St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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The Feast of the Holy Family - 28 December 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord - 4 January 2026

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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.

A season of Gratitude and Thanksgiving and Joy

*Thank you ....*to all involved in the Advent and Christmas Masses! We have seen Liturgy at it's best and this doesn't happen without an army of volunteers and staff.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year. 2026!

To all you lovely people who make up our parish, don't ever feel you are not able to join this army in volunteering to help with any of the ministries.

PLEASE PRAY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:
Peter Cambell, 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

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Jean Hine, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Luzivina Lozano, Jennifer Lynas, Dulcie, Maher, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, , Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko , George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Maria Skubis, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Bill Spann, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey

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.

For Your Diary: 2 Week s Ahead!

29 December	Mon	No Mass
30 December	Tues	6.00 pm Mass at SJV
31 December	Wed	No Mass
1 January	Thurs	New Year's Day
		9.30am Mass at SJV
2 January	Fri	No Mass
3 January	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation
		5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
4 January	Sun	The Epiphany of the Lord
		7.00am Mass (St Jude's)
		9.30am Mass (SJV)
5 January	Mon	No Mass
6 January	Tues	6.00 pm Mass
7 January	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group
		9.30am Mass
8 January	Thurs	No Mass
9 January	Fri	No Mass
10 January	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation
		5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
11 January	Sun	The Baptism of the Lord
		7.00am Mass (St Jude's)
		9.30am Mass (SJV)

Please Note:

Parish Office closed until 19th January 2026

Fr Baiyi's Prayers

Feast of the Holy Family

Almighty God, on the Solemnity of the Holy Family, we thank you for the gift of family life. Through Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, teach us to live with love, patience, and trust in your will. Bless our families, strengthen them in times of difficulty, and help our homes to be places of faith, hope, and love. Through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Feast of Epiphany

Almighty God, on this solemnity of the Epiphany, you revealed your Son to the nations as the light of the world. Lead us by that same light, so that we may recognise Christ in our lives and bear witness to him by our faith and actions. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Date Claimer for all our Volunteers St John Vianney's & St Jude's

*Fr Baiyi invites **ALL** of our Volunteers to celebrate and give thanks for each other and our many ministries at a special Morning Tea/Lunch at 10.30 am on Sunday 8th February 2026.*

"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 27 December	Volunteers	Gerardina	Denise	Maureen	Jane | Denise | Mikaela	Anjoline	
Sun 28 December	volunteers	Aurelie	Anne	June	Trish | Mark | Donna	Brodie & Annabelle	

Liturgy of the Word

The Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday 28 December 2025

First Reading — Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *(R.)*

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! *(R.)*

Second Reading — Colossians 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation — Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Liturgy of the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 4 January 2026

First Reading — Isaiah 60:16

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
Bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm — Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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 earth's bounds. *(R.)*
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. *(R.)*
4. 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.)*

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation — Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

10/11 January 2026 Sunday's Readings:

The Baptism of the Lord Year A

First Reading:	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 28:1-4, 9-10
Second Reading	Acts 10:34-38
Gospel	Matthew 3:13-17

17/18 January 2026 Sunday's Readings:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading:	Isaiah 49:3,5-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10
Second Reading	1Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel	John 1:29-34