



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B - 3 October 21

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24 Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11 Gospel: Mk 10:2-16

Parish Weekly Diary

Monday 4 Oct

Saint Francis of Assisi
(M)

**Public Holiday - Office
Closed**

Tuesday 5 Oct

Saint Faustina Kowalska
(OM)

No Mass

Wednesday 6 Oct

Saint Bruno (OM)

9:00am Rosary at
Manly

No Mass

Thursday 7 Oct

Our Lady of the Rosary
(M)

Friday 8 Oct

Saturday 9 Oct

5:00pm Mass at
Manly

Sunday 10 Oct

Twenty Eighth

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 .

JESUS TEACHES ON MARRIAGE

The Catechism of the catholic church says that "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws.... God himself is the author of marriage."# 1603

Divorce was a controversial topic in Jesus' day, with two main schools of thought centered around two of its most famous supporters. The first was the school of Rabbi Hillel (a lenient and popular view) and the school of Rabbi Shammai (a strict and unpopular view).The Pharisees tried to get Jesus to speak against Moses or against popular thought; they hoped to catch Him in a trap.

Jesus emphasized the heart of the matter in Deuteronomy 24:1. Moses did not **command** divorce; Moses **permitted** it. This went against the teaching of Rabbi Hillel, who taught that it was a *righteous duty* to divorce your wife if she displeased you in any way.

Jesus now changed from a talk about *divorce* to a talk about *marriage*. The problem was not that they did not understand the law about divorce. The problem was that they did not understand what God said about *marriage*.

This emphasis on marriage rather than divorce is a wise approach for anyone interested in keeping a marriage together.God's real purpose for marriage is not fulfilled in divorce but only in seeing God's original plan for marriage. In saying, "**God made them,**" Jesus asserted God's ownership over marriage; it is God's institution, not man's, so *His* rules apply.

Jesus reminded the Pharisees that marriage is spiritually binding before God. Marriage is not merely a social contract, and as God has joined He will keep together.

So, if Jesus is taking us back to God's original plan, what's in the plan?

First, it is **monogamous**; despite later Old Testament stories about polygamy, Genesis teaches that God's original intent was for *one* man and *one* woman to form a marriage.

Second, it is their **primary commitment**: they are to leave their parents and be joined to each other, which means that their first loyalty from now on will be to the new family unit they are creating together.

Third, it is **sacramental**, by which I mean that the physical action of the joining of their bodies in sexual union is a symbol of the deeper joining of their lives as 'one flesh'.

Fourth, it is intended to be **permanent**: 'What God has joined together, let no one separate' (v.9).

This is God's original purpose for us. Jesus' intent here is to show us that marriage is not just a legal contract rather, it is a deep, mystical, sacramental union.

"A great marriage is not when the 'perfect couple' comes together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences."— Dave Mueller

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Parish Information

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Nothing is IMPOSSIBLE.
 The word itself says
 ‘I’M POSSIBLE!’”*
AUDREY HEPBURN

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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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 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” (Mark 9:41) We are made in God’s image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we real-ize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that’s the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

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 Gavrilas, 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tereza Thomas

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 Skilender, Leo Smith, Ray Tranter, Josephine van Daalen, Bob Ward, Madge Wiese

CATHOLIC LEADER

The Catholic Leader October 2021 Issue, yours to take home for \$4

- Queensland legalises euthanasia in dire change for the state
- Brisbane Oratory celebrates its first priestly ordination
- Former Queensland Rugby Union CEO says guardian angel brought him to Braille House
- Granddaughter of war medic returns vestments to Church
- Stanthorpe parish priest Fr Lino Valente remembered
- Holland Park remembers 60 years of St Joachim Church
- Aussie Christians open up on Jesus in new book by Greg Sheridan
- Helen and helpers lead little ones to God’s way
- Special advertising feature - High Achievers in Education
- PLUS Readings for October, Film Reviews, Book Reviews, Puzzles and Recipes

Mass Roster for St John Vianney’s

Date	1st Reader	2nd Reader	3rd Reader
Sat 02/10	Maureen Bentley	Jane O’Brien	Denise Daigle
Sun 03/10	Colleen Skubis	Helen Camden	Anne Skitmore
Sat 09/10	Marlin Thomas	Gerardina Russell	Denis Hohnen
Sun 10/10	Donna Ricca	Colleen Skubis	Nola Smith

PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Closure and Weekday Masses:

The parish office will be closed on Monday 4 October due to Public Holiday. Due to current COVID restrictions there will be **NO WEEKDAY Masses** for the next two weeks.

Rosary before Saturday Evening Mass

During the month of October the Rosary will be prayed before Mass to honour the Month of Mary. This will commence at 4:30pm, all are welcome to attend.

Call for Volunteers—Redlands Deanery Youth Group

The Redlands Deanery Youth Group meets in one of the Parishes in the Redlands Deanery on the fourth Friday of the month. It has been gathering momentum throughout the year and is now in need of more leaders and assistants to keep the group running smoothly. If you are over 18 and interested in helping the youth of our Deanery find the light of Christ then please contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Nola Smith at sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au or add your contact details to the Sign-up Sheet at the entrance to the church. No experience is necessary.

