St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Second Sunday of Advent

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All enquiries regarding Funerals and Weddings, please contact **the parish office**
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4.30 pm or by appointment.

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.

Introduction of Laurent Fontaine, Our Diaconal Candidate

Dear parishioners,

As you know, ***Laurent Fontaine,*** *one of our very proud parishioners, is going to be ordained into the diaconate next weekend. We are so proud of him and so happy for him. Let us continue to support him, pray for him, and journey together with him. Below is his own introduction for those who do not know him very well. In next week's newsletter, I will write an article to inform parishioners about what permanent deacons are and what they do.*

Enjoy reading. Fr Baiyi

Dear parishioners,

As many of you know, I am preparing for a significant milestone in my faith journey: receiving the sacrament of holy orders to serve the Church as deacon. It will take place at St Stephen's Cathedral on the 13th of December. As this special day draws near, I have been invited to share a bit about me and reflect on the path that led me here.

My story begins in France, where I was born and raised. My Catholic family instilled a deep personal faith in me. In 2001, I married Laura, and only a few months later, we embarked on what we thought would be a short, two-year adventure in Australia. However, Australia quickly became home. By 2008, Laura and I had become Australian citizens and embraced the vibrant communities across three different east coast states. Our journey then took us back to France in 2010, where we settled in a small village birthplace of St Francis de Sales.

Family life became our focus, especially with the arrival of our two daughters, Leena-Rose and Louise-Airlie, in 2012 and 2013. Juggling work, parenting, housework and parish involvement kept us busy, but also deeply fulfilled. Transmitting our faith to our children drove us to become active members of our Parish. From there, our connection to the Church as a community grew stronger, and in 2018, during a casual dinner with our parish priest, I was called to consider the diaconate. Call to service is a tradition rooted in the early Church, still alive in France today. At the time, I had little understanding of what this calling entailed, but a year of pre-discernment in the Diocese of Annecy, became the first step in my diaconal journey. In 2019, life brought us back to Australia, this time to Lota, where we became part of the St John Vianney parish community. After a year of settling in, I joined the Archdiocese diaconal formation program. Over the past five years, I have been blessed to discern and journey alongside a dozen fellow candidates, with the support and prayers of my family, our parish and participation in the installation rites along the way.

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For Your Diary: The Week Ahead!

8	December	Mon	No Mass
9	December	Tues	6.00 pm Mass at SJV
10	December	Wed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.30am Requiem Mass for Marea Peake
11	December	Thurs	No Mass
12	December	Fri	9.30am Mass Janoah Gardens
13	December	Sat	11.30 am Laurent's Ordination 4.30pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
14	December	Sun	Third Sunday of Advent - Year A 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30am Mass (SJV)

Looking forward to Christmas ...

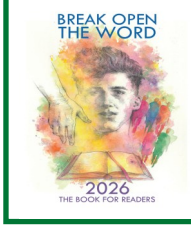
Our Christmas Masses are as follows:

Christmas Eve: WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

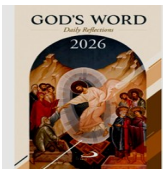
- *Family Mass [including a Children's Tableau] at 5.00 pm St John Vianney's*
- *Evening Mass 7.00 pm at St Jusde's Gumdale.*

Christmas Day Mass: Thursday 25th December

- *9.30 am at St John Vianney's*



In St Vinnie's Shop today ...
Break Open the Word
[Suggested for all readers]:
$30.00



God's Word $20.00

Next Sunday 7th December

St John Vianney's Church

at 2pm

Advent Carols Service

As we journey through Advent towards the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, let us gather in Prayer and Song as we participate in this special service which is based on the annual Carols from King's College, Cambridge – Bible readings foretelling and narrating the birth of Jesus, interspersed with traditional Carols.

To conclude the Service, afternoon tea will be served.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, this is a great opportunity to focus on the 'true' meaning of the Advent and Christmas season. Bring along your friends to enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music and reflection.

(A gold coin donation would be appreciated with proceeds going to St Vincent de Paul to purchase Christmas fare for their annual Christmas hampers.)

"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 & Neil or email the Parish Office: *manly@bne.catholic.net.au* ***OR*** *hypps://tinyurl.com/Safeguarding-Incident-Report Laura*

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
Sat 6 December	Denis |	Jen	Maureen	Anne	Mikaela/Denis/ Volunteer required	Pam	B
Sun 7 December	Laurent | Oscar	Jack	Helen	Jack	June/Sonia/ Volunteer required	Brodie & Annabelle	
Sat 13 December		maureen	denise	alison	Mikaela/jen/jan	Anjoline	C
Sun 14 December		donna	bond	harvey	Heather/ adeline/steve P	Emma	

Dear Parents/Grandparents,
We would like to invite the children to celebrate with us on Christmas Eve at our Family Mass at 5pm on 24th December.
Any children who would like to dress up and come along to be in the play, will need to come along to a practice with Donna and Anne, on the Liturgy Team.
All are welcome and there are roles to suit everyone: **Mary, Joseph, Wise Men, Shepherds and Angels.** We also have behind the scenes contributions to be made.

