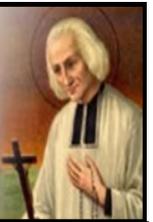




# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## First Sunday of Advent Yr C - 28 November 21

First Reading: Jer 33: 14-16 Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:13 - 4:2 Gospel: Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

### Parish Weekly Diary

**Monday** 29 Nov

**Tuesday** 30 Nov

Saint Andrew (F)

6:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**Wednesday** 1 Dec

9:00am Rosary at  
Manly

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

**Thursday** 2 Dec

**Friday** 3 Dec

Saint Xavier (M)

**Saturday** 4 Dec  
5:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**Sunday** 5 Dec

Second Sunday of  
Advent

7:00am Mass at  
Gumdale

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4:30pm  
- 4:50pm

No bookings  
required.

### Welcome to St John Vianney's Catholic Parish!

Our parish is known for being friendly and welcoming, as well as for active participation at Mass through music and prayer. There is a place here for everyone; we hope that you will join us. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact the parish office .

### Finding joy in waiting for Jesus....

This weekend is the First Sunday in Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. It is also the beginning of a new cycle of prayers and scripture readings, cycle C. Why are these four weeks before Christmas called "Advent"? The term comes from a Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming, arrival'. We immediately think it refers to the coming of Jesus at Christmas time and that is correct. But that's not the whole story. In fact, we can speak of three comings of the Lord and all are referred to in the Scripture readings this weekend.

On this day, the Church invites us to be ready and prepared to receive the Lord. When the coming of someone is delayed, we usually become anxious and worried. However, today's readings invite us to find joy in our waiting. During this season, we first participate in the waiting of the Israelites who were expecting their Messiah. Secondly, we wait for the coming of Jesus in the breaking of the Word and of the Bread in the Eucharistic celebration.

Finally, we look forward to our future with a hope and wait for the coming of Jesus at the end of time to judge the world. Thus, the Church invites us to make use of Advent and prepare ourselves in such a way that by means of promoting justice, hope, love and peace in our lives and those of others, we get to witness the promises about the coming of Jesus being fulfilled in our time, here and now.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

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Manly

**Office hours:** 8:30am – 2:00pm  
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

**Presbytery Ph.:** 3396 0742

# Parish Information

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Hope is more  
than a wish.  
It's a power  
capable of  
steering a destiny.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Irene Gavrila, Rosa Maria Santos, Dawn O'Sullivan, Leon and Roz Thomas, Maura Poots, Angela Geraghty, Hugo Callan, Joan Francis, Angela de Weger, Terry Coles, Ted Chapman, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Barbara Peet, Delia Chapman, David Schilling, Mary Rerdon

***For a name to be included in the 'Prayer for our Sick' list, the Privacy Act now requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative.***

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Les Sellwood (Chair), Pam Chapman, Bruce Corrie, Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez, Julia McLean and Laurent Fontaine

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Majorie Ball, Terence Barron, Eileen Blinco, Pat Brennan, Eileen Brumpton, Dorothy Buckley, Leonard Buckley, 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, Edith Smith, Annie Smithson, Vittorio Superina, Dorothy Taylor, Patricia Wamsley, Mary Watson, Win Campbell, Fr Paul Siebert, Grace Spann, Sr. Joe Maria. C.M.C (sister of Father Dantus)



**St John Vianney's Catholic Parish**  
**Christmas Mass Times 2021**  
*Jesus is the reason for the season*

**Christmas Eve - Friday 24 December**

5:00pm Vigil Mass with Nativity Play - Manly  
7:00pm Mass - Gumdale

**Christmas Day - Saturday 25 December**

9:00am Mass - Manly

*No evening Masses on Saturday  
25 December*

**Sunday 26 December - Normal Mass Times**

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL  
CHRISTMAS MASSES AT MANLY**

To book scan the QR code or see our newsletter for TryBooking Link.



## STEWARDSHIP

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

## SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:**

Les Sellwood: 0401 382 085

**STOPLINE Contact:**

[AOB@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au)

This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Child Safety and Protection of Vulnerable Adults policy is situated in the foyer of the church.

