St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Year A - 4 and 5 July 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.

"Hidden things"

The gospel can be divided into two parts. The first part (vv. 25-27) centers on the contrast between what is 'hidden' (v. 25) and what is 'revealed' (vv. 25, 27). The second part (vv. 28-30) is an invitation to learn from the One who reveals.

In part one, what is hidden reaches back into the verses preceding this passage. In Matthew 11:20-24, Jesus began to reproach the towns of Chorazin and Bethsaida where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented (11:20). Though these Galilean had seen his 'mighty deeds' (vv. 20, 21, 23), they had failed to recognise in them definitive signs that Jesus was the Messiah inaugurating the reign of God in their midst. In other words, what was hidden from their unseeing eyes was Jesus' true identity and the in-breaking of the kingdom. Without knowledge of him, they failed to repent; failure to repent brings judgment. These big-city dwellers, together with 'this generation' who refused to accept the preaching of John the Baptist (Matt 11:16-19), are probably 'the wise and the learned' (11:25); though the preaching of John was perfectly clear and the might; deeds of Jesus were unambiguous, they were unable to understand what it all meant. Their very 'wisdom' ironically kept them from understanding.

In contrast to these are the 'little ones', those simple enough to see in his mighty deeds the disclosure of his identity as 'the Son' and to accept the revelation that comes from him. God has graciously willed to be revealed in an unparalleled way through the ministry of the Son. The revelation that Jesus makes, then, is his own identity and the inauguration of God's reign; but even more, Jesus reveals the Father to those who are willing to 'learn from me'.

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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...

6th July	**Mon**	No Mass **Parish Office Closed**
7th July	**Tues**	6pm Mass **Parish Office Closed**
8th July	**Wed**	9am Rosary 9.30am Mass, followed by morning tea **Parish Office Open 8.30am - 1.30pm**
9th July	**Thurs**	No Mass **Parish Office Closed**
10th July	**Fri**	9.30am Mass Lota House **Parish Office Closed**
11th July	**Sat**	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass
12th 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 gives thanks to you because the mysteries of your Kingdom are revealed to little children rather than to the wise and the learned. Help us to understand that true wisdom is found not in earthly knowledge or our own achievements, but in humble and trusting hearts that are open to your will. Remove from us every trace of pride and self-reliance. Grant us the humility to receive your truth with faith, so that we may come to know and love you more deeply each day. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING SJV PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Parish Feast Day - 1st and 2nd August

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers - Friday 18 September

Please register your interest and/or book your seat on the relevant booking sheets in the foyer.

St John Vianney's Feast Day
2nd August 2026

Our two churches are invited to celebrate the Parish's Feast day on the weekend of 1st and 2nd August

Special Feast Day Mass

Saturday 5pm (St John Vianney's)
Sunday 7am (St Jude's)
Sunday 9.30am (St John Vianney's)

Additional activities

- Morning tea after 9.30am Mass
- 11am Guest Speaker: Fr David Willis
  Fr David will speak about, and reflect on, the life of our Patron Saint, St John Vianney.
- BBQ Lunch will be served after Fr David's talk.

FREE!

All friends and families are invited.
For catering purposes please write your name on the booking sheet in foyer of each church or phone the parish office on 3853 7470

romero CENTRE

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.

Hey Kids!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is on THIS WEEKEND

Sunday 5 July at 9.30am.

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
4 July	Harvey Sienna Peter	Colleen	Ivana	Rosa	Denise Jane Peter	Carmel	C
5 July	Lita	Sonia	Donna	Aurelie	Mark Trish Heather	Asher	
11 July	TBC	Maureen	Denise	Denis	Colleen Adeline Jen	Anjoline Anjelo	D
12 July	TBC	Helen	Trish	Mark	June Donna Carolina	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**

IMPORTANT

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION 6TH -10TH 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.

Knights of the Southern Cross Silver Circle - Winner for Draw 1 of 10

The winner for **Draw 1** of the current Silver Circle is **Margaret BUCK with Ticket No 44**. Congratulations **Margaret**, and thanks to those who support the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

Attention all Ministry Coordinators

A reminder about the project planning meeting on Saturday **11th July 10.30am** OR Sunday **12th July 11am**, at St John Vianney's Church. Please attend on the day most convenient for you.

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

All readers and ministers of Communion at 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!

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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Cyprian Thureson (former Presentation Sister in Manly), Mary Josephine Lai (Fr Gerard Lai's grandmother)

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, 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
Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time
Year A - 5 July 2026

First Reading **Zechariah 9:9-10**

The Lord says this:
Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14

(Response) **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
And praise your name for ever. **(R)**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your might, O God. **(R)**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

Second Reading **Romans 8:9,11-13**

Your interests are not in the **unspiritual**, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **cf Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.

Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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