St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23/24 November 2025

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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 Nick Brodie

'When the Church bends down to break the new chains that bind the poor,' Pope Leo says, 'she becomes a paschal sign.' And, he also says, 'when the Church bends down to care for the poor, she assumes her highest posture.'

The Church, the Pope makes clear, has constantly adapted to changing circumstances, bringing Christ to the here and now. Education plays an important part in this stream of history. As he says, 'since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth.' Even children and criminals can come to know Christ, as scripture makes clear.

The Pope also speaks of how 'teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith.' Indeed, the Church's teaching mission remains 'a service to the Kingdom of God.'

To that end, the Church has a duty to teach and live its mission of justice and service. That especially includes welcoming the stranger. As the Pope says, 'the Church has always recognised in migrants a living presence of the Lord.'

Similarly, with the poor. 'It is in them', the Pope notes, 'that the church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self.' The poor are 'not only objects of our compassion,' he adds, 'but teachers of the Gospel.'

[Quotes from Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, 4 October 2025: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html] © Nick Brodie

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Fr Baiyi's Prayer

Let us pray:
Almighty God, Christ your Son is the King of all creation, yet his kingdom is not of this world. He rules not by force, but by truth, mercy, and self-giving love. As we honour him as our King, help us to listen to his voice and to follow his way. Keep us steady when the world pulls us toward other loyalties. Keep us faithful when truth is costly. Fill our hearts with the peace of his kingdom, and teach us to serve him with courage and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

For Your Diary: The Week Ahead!

24 November	Mon	10.00 am Safeguarding Audit
25 November	Tues	6.00 pm Mass at SJV
26 November	Wed	9.00am Rosary
		9.30am Anointing Mass & Shared Morning Tea
27 November	Thurs	6.00 pm Year 6 Graduation
29 November	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation
		5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
30 November	Sun	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Yr C
		7.00am Mass (St Jude's)
		9.30am Mass (SJV) *Fr John Zhao*

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

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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.

Looking forward to Christmas ...

Our Christmas Masses are as follows:

4th Sunday Advent: Sunday 21st December.

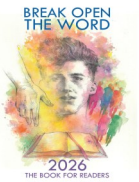
Christmas Eve: Family Mass 5.00 pm
St John Vianney's

Christmas Eve: Evening Mass 7.00 pm
St Jude's

Christmas Day Mass: 9.30 am Mass
St John Vianney's

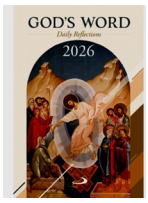
Invitation to a Healing Mass

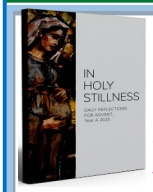
An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend a Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th December 2025 at 7.30pm. Fr Thomas Varkey, PP, Holland Par Mt. Gravatt Parish will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com



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

God's Word $20.00





'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 22 Nov	Peter | Henry	Jen	Laurent	Laura	Mikaela | Jane | Colleen	Pam	G
Sun 23 Nov	Denis | Jack	Sonia	Helen	Asher	Adeline | Steve P | June	Aurelie	
Sat 29 Nov	Arthur| Denis	Jane	Jen	Denise	Mikaela | Colleen | Jane	Carmel	A
Sun 30 Nov	Laurent | Oscar	Steve P	June	Aurelie	Trish | Mark | Carmel S	Donna	

NEXT and final
Children's Liturgy of the Word
is on Sunday

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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 for your generosity.*** https://romerocentre.org.au/

PLEASE PRAY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

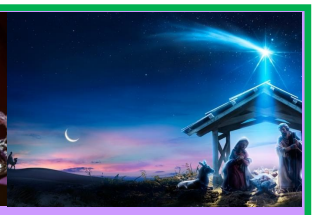
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



Advent Carols Service

Dear Parishioners,
You and your family are warmly invited to attend an
ADVENT CAROLS SERVICE
to be held in
St John Vianney's Church
on Sunday 7th December at 2pm.

The service will be based on the annual Carols from King's College, Cambridge – Bible readings foretelling and narrating the birth of Jesus, interspersed with traditional carols.

Afternoon tea will follow the service.

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

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
Year C: Sunday 23 Nov 2025

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron.
'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood.
In days past when Saul was our king, it was you
who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord
said to you, "You are the man who shall be
shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the
leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came
to the king at Hebron, and King David made a
pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the
Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. ***(R.)***

2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. ***(R.)***

3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. ***(R.)***

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it
possible for you to join the saints and with them
to inherit the light.
Because that is what he has done: he has taken us
out of the power of darkness and created a place
for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and
in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our
sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and
for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus.
As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved
others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the
Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked
him too, and when they approached to offer him
vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save
yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is
the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you
not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.'
But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no
fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence
as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are
paying for what we did. But this man has done
nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when
you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,'
he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

29/30 November Next Sunday's Readings:
First Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading:	Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.
Second Reading	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44

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