St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Feast Day of St John Vianney
Year A - 1 and 2 August 2026

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

St. John Mary Vianney

(*This weekend, we celebrate our Parish Feast Day. We thank God for our patron saint, St John Vianney. Below is a short article about St John Vianney. I hope it helps us learn more about this great parish priest. Enjoy reading. Fr Baiyi)*

John Mary Vianney was born near Lyons, France, in 1786. As a child he took care of his father's sheep. He loved to pray and when he was eighteen, he asked his father's permission to become a priest. His father was worried about losing his help on the family farm. After two years, however, Mr. Vianney agreed. At twenty, John studied under Father Balley. The priest was very patient but Latin soon became a major problem for John. He became discouraged. It was then that he decided to walk sixty miles to the shrine of St. John Francis Regis, a popular saint in France. We celebrate his feast on June 16. John prayed for help. After that pilgrimage, he still had as much trouble as ever with his studies. But he never again grew discouraged.

John was finally able to enter the seminary. Studies were hard. No matter how much he tried, he never did very well. When the final examinations came, they were spoken, not written. John had to face a board of teachers and answer their questions. He was so upset that he broke down in the middle of the test. Father Balley spoke up for John. He pointed out that John was a good and holy man, he was full of common sense, and he understood what the Church taught about the faith. It was agreed that these qualities made up for what John was lacking in learning. John was ordained.

At first, he was appointed as Father Balley's curate, assisting him until his death in 1817. Then Father Vianney was sent to a little parish called Ars, Where he would spend the rest of his life. When he first arrived, the people of Ars did not care much about their faith. They drank too much, worked all day Sunday, and never went to church. Many used terrible language. Father Vianney fasted and did penance for his people. He tried to stop them from sinning. Eventually, one tavern after another closed down because business became so slow. People began to worship regularly on Sundays and attended weekday Mass. The swearing was not so frequent. What had happened in Ars? "Our priest is a saint," the people would say, "and we must obey him."

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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, Breck Robertson.

The week ahead...

3rd Aug Mon **Saint Dominic**
No Mass
Parish Office Open 8.30am - 1.30pm

4th Aug Tues **Saint John Vianney**
9.30am Whole of school Mass
6pm Mass
Parish Office Closed

5th Aug Wed 9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass, followed by morning tea
Parish Office Open 8.30-1.30

6th Aug Thurs **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
No Mass
Parish Office Open 8.30-1.30

7th Aug Fri 9.30am Mass at Janoah Gardens
Parish Office Open 8.30-1.30

8th Aug Sat **Saint Mary of the Cross**
Parish Ministry Expo
4.30pm Reconciliation
[or by appointment]
5pm Sunday Vigil Mass

9th Aug Sun **Parish Ministry Expo**
7am Mass (St Jude's)
9.30 am Mass (SJV), followed by morning tea.

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for our patron saint, St John Vianney. He was the parish priest of a small village in France, but through his devotion and his great reputation for insight into the souls of his penitents and even their futures in the confessional, he turned this village into a place of pilgrimage.

Help us to learn from St John Vianney, to love the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to receive it regularly. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Weekend's Scripture Readings

Memorial Mass for
St John Vianney's Feast Day

First Reading Ezekiel 3:16-21

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116(117):1-2

Second Reading Colossians 1:24-29

Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18

Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:1

...from front page.

God gave John the power to see into people's minds and to know the future. Because of this gift, he converted many sinners and helped people make the right decisions. Hundreds of pilgrims began to come to Ars each day. St. John Vianney often spent sixteen hours daily hearing confessions. Even though he felt he would be happier and more at peace in a monastery, he remained at Ars for forty-two years and died there in 1859 at the age of seventy-three. St. John Vianney was proclaimed a saint in 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

St. John Vianney devoted an enormous amount of time to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we receive the graces we need to live our life according to the teachings of Jesus. Let's make it a point to take advantage of this sacrament by going to confession more frequently (Emphasis added).

(Susan Helen Wallace and Melissa Wright, *Saints for Young Readers for Every Day*, 3rd ed., vol. 2, *July –December.* Boston: Pauline Books & Media, 2005. Page 60-62.)

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
1 Aug	Henry Harvey Peter	Jen	Maureen	Kylie	Mikaela Denise Alison	Carmel	G
2 Aug	Lita	Steve P	Heather	Helen	Trish Mark	Asher	
8 Aug	Henry Denise Sienna	Gerardina	Janice	Ivana	Denise Jane Adeline	Anjoline Anjelo	A
9 Aug	Lita Julietta	Carolina	Margaret	Laura	Heather Steve P	Brodie Annabelle Leon	

"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**

Hey Kids!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is on THIS WEEKEND

Sunday 2 August at 9.30am.

Stay for the Parish Feast Day celebrations after Mass, too

Knights of the Southern Cross Silver Circle - Winner for Draw 5 of 10

The winner for **Draw 5** of the current Silver Circle is **A. Kingsford with Ticket No 25**. 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.

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.

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: John Abberdan, Elizabeth (Betty) Stawski, Laurie Atzeni.

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

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.

Upcoming Parish Events:

* Parish Feast Day - This weekend. Thanks to Fr David Willis for joining us, as our Guest Speaker.
* Parish Ministry Expo - after all Masses next weekend, 8/9 August
* Parish Community outing to the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - Friday 18 September.

Important Notice

Regarding the Changes to the Sacramental Program at St John Vianney's Parish from 2026 Onwards

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Archbishop of Brisbane, has written to all priests serving in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, formally asking that "parishes celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation as close as practical to Pentecost Sunday." The Archbishop hopes that "this arrangement will assist in providing a shared focus for all of us, so as to enrich the expression of this sacrament for our young people, their families and our broader parish communities."

This arrangement highlights the close association between the Sacrament of Confirmation and Pentecost. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches this important connection as follows: "It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost" (CCC 1302). Like all parishes in Brisbane, our parish will follow the Archbishop's decision and make the necessary changes.

In our parish, the new arrangement will be as follows: the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated first each year for Grade 3 students on Pentecost Sunday, with preparation taking place beforehand. In the second half of the year, the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated with Grade 4 students.

During the transition period (2026–2028), the following changes will be necessary:

- There will be **no** sacramental program in the second half of 2026.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for both Grade 3 and Grade 4 students together on Pentecost Sunday in 2027.
- In the second half of 2027, the Grade 4 students will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The Grade 3 students will wait until the second half of 2028 to receive these two sacraments.
- From 2029 onwards, the sacramental program will follow the regular annual pattern described above.

With this notice, I hope that all those involved—the school, the sacramental team, the parish staff, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), and the whole parish community—will be well prepared for these important changes.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we implement these changes.

Fr Baiyi

Parish Administrator
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