St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A - 27 & 28 June 2026

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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.

A Significant Step Forward for St Jude's Land Project

I am pleased to provide parishioners with an update on the St Jude's Land Lease Project, a matter that has involved many years of discussion, negotiation, and discernment.

The land in question was acquired by the parish more than sixty years ago. While it has remained a valuable parish asset, it has been largely unused, generated no income, and required ongoing expenditure for maintenance and upkeep. This project presents an opportunity to put the land to productive use while retaining parish ownership for future generations.

The possibility of selling or leasing the surplus land was first explored by Fr Frank Jones and his team in 2014. However, due to planning restrictions associated with the land's Community Facilities zoning, those discussions did not proceed. In 2022, the Parish Finance Council revisited the matter, hoping that the land might one day assist the parish's mission and support the development of a new church at St Jude's. A significant opportunity emerged in 2023 when the Queensland Government selected St Jude's surplus land as one of a small number of pilot projects for affordable and social housing. Since then, the Parish Finance Council, the St Jude's Land Project Subcommittee, parish leadership, and the Archdiocese have worked closely together through a lengthy process involving planning studies, legal advice, property assessments, and negotiations.

One of the major challenges was the gap between the Government's valuation and the Church's valuation of the land. Through ongoing discussions involving the parish team, the Archdiocese, Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Fr Peter Dillon VG, and Mr Mark Burroughs, the Government's valuation increased from $4.6 million to $5.5 million. Consequently, the lease premium payable to the parish increased from approximately $3.22 million to $3.85 million.

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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

The week ahead...

(Please note that Fr Baiyi will be on leave this week)

29th June	**Mon**	**Saints Peter and Paul** No Mass **Parish Office Closed**
30th June	**Tues**	**No Mass** **Parish Office Closed**
1 July	**Wed**	9am Rosary 9.30am **Liturgy of the Word**, followed by morning tea **Parish Office Open 8.30am - 1.30pm**
2nd July	**Thurs**	No Mass **Parish Office Closed**
3rd July	**Fri**	**Saint Thomas** No Mass **Parish Office Closed**
4th July	**Sat**	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass
5th July	**Sun**	7am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer

Almighty God, in today's Gospel, your Son teaches us that whoever wishes to follow him must place him above all things, take up the cross, and be willing to lose life for his sake in order to find it. Grant us the grace to love Christ above all things, the courage to follow him faithfully in times of both joy and trial, and the wisdom to bear witness to his Gospel in our daily lives through unconditional love and humble service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING SJV PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Please see enclosed flyer, and posters in the church.

Parish Feast Day - 1st and 2nd August

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - Friday 18 September

Please register your interest on the relevant booking sheets in the foyer.

Continued from front page... After careful consideration, it has been decided that proceeding with the lease represents the best available outcome for the parish. While not perfect, it is a good and prudent decision. It is important to note that **the land is not being sold**. Rather, it will be leased to the Queensland Government for an initial term of 55 years, with an option for a further 10 years. The parish will retain ownership throughout the lease period, and the land will return fully to the parish at the conclusion of the lease. The project will also contribute to the provision of much-needed affordable and social housing in our community, allowing the parish to play a small part in addressing an important social need within our region.

The lease payment will be received in two stages: the first when the Government commences the approved works and the second upon completion of those works. The funds will be carefully managed, and any major decisions regarding their use will be made in consultation with the Archbishop. It is anticipated that these funds will be principally reserved for the benefit of St Jude's, including future renovations, improvements to parish facilities, and potentially the construction of a new church.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to this long and complex process over many years and helped bring this project to its current stage, including the Parish Finance Council, the St Jude's Land Project Subcommittee, and the Archdiocese. In a particular way, I wish to thank Mr Hugh Davies, former Chair of the Parish Finance Council and a member of the St Jude's Land Project Subcommittee, for his many years of dedication, leadership, and commitment in helping guide this project through its various stages. As we move forward, let us continue to entrust the future of St Jude's and our entire parish community to the Lord, praying that this decision will bear fruit for generations to come. **Fr Baiyi**

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
27 June	Peter Harvey Sienna	Maureen	Janice	Ivana	Mikaela Jen Colleen	Sienna	A
28 June	Lita Julieta	Aurelie	Donna	Steve T	Carolina Steve P	Aurelie Charlotte	
4 July	Harvey Sienna Peter	Colleen	Ivana	Rosa	Denise Jane Peter	Carmel	C
5 July	Lita	Sonia	Donna	Aurelie	Mark Trish Heather	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**

IMPORTANT

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION 29TH JUNE - 3RD JULY Please see calendar on page 2 for Parish office and church hours. **Please note:** Aurelie will still be available Mon/Wed/Fri 8.30-1.30pm by email and telephone. Josephine will be available Thursday 8.30-1.30pm via email and telephone. Thank you for your patience.

PLANNED GIVING - DONATION ENVELOPES

We are approaching the new cycle with the planned giving envelopes. If you would like to renew your commitment or learn more about the planned giving program, please contact the Parish office.

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 3rd July**. Everyone is welcome.

St. VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2026 THANK YOU

Thank you for your kind donations for this year's St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. We received a very strong response last weekend. We are still accepting donations, so please place your envelope in any of the collections this weekend or next.

Proclaimers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion training - 26 July 10.30am

All existing, and new, readers and ministers of communion from St John Vianney's and St Jude's are encouraged to attend our training session after the 9.30am Mass at **St John Vianney's Church on Sunday 26 July.**
This is a great opportunity for us to discuss how the ministries are conducted, listen to any ideas, answer any questions you may have, or clear up any inconsistencies. The session should take approximately 1 hour.
If you are interested in joining these ministries, come along to learn more about them!

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

RECENTLY DECEASED Reginal Peterson, Michael Oliver

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Antoinette Brennen, Lucy Crew, Jan Cronin, Agnes (Nancy) Davies, Rod Dickson, Kenneth Eadie, Des Effeney, Thelma Ferguson, Hugh Fogarty, Peter Franceschini, Veronica Grainger, John Grech, Suzanne Hully, Ruby Jabore, Henry Johnson, Leonard Juratowitch, Alice Kinsella, Kathleen Knight, Jean Lee, Daniel Mahoney, John Marano, Keith Martin, Rita Mathams, Katherine Merse, Bernie Mulheran, George Nolan, Kathleen Nolan, Eric O'Connell, Leon Mary Pilkington, John Pook, Barbara Poole, James Retchless, Beryl Ring, Efren Rivera, Robert Sealey, Tracey Sellers, Mary Smith, Siobhan Smith, Lily Spratt, Engelbert Stoff, Sr Immaculate Stubberfield, John Sullivan, Bella Trendle, Harold Turpin

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

John Abberdan, Laurie Atzeni, 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.

Liturgy of the Word
Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time
Year A - 28 June 2026

First Reading 2 Kings 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way.

She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us, he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.'

Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her, and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

Response: **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;

through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,

that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,

who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

who find their joy every day in your name,

who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R)**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;

it is by your favour that our might is exalted:

for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;

our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R)**

Second Reading Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus, we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ, we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again.

Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who does not take up their cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds their life will lose it; anyone who loses their life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because they are a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy One because they are holy will have a holy One's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because they are disciple, then I tell you solemnly, they will most certainly not lose their reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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