St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Sacraments of Initiation
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Funerals and Weddings
All enquiries regarding Funerals and Weddings, please contact the parish office.

Parish Mission Statement

We follow the words of our patron, St John Vianney, who said "He is here."

We recognise Christ is in the Word, the Eucharist, and in us, His people, with a special reverence for Him, in the poor and marginalised. We are called to make Christ present through our prayer and charity. We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and create a community where everyone is welcome; the young and the old, together to experience the loving presence of God. We believe He is here amongst us and we joyfully go out to make Him present to all.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Quandamooka, Yuggera and Turribal Peoples, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

The harmony of unity

(From St Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Ephesians)

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the presbyters.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow-disciples. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent presbyters, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop – in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds – how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity.
Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer

Let us pray:

Almighty God, your Son called ordinary people to follow him — Peter, Andrew, James, and John. They trusted him enough to leave what was familiar and walk a new path with him. He shaped them into fishers of people and invited them to join his work of love and salvation. Help us, like them, to trust your call, to follow your Son with open hearts, and to share his love with others in the world today. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

For Your Diary

26 January	Mon	Australia Day: Public Holiday.
		9.30 am *Mass Australia Day*
27 January	Tues	6.00 pm Mass
28 January	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group
		9.30am Mass
29 January	Thurs	No Mass
30 January	Fri	No Mass
31 February	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment]
		5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
1 January	Sun	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		7.00am Mass (St Jude's)
		9.30am Mass (SJV)

A Prayer for Our Country

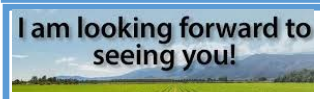
God of all nations,
We pray for our country, Australia.
We give thanks for all the blessings we receive from this ancient and mysterious land.
We are grateful for the Indigenous people who took time over thousands of generations to learn her ways and share them with wisdom.
We stand humbly before the storms and fires that leave us speechless.
Our hopes are stirred by the millions of kind and decent people who enliven our community, seldom seeking the limelight, always responding to the needs of others, regardless of who they may be.
These people are our future.
We know, Lord, that the new year finds us in a fragile place.
We pray earnestly for your grace to find the right direction, the one that leads to dignity and justice for us all.
May your Holy Spirit work with us to heal divisions, dissolve anger, open our ears and draw us into compassion.
May we rediscover the gifts of common good, commonwealth and common sense.
May we, like your Son, seek to serve,
not to be served.
In 2026, and for all ages. Amen

– Michael McGirr

Liturgy Formation Day

(for all liturgical ministers only):
Saturday, 14 February 2026,
9:00am–12:30pm
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.
Morning tea and lunch will be provided. No cost.
Please indicate your attendance by 1 February 2026.
Please refer to the newsletter of 20/21 December 2025 to confirm whether you are a liturgical minister and for more details.

-Fr Baiyi



VOLUNTEERS BRUNCH

We want to say THANK YOU TO ALL OUR Volunteers St John Vianney's AND St Jude's
Volunteers' Thanksgiving Brunch:
Sunday, 8 February 2026,
after the 9:30am Mass at St John Vianney's Hall.
Please RSVP by Monday 27th January 2026, via the parish office phone number or email, for catering purposes. No Cost.

-Fr Baiyi

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love has no borders

THANK YOU from THE ROMERO CENTRE

The Romero Centre would like to thank parishioners of St. John Vianney's Parish, Manly, for their very generous Christmas donation on behalf of people seeking asylum and humanitarian assistance in Brisbane.

With your continued support, we can ensure their human dignity is upheld as we continue to provide genuine welcome and appropriate support for those who have fled danger and are now struggling to survive in SE Queensland.

A total of $744 cash and $120 Gift Cards was donated.

Many thanks!!!

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
24Jan	Volunteers	Geraldina	Maureen	Denis	Mikaela | Jen | Denise	Pam	D
25 Jan	Lita Volunteers	Donna	Sonia	MArgaret	Mark | Trish | Heather	Aurelie	
31 Jan	Denis Volunteers	Maureen	Jane	Jen	Denise | Carmel | Alison	Sienna	E
1 Feb	Lita Volunteers	Helen	Aurelie	Steve	June | Sonia | Donna	Donna	

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all."

