



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## The Ascension of the Lord Year B - 16 May 21

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

### Parish Weekly Diary

**Monday** 10 May

**Tuesday** 11 May

*Saint John I (OM)*

6:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**Wednesday** 12 May

9:00am Rosary at  
Manly

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

**Thursday** 13 May

*Saint Bernadine of  
Siena (OM)*

**Friday** 14 May

*Saints Christopher  
Magallanes and com-  
panions (OM)*

**Saturday** 15 May

*Saint Rita of Cascia  
(OM)*

5:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**Sunday** 16 May

*Pentecost*

7:00am Mass at  
Gumdale

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4:30pm -  
4:50pm

*No bookings  
required.*

### A new lesson....

Today's feast the Ascension of the Lord is a celebration of Jesus' glory after His suffering and death. It's a glory in which we also hope to share. At the same time, we celebrate the ongoing presence of the Risen Jesus among us, a presence which calls every one of us to be living witnesses to that presence here in our own community and to the ends of the earth.

We find Jesus in every circumstance - in our Christian community, in those we mix with every day of our lives. As we receive the love of a brother or sister, it is the presence of Jesus. Every time we share our love with someone, we are making Jesus present to that person. All of us are to be Jesus in this world. We are the visible presence of Jesus. It is really a great challenge and a rather exciting responsibility.

Here are some questions to ponder. When people see me, do they see Jesus? Do they desire to know Jesus in a deeper way? Are they inspired to join our community, share our life, and take the Gospel as the foundation of their life? That is the meaning of the Ascension. Today we gather here not only to remember something that happened a long time ago; we are also here to remind ourselves that when Jesus left us He gave us a very important mission. That mission was and is to continue His loving and redemptive presence in the world. Let us ask Him today to help us, through his grace and mercy, to carry out that loving responsibility in the way we are called.

### A walk through the mass: a step-by-step explanation by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Mass is the centre of our faith and the source of Divine life. If we understand the value of the Mass, we would certainly participate in it actively and regularly. I feel that a simple explanation on each part of the Mass may help you to recognize the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Beginning the weekend of 22/23 May, the homily at weekend masses will include a short video which will explain in detail, the parts of the Holy mass.

### 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 .

Blessings,  
Fr Dantus Thottathil

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Sts, Manly

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Wed, Thurs, Fri

**Presbytery Ph.:** 3396 0742

# Parish Information

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**Having a sharp  
memory is a good quality  
of the brain.  
But, the ability to forget  
the unwanted things is  
a far better quality of the Heart...!!  
Live in peace...**

## Mass Bookings at St. John Vianney's:

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 Bookings at St. Jude's:

To book please contact: Helen McNamara  
via phone 0403 193 625 or  
e-mail: [Imac11@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Imac11@optusnet.com.au)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

## SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer  
is:** Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

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*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.*

## 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, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, 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.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mitchell Swee, Connie Robb and Mary Ann Larcher

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Dominic (Margaret) Burke, Margaret Bourke, Philip Bright, Sr Veronica Casey, Margaret Coughlan, John Fens, Paola Grima, Colette Hinchy, Kathleen Hodge, Kenneth Leather, Agnes Marano, Hugh Massie, Philip McCudden, John McMahan, Peggy Nunn, Sr Raphael O'Connor, Joseph O'Malley, Sr Mary-Ellen Perry, Marian Rybarczyk, Leslie Shead, June Sheppard, Florence Tarrant, Lawrence Thatcher, James Treacy, Bronislawa Wojtasik.

## STEWARDSHIP

May 16, 2021  
Ascension of Our Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

## CATHOLIC LEADER

The May issue of the Catholic Leader is available at the back of the church for \$4.00. Please note that this newspaper is now published on a monthly basis rather than weekly.

## Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

# Parish and Community Announcements

## Cartias Appeal

Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.

## Knights of the Southern Cross

The Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross Silver Circle winner of \$40 for Draw 6 of 10, drawn on the 8th May 2021, is Dawn Cheicuti with ticket 51. Congratulations to Dawn and thank you all who are supporting the charitable works of the Wynnum/Manly Branch of the Knights, through this fundraiser.

## Australian Catholic Bishops Conference - National Count of Attendance

Over the first four weekends in May, we will be undertaking the National Count of Attendance. To assist us in gathering as accurate as possible information we ask that those checking in to mass using the Check In Qld app, let the marshal know how many people they have checked in for. **Next week we are asked to gather data regarding the age range of people attending our masses, to do this there will be paper outside the Piety Stall. We ask that after signing into mass you go and indicate your age group.** We thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we undertake this task.

## Sacramental Program - First Holy Communion

The following are the dates for the sacrament of First Holy Communion:

**Classes:** 22/ 23 May, 29/ 30 May, 5/ 6 June, and 12/ 13 June

**Celebrations:** 19/ 20 June and 26/ 27 June **PLEASE NOTE** these celebrations will take place during the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9:30am masses.

We ask that you keep these children and their families in your prayers during this time.

## Essential Maintenance Works @ Manly

Earlier this week we had the ceiling in the church repaired. We would like to thank Brad and the team at Enterprizing, for their assistance in with this repair.

## A Morning's Prayer at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team will deliver another 'A Morning's Prayer' at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston on Saturday 12th June. The morning (9am-12pm) is facilitated with a time of input, prayer, morning tea, reflection and faith sharing, and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. We encourage you to book early to avoid missing out, as spaces are limited.

If you can't make it this time, or if you'd like to attend down the track, bookings are open for the Saturdays of 28 August, 18 September, and 4 December. Cost - \$15 per person.

*"I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed and received from the mini retreat. ... I felt a lovely sense of peace afterwards. I also appreciated the opportunity to meet and share with like minded people."*

For all bookings go to: <https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/>

## NEW SIGN IN OPTION AVAILABLE AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S



We're using the new Check In Qld app to help keep you COVID safe the next time you visit. All you need to do is:

- download the app
  - [www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld)
- enter your details once
- open the app when you next visit us
- select 'Check in Now' and hover your smartphone over our QR code Done!

Using this digital check-in means your details are stored securely by the Queensland Government for fast COVID-19 contact tracing if needed.

### **First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

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.'

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

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

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

Alleluia!

### **Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

## **For the Children...**

*THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B*

*JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN*

The time had come for Jesus to say goodbye to his friends and to return to his father in heaven. They had work to do when he was gone, but through the Holy Spirit they would never feel afraid or alone.

**LET US PRAY**

Lord Jesus, help us to remember that you are with us always and we need never be afraid.

Help us to go out and do your work in this world until we see you again, when you come back to us at the end of time.



**Next Children's  
Liturgy**

**SUNDAY 6th June**