## Mass Roster for St John Vianney's

Date	1st Reader	2nd Reader	3rd Reader	EMHC
Sat 27/11	Jane O'Brien	Laura Fontaine	Nola Smith	Denis Hohnen
Sun 28/11	Margaret Patterson	Colleen Skubis	Jasser Nofokifolau	June Meyer
Sat 4/12	Gerardina Russell	Denis Hohnen	Laurent Fontaine	Denise Daigle
Sun 5/12	Anne Skitmore	Robert Araujo	Helen Camden	Mark Robinson

# PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Due to the ever changing situation in regards to COVID restrictions. The decision has been made to utilise a booking system for our Christmas Masses for Masses taking place at Manly. To book please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVYUX> or scan a QR code located on our Christmas Mass Times poster in the foyer of the church. We have updated our booking system to allow for you to book for more than one person at a time, however, you will be asked to provide details for each attendee. If you have any questions regarding the book process or unable to book online please contact the Parish office.

## **2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent**

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent will take place on Tuesday 14 December at 6:00pm. Please note that due to this there will be No Mass on this date.

## **Archdiocese of Brisbane COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is committed to protecting our employees, contractors, volunteers and those they serve. As Queensland's borders will open in the coming weeks we are preparing for increased risk of COVID-19 infection in the community. Therefore, the Archdiocese has made the decision that some specific volunteer roles will require vaccination. These specific roles are: Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word and the Sacramental Program, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick who attend Hospitals, Nursing Homes and/or Private Homes, and Safeguarding Local Officers. Volunteers do not have to be vaccinated under this policy where that position is solely related to activities that are purely domestic, social, recreational, religious or private in nature, including Mass. To meet the requirements we require evidence of your vaccination. This proof can be provided in the form of a COVID-19 Digital Vaccination Certificate or an Immunisation History Statement. For information on how to provide this or if you have any questions please contact the parish office on 31312610 or [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

## **Limited Quantities Available**

If you would like a Columban Art Calendar or Advent Daily Reflection book and did not get a chance to order, we have limited quantities available from the parish office. Columban Art Calendars are available at a cost of \$8.20 and Advent Reflection books for \$4.00. To purchase please see the Piety Stall.

## **Notice from Parish Choir**

The choir will be singing at the 5pm Mass on the first three Sundays in Advent and at the 9.30am Mass on the fourth Sunday in Advent. To comply with Workplace Health and Safety, it will be necessary on these days to block off entry to the back pew and into the area surrounding the piano where microphones and leads will be in use. We thank you for your cooperation with regard to this safety issue.  
*Choir Members.*

## **Rosary Group**

The Rosary group would like to extend an invitation to all those in the Parish to join them on Wednesday's from 9:00am for the Rosary, Mass and Morning Tea. All are welcome to attend.

## **Morning Tea after Mass on Sunday's**

Following Mass on Sunday morning we are now able to gather for morning tea. Please come along and join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit. All are welcome.

## **St Vincent de Paul News - Manly Conference**

Our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal for non-perishable food will be held during the first 3 weeks of Advent, commencing the weekend of 27th /28th November. We look forward to the continuing support of the Parish to assist those in need at Christmas time. We would appreciate donations of:

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

## **Knights of the Southern Cross**

The Winner of draw 3 of 10 is Arend de Weger with ticket 15. Congratulations Arend and thanks to all who are supporting the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights through our Silver Circles.

## **Children's Christmas Eve Mass**

This year the children will be presenting the Nativity Play. If your child would like to be involved, please contact Nola at [sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au). There will be a rehearsal after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday and next Sunday 5th December.

## **Sacramental Program 2022**

Enrolment in our Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Programs closes on Friday 11th February.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, they may enrol in the Confirmation Sacramental Program. If your child has been Confirmed, they may enrol in the Reconciliation and First Eucharist Sacramental Programs.

For more information and to request a Sacrament Program Enrolment Form please contact Nola at [sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au)

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

## **For the Children...**

*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

**THE PROPHECY CANDLE**

Before Jesus came into the world God spoke to His people through the Prophets, telling them about the one who was to come, who will be a light unto the world and saviour to us all. The first Advent candle is a candle of **hope**, it reminds us of how thousands of years ago people hoped and waited for Jesus, and today, we can have hope in Jesus too.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus,

When we are struggling and on the hardest days, help us have **hope** in you and the love you have for us. Let our **hope** be a light unto the world for others. Amen

**HOPE**



**Next Children's Liturgy**  
**SUNDAY 5 December**

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

First Reading:

Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading:

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel:

Lk 5:17-26