This policy applies to **Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and visitors to our sites.** For information or to report an incident, **please contact our local Safeguarding Reps: Jane O'Brien & Neil Taylor** on *lsr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au* .

First Reconciliation Preparation 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
We are now calling for children who have been Baptised and Confirmed, to register for the Preparation Sessions for their Reconciliation which will be celebrated in the Second Rite of the Church Liturgy, in preparation for the First Holy Communion.

Parents Information Session:
Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7.00 pm On Teams.
Pam our Sacraments Coordinator will be in touch before then.

There are four Children's Prep sessions:
[you may choose to attend either Saturday or Sunday]
Saturday at 3.30-4.30pm before the 5.00 pm Mass or
Sunday at 8:00 -9.00 am before 9.30 am Mass.

- *Session 1: 14/15th February*
- *Session 2: 21/22nd February*
- *Session 3: 28 Feb/1March*
- *Session 4: 7/8 March*
- *Liturgy Practice for 2nd Rite of Reconciliation: 14/15 March*
- *Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 21/22 March*

PLEASE PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Campbell, Marea Peake, Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Jean Hine, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Luzivina Lozano, Jennifer Lynas, Dulcie, Maher, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, , Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko , George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Maria Skubis, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Bill Spann, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: PLEASE ALSO KEEP PRAYING FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR LIST:

Elizabeth Lisenski, Dennis Long, Ailbe Caplis, Reg Carmichael, May Horneman, John Abberdan, Robert Patterson, Therese Shepherd, Anne Dixon, Glenda Rogers, L aurie Atzeni, Dan O'Brien, Sue McDonald, Chris Lee, Francis Raisch, Eric Roberts, Sue Wynne-Davies, Jack & Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Irene Gavrila, Carlos Manabat, Maureen Handcock, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters, and Patrick Nofoakifolau.

To include a name in our 'Recently Deceased', or "For those Who Are Sick' the Privacy Act requires the permission of a close relative.

Welcome and Introduction to Our New Parish Manager

Last weekend, with great pleasure, our parish announced the appointment of our new Parish Manager, Aurélie Twidale.

Aurélie was born into a strong Catholic family and has always lived and practised her faith faithfully. I have been blessed to know Aurélie for a long time. When I was Parish Priest of St Peter's, Rochedale, Aurélie served as Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council for two terms, a total of four years. Aurélie is a qualified speech pathologist. In addition to her professional work, she generously volunteered her time at St Peter's, including assisting me with my English over years. She also brings a wide range of work experience, having worked for about six years in the Office of the Governor at Paddington.

After getting married, Aurélie and her family moved to Lota and became parishioners of our parish. In February last year, she joined the Reading and Power Point ministry. In May, she volunteered to support our parish by managing our Facebook page. Shortly afterwards, Aurélie began volunteering weekly in the parish office, providing wonderful and reliable support.

With Aurélie joining our parish team as our new Parish Manager, I am confident that our parish will continue to flourish as a local faith community. Please warmly welcome Aurélie, support her, and keep her in your prayers. ***(Fr Baiyi)***

Hey Kids! We're back! Happy New Year!

CHILDREN'S Liturgy is back too!
Next weekend;
Sunday 1st February at 9.30 am Mass

MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

The options for electronic donations are:
If you are new to our Parish, AND if you are able,

- Use our EFTPOS machine at the Manly parish church. You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.
- By direct deposit - parish bank details are **BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100002778** Account Name: **St John Vianney's Parish, Manly.**
- **Check in to the parish office** and ask for gifting envelopes.

Liturgy of the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time [Year A]

Sunday 25 Jan 2026

First Reading **Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.
The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
   whom shall I fear?
   The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
   Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
   for this I long,
   to live in the house of the Lord,
   all the days of my life,
   to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
   to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
   in the land of the living.
   Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
   Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice.
From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?
For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 4:12-23**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:
Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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