

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

**The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me. Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

**Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

**The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

**You will conceive and bear a son.**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B - 20 December 2020

### Parish Weekly Diary

**Monday 21 Dec**

Saint Peter Canisius (OM)

**Tuesday 22 Dec**

6:00pm Manly

**Wednesday 23 Dec**

Saint John of Kanty (OM)

9:00am Manly (Rosary)

9:30am Manly

**Thursday 24 Dec**

The Nativity of the Lord Vigil

5:00pm Manly

7:00pm Manly

7:00pm Gumdale

9:00pm Manly

**Friday 25 Dec**

The Nativity of the Lord Day

7:00am Manly

9:30am Manly

**Saturday 26 Dec**

Saint Stephen (F)

5:00pm Manly

**Sunday 27 Dec**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00am Gumdale

9:30am Manly

**Friday 1 Jan 2021**

9:30am Manly—New Years Mass

**Reconciliation** By appointment only.



### Jesus Is the Reason for the Season...!

We are in the final days of our Advent journey! So it is a special time in the life of the Church as we journey from these four weeks of Advent, to the celebration of Christmas. Our readings today bring our attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. So during the Advent season every year, we reflect on Mary. She is the woman of Advent. And in a special way this Advent, we reflect on Mary as the woman of faith. And Mary, Our Blessed Mother, is the one who shows us what faith, obedience and humility are all about.

This is the beautiful meaning of this Advent season. Because of Jesus — who comes to us through Mary — through Him, we are children of God! Mary is the Mother of Jesus, and she is our Mother too, no one can help us to grow as children of God more than Mary. So that's the way during this Advent and this Christmas as we participate as children of God and be part of the family of God. So let's ask Mary, our Blessed Mother, to help us to always be like her. To live with Jesus in our hearts and to share Jesus with everyone we meet and in everything we do. Then we all can have a wonderful Christmas. A Christmas where the centre is Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. A joyful and peaceful Christmas that we share with our brothers and sisters, with our families, and with the whole world.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and always." With God there is no such thing as time for nothing is impossible to God. All of time is totally present to Him right now. In God's eyes, Christmas is an everyday event that involves Jesus knocking at the door of our heart, seeking admission. It is Jesus who wants to journey with us today. To those accepting Him this Christmas day, He gives power to be children of God. It is He, our Lord Jesus Christ, who brings us here at this Christmas. With the help of His grace we can make a new beginning in our life. I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you and your families every blessing for this Christmas Season.

May hope and peace be renewed

as we together celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

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

## Parish Information

### Quote of the Day

**Heart is the only  
machine that works  
without any rest for years.  
Keep it always happy  
whether it is yours or  
others....**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Imac11@optusnet.com.au)

### SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>



### SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

#### Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

**STOPLINE Contact:** [A0B@stopleveline.com.au](mailto:A0B@stopleveline.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 Gavrila, 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, Mitchell Swee, Barbara Peet, Delia Chapman

**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:

Trevor Alexander, Edmond Baker, Katherine Barton, Fay Bishop, Dean Bramley, Kevin Byrne, Joan Copley, Catherine Dillon, Sylvia Fens, Alan Francis, Kathleen Galea, Meg Griffiths, Stephanie Hankins, Jean Kuter, Jennifer Lynas, Olivia Lewis, Eric Morrison, Gerard Ring, Jean Rosenstengel, Madeline Shenton, Henry Sizeland, Wilma Will, Blanca Wiswell, David Vidler.

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

### Next Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22, 39-40

## Parish and Community Announcements

**Volunteers Needed for Christmas Masses** We need volunteers to assist us with our Christmas masses. We are looking for: readers, Eucharistic ministers, marshals, screen operators and pew cleaners for after mass. If you can assist us with any of these, please contact the parish office via email at [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3131 2610. We would like to thank you in anticipation.

**Changes to Lock—Manly and Gumdale** We have had the locks at both Manly and Gumdale changed as part of our project to improve parish security. If you have a church key for either St John Vianney's or St Jude's can you please return these keys to the parish office or place them in a white envelope and write your name on it (envelopes will be available at the back of the church) and place them into the parish mail box. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

**Christmas Masses** We still have places available at our Christmas Eve 9:00pm and Christmas Day 7:00am masses. To book please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1> or contact the parish office.

**New Years Day Mass** A mass will be held at 9:30am on New Years Day at St John Vianney's, no bookings required for this mass.

**Parish Office Closure** The parish office will be closed from Friday 25 December 2020 until Friday 1 January 2021, reopening on Monday 4 January 2021. In the event of an emergency during this time please contact Fr Dantus on (07) 3396 0742. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this closure.

**January Mass Bookings** Are now available by via TryBooking. Please contact the parish office if you require assistance booking masses.

**No Masses** There will be no masses on Tuesday 29 December and Wednesday 30 December.

**RCIA Program 2021** If you or anyone you know would like to participate in the RCIA program in 2021, please contact the parish office. Preparation sessions will be held over the next 3 months ending at Easter 2021. If you have any questions please contact the parish office.

### 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](mailto: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.

**To our Parishioners  
at St John Vianney's,  
Manly and St Jude's,  
Gumdale**

# Merry Christmas

*May God bless you at Christmas  
time and throughout the New  
Year.*

From Fr Dantus, Fr Prem  
and Kate