Practice will be before 9.30am Masses leading up to Christmas. Parents , please let the Parish office know if you would like your child to participate

romero CENTRE
love has no borders

Instead of gifting yet another book, pair of socks or something they don't really want, why not consider a donation to charity as a Christmas gift for your loved one/s?

The Romero Centre relies heavily on volunteers and community donations to exist. The centre assists thousands of people each year who arrive in Australia seeking asylum and safety from torture, war and violence.

Cash or grocery gift cards (in a sealed, labelled envelope) can be donated anytime **via the usual weekend collection**. A member of the Parish Council will ensure the donations reach the Romero Centre as a matter of urgency. ***Thank you***

PLEASE PRAY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Marea Peake, Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sr Teresita Ahearn, Trevor Alexander, Edmond Baker, Katherine Barton, Fay Bishop, Dean Bramley, Kevin Byrne, Joan Copley, Beth Craig,Rose-Marie Dickson, Catherine Dillon, Margaret Ewers, Sylvia Fens, Alan Francis, Kathleen Galea, Meg Griffiths, Stephanie Hankins, Phillip Hunt, Jean Kuter, Jennifer Lynas, Olivia Lewis, Eric Morrison, Gerard Ring, Jean Rosenstengel, Greg Selwood, Madeline Shenton, Henry Sizeland, David Vidler, Tyler Whitton, Wilma Will, Blanca Wiswell

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, Laurie 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.

Introduction of Laurent Fontaine, Our Diaconal Candidate (cont)

As my ordination approaches, I look forward to celebrating this moment with you all. While the journey as a Deacon is just beginning, I see this ministry as a way to serve and enrich my life, a reminder that all of us, every baptised person has a part to play in the Church. My ordained life is not a change, it is a continuation in my faith journey, a living sign of God's love in my family, work, friendships, and parish community. Blessings, *Laurent*

Fr Baiyi's Prayer

Let us pray:
Almighty God, on this Second Sunday of Advent, you promise us a shoot from the stock of Jesse —a king who will rule with love and justice and bring peace to the whole earth. As we prepare to welcome this king, grant us the endurance and encouragement we need, so that, like John the Baptist, we may make a straight path for him in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vinnies good works

St Vincent de Paul Society– Manly Conference
Christmas Hamper Collection 2025
Our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal for non-perishable food will be held during the
first 3 weeks of Advent,
commencing the weekend of 29th /30th November,
at both St John Vianney's and St Jude's churches.

We look forward to the continuing support of the Parish to assist those in need in our community, and to add a little cheer to their lives at Christmas time. Hampers will be delivered on Saturday 20th December, so it would help if we can receive donations earlier rather than later. We would appreciate donations of:

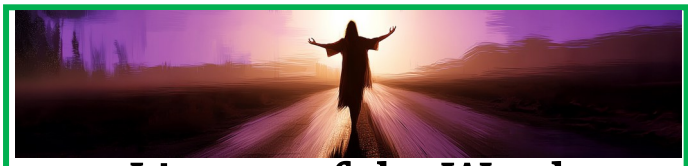
1. Christmas fare e.g., tins of leg ham, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings *(individual ones rather than large please)*, fruit mince pies, long life custard, & jellies.
2. Tinned / bottled fruit & vegetables,
3. Tins of biscuits, shortbread, savoury biscuits (Jatz, water crackers etc.)
4. Bottles of cordial & fruit drinks, packs of poppers, soft drinks.
5. Christmas table items - bonbons, serviettes, decorations
6. Christmas sweets / chocolates
7. Coles, Woolworths, Kmart gift voucher

Please leave your donations in the baskets at the entrance of the churches.

Thank you for your support.

Did you know??
There is a special number to call for urgent needs:
1800 846 643
To make donations for the poor.
BSB 046-786 ACC No. 100026597
Name: SVdP Manly Conference.

St Vincent de Paul Society Good Works



Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday of Advent A

Sunday 07 Dec 2025

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. *(R.)*
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. *(R.)*
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. *(R.)*
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. *(R.)*

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Solemn Blessing A formula of Solemn Blessing may be used.
After each part of the blessing: All: AMEN x 4

13/14 December Next Sunday's Readings:

Third Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading:	Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 145:6-10
Second Reading	James 5:7-10
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11