St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A - 25 and 26 July 2026
WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

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Sacraments of Initiation
All enquiries for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

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. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture.

Understanding Scripture - Kingdom of heaven (part 2)

This Sunday's gospel concludes Matthew's 'Sermon in Parables.' Both in last Sunday's gospel and this Sunday's there are three parables: two brief stories with positive outcomes (mustard seed, leaven/treasure, pearl) contrasting with one longer story involving final judgment (weeds in the wheat/the fishnet). The first two parables in this Sunday's gospel - the buried treasure and the pearl - involve the same pattern of action. Though the person finds the treasure by chance and the merchant diligently searches for the pearl, each (1) finds something, (2) sells all they have, (3) buys the found object. In what way is 'the kingdom of heaven like' (13:44, 45) the action in these two parables? When one 'finds' the kingdom, whether by chance or by diligent search, one's world is reversed: each individual 'sells all that he has' (13:44, 45). This represents both a complete break with their life as they knew it and the surpassing value of the kingdom. In order to 'buy' it - this is to be taken in terms of the parable, not literally - everything else is willingly sacrificed. In a scale of values the kingdom takes priority over everything else. But what is acquired - the kingdom - is more valuable than 'all' that each has. In a scale of values nothing surpasses the worth of the kingdom.

So far these parables are quite positive in outlook - focusing on individuals who forego all but gain more. But there is another aspect to the kingdom that Jesus explores in the parable of the fishnet. The focus in this parable is on final judgment. To sort the fish - the bad from the good - the fishermen sit on the shore. This is the posture for judgment: in the age to come the disciples will 'sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel' (19:28) just as the Son of Man will sit on his throne to judge between sheep and goats (25:31ff). Though the kingdom is for the righteous, not the wicked, the separation of the righteous from the wicked must wait until the day of judgment.

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Parish Pastoral Council Members
Anne Skitmore (Chair), Carmel Smith (Vice Chair), Pam Biggs-Chapman (Secretary), Denis Hohnen, Jeffery Bourke, Jen Burrows, Maureen Bentley, Scott Booth, Rosa Maria Janice, Brek Robertson.

The week ahead...

27th July Mon No Mass
Parish Office Open 8.30am - 1.30pm

28th July Tues 6pm Mass
Parish Office Closed

29th July Wed **Saint Mary Magdalene**
9am Rosary
9.30am Mass, followed by morning tea
Parish Office Closed for staff training

30th July Thurs No Mass
Parish Office Closed for staff training

31st July Fri No Mass
Parish Office Closed

Special Parish Feast Day Masses

1st Aug Sat 4.30pm Reconciliation
[or by appointment]
5pm Sunday Vigil Mass

2nd Aug Sun 7am Mass (St Jude's)
9.30 am Mass (SJV)
Parish Feast Day celebrations - 11am Guest Speaker, followed by free BBQ lunch

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer

Almighty God, King Solomon asked you for wisdom rather than long life, riches, or the lives of his enemies. Your Son teaches us in today's Gospel that true wisdom is to become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven and to seek entry into that kingdom, even if it means giving up everything we have to obtain it. Help us to follow your Son and, like King Solomon, to strive for such wisdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TRAINING - THIS SUNDAY

All existing and new readers and ministers of Communion please join us at the training session after the 9.30am Mass at **St John Vianney's Church this Sunday 26th July.** The session should take approximately 1 hour.

The Knights of the Southern Cross, Wynnum-Manly Branch, hosts a Holy Hour of Adoration on the FIRST FRIDAY of each month from 5pm – 6pm. Venue: Guardian Angels church, Wynnum.**Our next Adoration is on Friday 7th August.** Everyone is welcome.

This Week's Scripture Readings - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30 **Gospel Acclamation** See Matthew 11:25 **Gospel** Matthew 13:44-46

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Welcome! Are you new to our Parish or would like to update your details? Our Parish (and the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has officially adopted Flocknote for all parishes, as a safe, new, and improved database and means of communicating in parishes. Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link or QR code to register with the parish. Your info is kept secure and private. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.
Please go to **https://manlycatholic.flocknote.com/register** or scan the QR code.

If you would like to enrol yourself or your child/children in Baptism or other Sacraments, please complete the above family registration, then email the Parish Office to receive enrolment information.
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Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
25 July	Denis Harvey	Colleen	Gerardina	Bond	Mikaela Jen Peter	Sienna	F
26 July	Lita	Donna	Laura	June	Trish Mark	Aurelie Charlotte	
1 Aug	TBC	Jen	Maureen	Kylie	Mikaela Denise Alison	Carmel	G
2 Aug	TBC	Steve P	Heather	Helen	Trish Mark	Asher	

"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**

PLANNED GIVING - DONATION ENVELOPES

Please collect your envelopes this weekend - St John Vianney's and St Jude's

Please let the Parish office know if your envelopes are missing, or you would like to start using envelopes.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is on NEXT WEEKEND **Sunday 2 August at 9.30am.**

Stay for the Parish Feast Day celebrations, too - Free BBQ and children's activities! Please write your name (and parents' names) on the sheet at the back of the church, for catering purposes.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Please be advised that the program for the sacrament of confirmation will no longer be running in 2026. Our next program will commence with the Information session on the first weekend of **April 2027**, and the Sacrament celebrated on the **weekend 15/16 May 2027**. Enrolment for the 2027 program will be open from next weekend, for children who will be in Year 3 and 4 in 2027. **Please contact the Parish office for more information.**

romero CENTRE love has no borders

Our Parish community continues to support ***The Romero Centre, Brisbane,*** a support centre assisting people arriving in Australia seeking asylum and safety from torture, war and violence. The Centre helps thousands of people each year – free of charge - through trauma counselling, legal advice, English classes, food packages, shelter, medical and social support.

