in organisations with COVID Safe plans and at this stage parishes following the [Industry Plan for Places of Worship](#) can continue to hold acts of worship with no additional operating restrictions.' Bishop Ken Howell

Our Parish operates under the COVID safe plan and we can continue to celebrate mass following these guidelines.

Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's:

Mass bookings for **82** people can be made.

To book please visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.

If you require assistance for bookings, please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email us at manly@bne.catholic.net.au

Mass Celebrations at St. Jude's:

We are currently able to celebrate with **40** people in attendance with social distancing in place. To book please contact: Helen McNamara via phone 0403 193 625 or e-mail: Imac11@optusnet.com.au

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 *Second Reading:* 2 Pet 3: 8-14 *Gospel:* Mk 1: 1-8

Parish and Community Announcements

Last Chance to Purchase For anyone who wishes to purchase a copy of Break Open the Word 2021: Book for Readers. These are available for purchase via the Parish Office at a cost of \$22.00. Order for these books will be placed on Friday 4 December 2020. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation Our Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 15 December at 6:00pm. There will be no mass on this day.

New Prayer Candles This week we received new prayer candles for the church to replace the tea lights that we have used in the past. Please light candles using the lighter that is placed on the right side of the stand. Spare candles will be stored on the shelf of the stand. We ask that when light candles, please do not step up onto the step. If you require any assistance or have any questions regarding this new system, please contact the Parish Office.

Increased Capacity at Mass Due to changes in COVID-19 restriction we are now able to increase the number of people attending each of our masses. Our new capacity is 82 people.

Christmas Masses Due to the changes in COVID-19 restrictions we now have seats available for our Christmas Eve masses at 5:00pm and 7:00pm. If you would like to book seats at either of these masses please go online to <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1> or contact the Parish Office.

St Vincent de Paul During the first 3 weekends of Advent the Manly Conference will be conducting a non-perishable food collection in our parish. Anyone wishing to participate can place their donated items into the baskets which will be located near the Christmas tree in the church foyer. Items which would be very helpful to Vinnies to include in their hampers are: Christmas fare (e.g. tins of leg ham, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings (individual ones rather than large please), fruit mince pies, long life custard, and jellies), tinned/bottled fruit and vegetables, tins of biscuits (e.g. shortbread, savoury biscuits (jatz, water crackers etc.), bottles of cordial and fruit drinks, packs of poppers, soft drinks, Christmas table items (e.g. bonbons, serviettes and decorations), Christmas sweets and chocolates as well as Coles, Woolworths or Kmart gift vouchers. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Call For Volunteers

The parish is in need of volunteers for weekend masses. If you would like to help with the following duties and are not already a volunteer in our parish please go to the following link to register as a volunteer: <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in contact with you. If you are already a volunteer within our parish and would like to assist please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: manly@bne.catholic.net.au. Full training is provided to all volunteers.

Sacristan duties, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality, Counters and Choir and musicians.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Please see information of the Volunteer Information Notices at the back of the church. We would like to thank you in anticipation.

St John Vianney's Catholic Parish, Manly

*Jesus is the reason for
the season*

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24 December 2020

Vigil Mass - 5:00PM - Manly

Mass - 7:00PM - Manly

Mass - 7:00PM - Gumdale

Mass - 9:00PM - Manly

Christmas Day

Friday 25 December 2020

Mass - 7:00AM - Manly

Mass - 9:30AM - Manly

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To Book: Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>

Unable to book online? Please contact the Parish office on 3131 2610.



First Reading: *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8*

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm: *Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

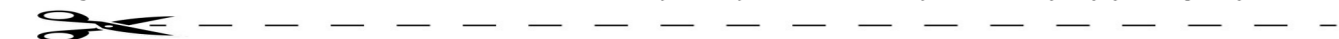
Gospel: *Mark 13:33-37*

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Help Us Update Our Parishioner Contact Details

If you wish to assist us, please fill in the slip below and place it into the parish mail box located at the back of the church. You may also like to take a copy of this form for someone in our parish community who is currently unable to attend mass, please note that the person whose details they are will need to sign the bottom of the form. The privacy of all individuals with whom we interact is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold. We do this by handing information in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (**Privacy Act**).



Family Surname: _____

First Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you consent to being contacted by St John Vianney's Parish?
YES / NO

Signature: _____



First Sunday of Advent - 29 November 2020

Parish Weekly Diary

Monday 30 Nov

Saint Andrew (F)

Tuesday 1 Dec

6:00pm Manly

Wednesday 2 Dec

9:00am Manly (Rosary)

9:30am Manly

Thursday 3 Dec

Saint Francis Xavier (M)

Friday 4 Dec

Saturday 5 Dec

5:00pm Manly

Sunday 6 Dec

Second Sunday of Advent

7:00am Gumdale

9:30am Manly

Reconciliation

By appointment only.



Another Advent....

This weekend we start another Liturgical New Year B. Advent has always been a happy time for most people. Even in this difficult time, there is something about Christmas and the coming of the Messiah - the Lord - the realization of all the promises that God has made to His people find their fulfilment in a stable, a little child. Our year of prayer will carry through the liturgical year. This rhythm and pattern are a blessing for us, providing a spiritual support for all the bits and pieces of daily living, during the different seasons. This progression keeps our lives grateful and centred on God.

We begin this season of Advent in a spirit of hope and expectation. During this time, we look forward not just to the birthday of Jesus at Bethlehem but also for His second coming at the end of time. Why are these four weeks before Christmas called "Advent"? The term comes from a Latin word "adventus" meaning 'coming, arrival'. We immediately think it refers to the coming of Jesus at Christmas time and that is correct. But that is not the whole story. In fact, we can speak of three comings of the Lord. The coming of the Child Jesus in Bethlehem, which we anticipate and prepare for in these four weeks. That is what we may call the First Coming.

The Gospel speaks in ominous terms of the end of the world and what we refer to as the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come". However, there is still a third coming which forms an important and indispensable link between the First and Second Comings. It is the welcoming of Jesus into our lives in the here and now. This is something which takes place every day - moment by moment. Through it we both acknowledge the First Coming of Jesus in Bethlehem and prepare for the Second Coming at an unknown future date. The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for His coming. He comes to us each and every day and He knocks on the door of our heart and home. So listen for His voice and welcome Him into our life. Let His word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us draw us to a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for His kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

Welcome to St John Vianney's Catholic Parish!

Our parish is known for being friendly and welcoming, as well as for active participation at Mass through music and prayer. There is a place here for everyone; we hope that you will join us. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact the parish office via email.

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Mass Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.