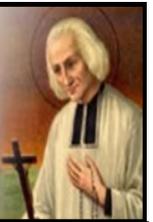




St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B - 19 September 21

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 **Second Reading:** James 3:16 - 4:3 **Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

Parish Weekly Diary

Monday 20 Sept
Saints Andrew Kim
Taegon, Paul Hasang
and companions (M)

Tuesday 21 Sept
Saint Matthew (F)

6:00pm Mass at
Manly

Wednesday 22 Sept
9:00am Rosary at
Manly

9:30am Mass at
Manly

Thursday 23 Sept
Saint Pius of Pietrecina
(M)

Friday 24 Sept

Saturday 25 Sept
5:00pm Mass at
Manly

Sunday 26 Sept
Twenty Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass at
Gumdale

9:30am Mass at
Manly

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30pm -
4:50pm

No bookings required.

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 .

Last of all and servant of all....

There is a story that goes like this; a man spoke with the Lord about heaven and hell. The Lord said to the man "come, I will show you hell." They entered a room where a group of hungry people sat around a huge pot of cooking stew. Everyone in the room was starving. Each person held a spoon that reached the pot but each spoon had a handle so much longer than their own arms that it could not be used to get the stew into their own mouths. The suffering was terrible. "Come now, I will show you heaven," the Lord said. They entered a room identical to the first, the big pot of stew, the group of people and the same long-handled spoons. But here everyone was happy and well-nourished. "I don't understand," said the man. "Why is everyone happy here and miserable in the other room? Everything is the same." "Here," said the Lord, they have learned to serve each other."

At times we feel very important and great before God and others. Each time we raise our ego or achievements before God or people, it instils in us directly or indirectly, a feeling of pride. We should learn to realize that we cannot do enough for God who has done more than enough for us. Greatness before God is not an accomplishment but it is a divine gift.

However, Christ today shows us the ideal - humility. Humility is a virtue that prepares the ground for other virtues. It is considering ourselves as an instrument of God for others and the good we do is God working in and through us. Humility allows us to say I am sorry, it makes us better listeners, more thoughtful and considerate, and motivates us to generosity and service. Humility is a childlike quality making us less conscious of what we have achieved. We consider ourselves last of all and servants of all. It allows us to suffer for the good of others and gives us the disposition to accept persecution for Christ's sake. These qualities, we see in Christ who "though He was God, did not count equality with God". Jesus, Himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve: "He humbled Himself and took on the form of a servant".

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

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Parish Information

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Doing good for
others is not a duty....
It's a joy.
It increases your
own health and happiness.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

WEBSITE

www.manlycatholicparish.org.au

FACEBOOK

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SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

STOPLINE Contact: AOB@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.

STEWARDSHIP

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last
of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)*

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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, 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, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gertrude Anderson, John Brian, Judith Brennan, Kathleen Carter, Peter Carter, David Cootes, Edna Dillon, Val Fagan, Bernard Foster, Alan Gill, Cecily Graham, Frank Grainger, Luigi Gregori, Luzette Hageraats, Gilda Hankins, Victoria Hardy, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Harrison, Annie Horswill, Keith Joseph Imeson, Andrew Jones, Michael Kearney, Mary Laracy, Diane Larkins, Lance Lawes, Pat Little, Margaret Murphy, Margaret, McIntosh, Peter McIndoe, Lisa Orford (Argent), Jessie Platt, Clem Raine, John Ryan, Florence Schmid, Paul Skillender, Leo Smith, Ray Tranter, Josephine van Daalen, Bob Ward, Madge Wiese

CATHOLIC LEADER

The monthly 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.

COVID-19 Restrictions

- Funerals and Weddings held indoors will have a maximum occupancy of 110 people.
- Masks: you must wear a masks in indoor spaces including places of worship
 - Clergy and readers who are socially distanced from others may remove their masks whilst speaking, and only when 1.5 metres from others.

Mass Roster for St John Vianney's

Date	1st Reader	2nd Reader	3rd Reader
Sat 18/09	Gerardina Russell	Denis Hohnen	Marlin Thomas
Sun 19/09	Helen Camden	Anne Skitmore	Donna Ricca
Sat 25/09	Jen Burrows	Nola Smith	Mark Robinson
Sun 26/09	June Meyer	Laura Fontaine	Laurent Fontaine

PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed - Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2021

Blessed is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022). Blessed also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Murillo, Strozzi, Jouvenet, Botticelli and Reni with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. If you would like to purchase a copy of Blessed please contact the parish office by **Monday 20 September**. The cost of these books is \$4.00.

Call for Volunteers—Redlands Deanery Youth Group

Redlands Deanery Youth are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with the planning and running of future events. No experience is necessary. For further information please contact Dave - 3820 0100 or Isaac - 0499 024 309

Sacrament of Confirmation

The new date for the Confirmation Ceremony is **Wednesday 27 October**. Sacramental preparation classes will resume on the weekend of 9/10 October. We wish all candidates and their families a very safe and happy holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back in October.

Going Deeper

Going Deeper, is an adult formation initiative of Evangelisation Brisbane in the Archdiocese. It is a **ten-session online series of pre-recorded discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith**, which explores the wonder and mystery of God's relationship with each of us individually and collectively. It has been designed primarily for individual use, as each of us is on our own unique spiritual journey. However, if preferred, it can also be undertaken in small groups, and can be undertaken at any time, and at your own pace. **Going Deeper** is for you, no matter what faith background or experience you have. For more information, please contact the parish office, or to register please visit: www.goingdeeper.org.au

Knights of the Southern Cross - Silver Circle Draw

The Winner of draw 7 is R. Czulowski with ticket 29. Congratulations to the winner and thanks to all who have supported the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights through our Silver Circles.

Date Claimer - Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **Saturday 25th of September commencing at 11:30am**. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, refreshments following Mass will not be offered. Bookings will be available from **Monday 13 September** and can be made via the following link: <https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or telephone the Cathedral office on 3324 3030.

Multicultural Mass - toward an ever-wider "we"

Celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane as we unite in a colourful display of the celebration of the Eucharist at the annual Multicultural Mass. The Mass will be held on **Sunday 26th September** in observance of World Day of Migrant & Refugees (26 September). This year's theme is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". It will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural dancing/performances and coffee in the cathedral grounds will follow. We welcome and encourage members of cultural communities to wear their traditional cultural attire if appropriate.

Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm Mass; 3:30pm – 4:30pm dancing and coffee

Date: Sunday 26th September 2021

Location: St Stephen's Cathedral (249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City)

Register: annualmulticulturalmass.eventbrite.com.au

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

For the Children...

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST

Often we call people great when they are very successful, or rich and powerful. Jesus explains that such things are not important to God. He measures our greatness by our goodness and willingness to think of others before ourselves.

LET US PRAY

Lord, sometimes I find it hard not to have things my own way... To be expected to share and to put others first. Help me to be generous and thoughtful as you would want me to
Amen.



Next Sunday's Readings:

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:
Numbers 11:25-29
Second Reading:
James 5:1-6
Gospel:
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Next Children's Liturgy

SUNDAY 3rd October