Sacrament of Confirmation

After the Covid-19 lockdown in July we are finally able to resume our Confirmation Preparation Program next weekend. Classes will resume on Saturday 9 October at 3.45pm and Sunday 10 October at 8.15am.

Rosary for our Nation in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima

Everyone is invited to join in praying the Rosary for our Nation in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on the 104th Anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun', on **Saturday 16th October at 10:00am** at St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale. Please bring a chair. For more information, please call Vita on 0449 922 161.

Children's Ministry

Christmas can be an incredible opportunity to engage with children and families whether they are parish regulars or holiday visitors. This year we would like to present a Nativity Play involving the children in our parish. If you or your child would like to be involved please contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Nola Smith at sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au or add your contact details to the Sign-up Sheet at the entrance to the church.

Morning Tea Returns to Sunday Mass

Following the 9.30am Sunday Mass next weekend, Sunday 10 October, we will be holding Morning Tea. Stay back and join us for tea or coffee with biscuits and cordial for the children. Please note we will be adhering to Covid-19 serving restrictions.

COVID-19 Restrictions

Effective 30 September 2021 at 4:00pm the local government areas (LGAs) of Brisbane, Gold Coast, Moreton Bay, Logan, Townsville and Palm Island will enter Stage 2 restrictions of the COVID Safe Roadmap. Please find the new restrictions below for anyone who is or has been anywhere in these LGAs.

Face Masks: You must wear a face mask at all times when you are indoors, including churches and workplaces unless you are alone in an office or meeting room with the door closed, eating or drinking, or it is unsafe to wear a mask. This affects parish liturgies and events as follows:

- Clergy and readers must keep their mask on indoors but may remove the mask when they are 1.5 metres away from others.
- Parishioners must keep their masks while indoors unless unsafe to do so.
- Choirs and all cantors will be required to keep their masks on at all times.

Face masks must also be worn outdoors when you are unable to stay 1.5 metres away from people who are not from your household, you are eating or drinking, or it is unsafe to wear a mask.

Masses and Gatherings:

- Occupancy: At Manly our maximum capacity is 90 people (this is based on 1 person per 4sq metres)
- Outdoors: 1 person per 2 sq metres
- Weddings and Funerals, when held indoors, will follow the same occupancy noted above. Masks must be worn.

Food Service: People eating and drinking must be seated. Masks must be worn except when eating or drinking.

Visiting vulnerable person facilities or the homebound:

- Visits to hospitals, aged care and disability accommodation services) will continue to have restrictions. Anyone who has been in the Brisbane, Gold Coast, Moreton Bay, and Logan LGAs cannot visit aged care, hospitals, disability accommodation and detention centres. Please contact the facility to receive specific directives regarding visitation.
- At present clergy or lay people may enter people's homes to take Holy Communion to the homebound but must keep their mask on during the visit and adhere to standard hand hygiene protocols.

Workplaces: You must wear a face mask at all times when you are indoors, including parish offices and other workplaces, unless you are alone in an office or meeting room with the door closed, eating or drinking, or it is unsafe to wear a mask

Please continue to check the list of contact tracing venues here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/contact-tracing#QLD> and follow the health advice if you have been to any of these locations.

The latest updates can be found at <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/>.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

For the Children...

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND

Jesus loved to spend time with children, enjoying their laughter, talking to them, listening to what they had to say. They have always been just as important to him as grownups are.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, friend of little children, you are always ready to listen to what we have to say.

As we become adults, help the special trust and friendship we share with you as children grow within us and draw us ever closer to you. Amen.



Next Sunday's Readings:

*Twenty Eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

First Reading:

Wis 7:7-11

Second Reading:

Heb 4:12-13

Gospel:

Mk 10:17-30

Next Children's Liturgy
SUNDAY 17th October

**MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE ON THE START
OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL FIRST ASSEMBLY**



After five years of preparation and consultation we're finally arrived at the moment of the first assembly of the two assemblies of the Plenary Council in Australia; the first Plenary Council celebrated in Australia since 1937.

Because of COVID-19 we've had to postpone this first assembly for twelve months. We're still in the grip of COVID-19 but we decided to go ahead even though now the first assembly will be completely online.

But here in Brisbane, unless we have a lockdown, we will gather as a group of about fifteen in Cathedral House behind me each day. So there will be some face to face, but most of it will be face to screen.

Now, not everybody can be a member of the Plenary Council. There will be about 300 of us online as members and expert advisors and helpers of various kinds, so that 300 will be online.

But in fact the Plenary Council is for the entire community of faith, all catholic people whoever you are, it's for you the Plenary Council.

So you may not be online as a member of the Plenary Council, but you are very much part of the journey of this week and that's why I write to you now.

If you're not online there are other ways in which you can take part; you can follow the live stream sessions each day, not all the sessions will be live streamed, but some will be and you are very much invited to join the live stream sessions*.

Then you can each day follow the updates that will be provided at the end of each day.

So again I invite you, I urge you to read the updates but most of all, to surround the assembly with your prayer; that this is a deep and real and powerful way of you sharing in the experience of this first assembly.

So the call is to all of us members or not the fact is you've been baptised and therefore you are very much part of the journey.

So let's take the road together and may God, who has begun the good work in us with the Plenary Council, bring it to fulfilment.

* A google search for "Plenary Council" will find us at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>