St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

15/16 November 2025

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All enquiries for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please contact
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Funerals and Weddings
All enquiries regarding Funerals and Weddings, please contact **the parish office**
manly@bne.catholic.net.au

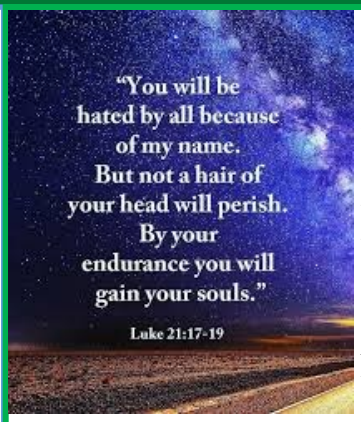
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4.30 pm or by appointment.

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.



REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature.

As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.

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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the US

Fr Baiyi's Prayer

Let us pray:

Almighty God, following your will is not always easy, and challenges will come our way. But you have promised that, in the end, for all who persevere in love for you and love for one another, the sun of righteousness will shine. Keep us steady in our work out of love. Keep us firm in our trust in you. Fill us with strength and faithfulness, and hold us in your love and mercy. **Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

For Your Diary: The Week Ahead!

17 November	Mon	Office Closed
18 November	Tues	6.00 pm Mass at SJV
19 November	Wed	9.00am Rosary
		9.30am Mass & Shared Morning Tea
21 November	Fri	10.30 am Mass Lota House
		Office Closed
22November	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation
		5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
23 November	Sun	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Yr C
		7.00am Mass (St Jude's)
		9.30am Mass (SJV)

Altar Servers' Picnic 16th November. Christmas at Lota Park Today

BYO lunch at LOTA PARK after mass this Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you all. -Laurent.

Once again, we can notice the huge amount of work behind the scenes that helps our Parish grow and relationships foster.

To the Sacrament Team *Thank you for all your hard work under difficult circumstances, with masses cancelled and therefore Prep Sessions postponed; double workshops needed and practices required for the children-all of this done by the Team in their own time. You are appreciated.*

To the Knights of Southern Cross *members who purchased all the food and drinks, set up, cooked and served and cleaned up afterwards-only to be postponed and repeated the next Saturday night.*

Our grateful thanks for a wonderful Parish BBQ!

St John Vianney's Parish [SJV & St Jude's]

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH

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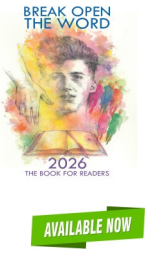
Scan the FLOCKNOTE Code above OR alternatively you can sign up with the LINK: Copy and paste:
https://manlycatholic.flocknote.com/dashboard

PLEASE NOTE: This link and QR Code is the initial one needed to register as Parishioners.

When signing up to FLOCKNOTE, like any secure legal document, you need to supply your Name, Ph No and Email address. In the case of urgent and necessary emails, we will be able to contact you.

AS NEEDED: When asking parents/carers to sign up for different Sacraments, each Sacrament will have it's own Code

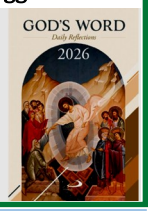
They will be displayed in the Newsletter with the ad for each occasion as appropriate for registration.



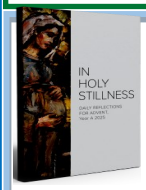
AVAILABLE NOW

In St Vinnie's Shop today ...

Break Open the Word [Suggested for all readers] $ 30.00 each



God's Word $20.00 each



'In Holy Stillness' *[$5.00] is available at the piety stall to assist us as we journey with Jesus, Mary and Joseph through ADVENT. For personal reflection, or small group discussion.*

"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 15 NOV	PETER	GERARDINA	JANE	DENISE	JEN | MIKAELA | COLLEEN	CARMEL	F
SUNDAY 16 NOV	LAURENT & LITA	ANNE	STEVE T	JACK	SONIA | STEVE P | CARMEL S	EMMA	
SAT 22 NOV	DENIS | CARMELINA	GERARDINA	JANE	DENISE	JEN | MIKAELA | COLLEEN	ANJOLINE	G
SUN 23 NOV	LAURENT | OSCAR	ANNE	STEVE T	JACK	SONIA | STEVE P | CARMEL S-K	AURELIE	

You are warmly invited to

The service will be based on the annual King's College, Cambridge, Carol Service.

Bible readings foretelling and narrating the birth of Jesus, will be interspersed with traditional carols.

Please join us in
St John Vianney's Church
Sunday 7th December
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Afternoon tea will follow the service.

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

PLEASE PRAY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Beth Craig [1st Anniversary], Majorie Ball, Terence Barron, Eileen Blinco, Pat Brennan, Eileen Brumpton, Dorothy Buckley, Leonard Buckley, Win Campbell, Edith Christian, Kathleen Cooper, Prudence Costello, Hazel Fanning , Keyra Hancox, Eunice Harrison, Sybil (Patricia) Hendry, Sr Joyce Hoffman, Marjory Ide-Tolley, Arthur Kelly, Margaret Kirkwood, Eliza (Nellie) Laggan, Bernard Lawder, Stephen Leather, Francis Mason-Johnson, Graham McAuliffe, Sr Margaret McKenna, Margaret McKinless, Olga Morrison, Leslie Nutt, Des Osborne, Walter Passey, Noel Peter Phillips, Joseph Reilly, Fr Paul Siebert, Edith Smith, Annie Smithson, Grace Spann, Vittorio Superina, Dorothy Taylor, Patricia Wamsley, Mary Watson,

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: PLEASE ALSO KEEP PRAYING FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR LIST:

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.

Diaconal Ordination of Laurent Fontaine

SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2025
11.30AM AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
277 Elizabeth Street Brisbane
Refreshments and a light lunch will be served after the Ordination.

Please add your name and contact details to the list in the church THIS WEEKEND if you wish to go by bus.
RSVP Friday 28th November 2025
PHONE (07) 3324 3324
EMAIL clergysupport@bne.catholic.net.au

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.
St John Vianney's – Manly Conference.

MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea and chat after the 9.30 am Mass at SJVs
This is a great opportunity to be able to meet and greet members of our parish community.
Members of our community take turns in providing food, hot and cold drinks every Sunday.
They want to serve you!
Biscuits and fruit juice available for the kids too!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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First Reading Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
   with the sound of music.
   With trumpets and the sound of the horn
   acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
   the world, and all its peoples.
   Let the rivers clap their hands
   and the hills ring out their joy
   at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For the Lord comes,
   he comes to rule the earth.
   He will rule the world with justice
   and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness.

Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death.

You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost.

Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

22/23 November Next Sunday's Readings:

Christ the King

First Reading:	2 Samuel 5:1-3
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2
Second Reading	Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel	Luke 23:35-43