The Romero Centre relies heavily on volunteers and community donations to operate and, in recent times, demand for this service has increased.

PLEASE consider helping this vital work by donating **GROCERY GIFT CARDS or CASH** (in a sealed envelope marked ROMERO CENTRE provided in the church) ANY TIME through the usual weekend collection.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

LET US PRAY for those who are recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth (Betty) Stawksi, Laurie Atzeni, Sr Cyprian Thureson (former Presentation Sister in Manly), Mary Josephine Lai.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Albert Blackwood, James Dwan, Leonard Bourke, Oswald Copley, Isabella Devlin, Rose Hunt, Kevin O'Halloran, Danny O'Halloran, Nancy Gleeson, Anne Henderson, Mervyn Iselin, Anne Keegan, Elizabeth Kinley, Sr Rose Lanigan, Rita Lloyd-Jones, Mildred (Matie) Mattinson, Maureen Malone, Lesley McGregor, Irene Milsom, Terry Morrison, Harold Nelson, John O'Donnell, Br Hilary (Chris) Peterson, Baby Darcy Smith, Shirley Sibley, Merle Skinner, Joseph Sorpassa, John Ryan, Dr Tim Smith, Monica Southern, Vittorio Stangherlin, Jack Still, Lilia Ting Toledo, Valma Tranter, Margaret Turpin, Mary Weis

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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

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

MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

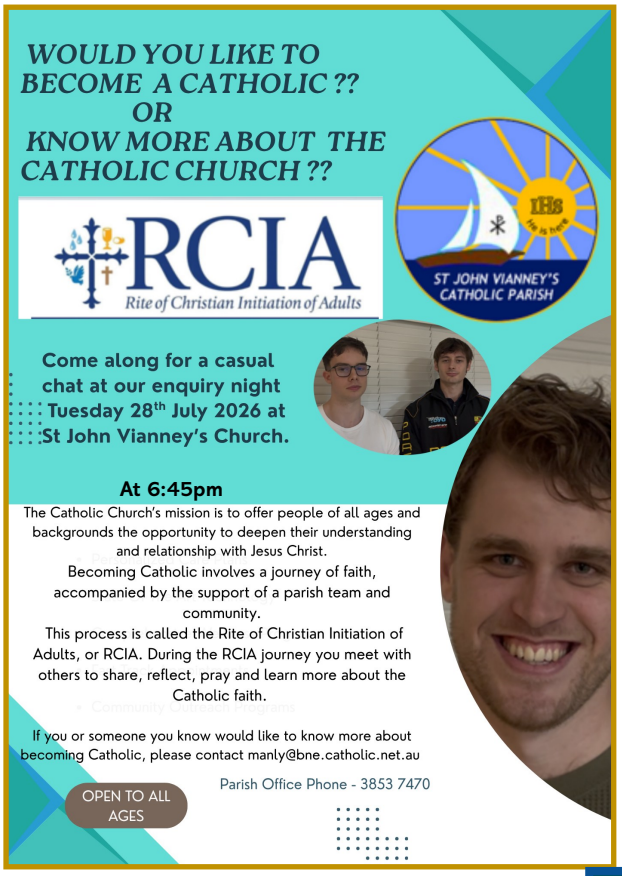
By EFTPOS -
The EFTPOS terminal is at the Manly parish church.
You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.

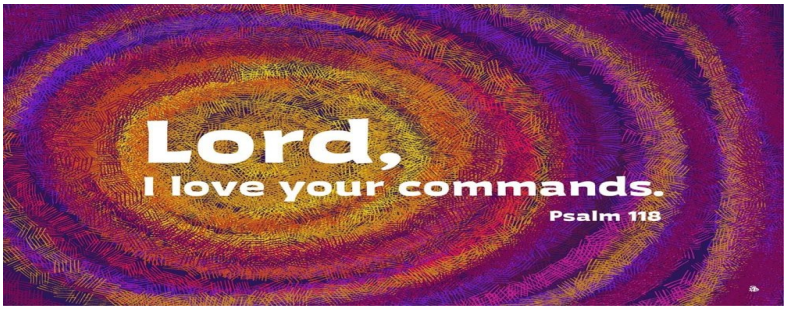
By direct deposit -
BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100002778
Account Name: **St John Vianney's Parish, Manly.**

Or call in to the parish office and ask for gifting envelopes.

Weekend scripture readings can be found at the back of the church - near our newsletters. For those using the Missal, the reading references are listed on the page 2 of this newsletter.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS.





Knights of the Southern Cross Silver Circle - Winner for Draw 4 of 10
The winner for **Draw 4** of the current Silver Circle is **A. Valera with Ticket No 70**.
Congratulations to the winner, and thanks to those who support the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.