



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## Second Sunday of Advent Yr C - 5 December 21

**First Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9 **Second Reading:** Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 **Gospel:** Lk 3:1-6

### Parish Weekly Diary

**Monday** 6 Dec  
*Saint Nicholas (OM)*

**Tuesday** 7 Dec  
*Saint Ambrose (F)*

6:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**Wednesday** 8 Dec  
*The Immaculate  
Conception of The  
Blessed Virgin Mary (S)*

9:00am Rosary at  
Manly

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

**Thursday** 9 Dec  
*Saint Juan Diego  
Cuahtlatatzin (OM)*

**Friday** 10 Dec  
*Our Lady of Loreto (OM)*

**Saturday** 11 Dec  
5:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**Sunday** 12 Dec  
*Third 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 .

**We are all Advent people....** We enter into the Second Sunday of Advent. This season of Advent tells us about the coming of Emmanuel, "God with us". It is the time we recall how our God comes to earth to take on human form and live on earth just as we live. He does it as He shares His life and love with us. Because God shares His love with us, He invites us to share our love with Him and with others. Advent is the time of waiting as we prepare ourselves to welcome the God who became man and who by example showed us how we too should be able to live like Him for others. Within this period of advent, the voice of God which came through John the Baptist still resounds in the teachings of the Church calling us to prepare the way for the Lord who is coming into our hearts both as the new born king and as the judge of the living and the dead.

To prepare the way for the Lord in our hearts, two things are suggested to us as we can learn from John the Baptist. The first is that we need to go into the wilderness of our hearts where we are alone with God and enjoy His presence. This could be done through private meditation, contemplative prayer, bible reading and participation in Church fellowships. In doing this, we silence the distractions of the busy world. Secondly, when we are settled in the wilderness like John, God reveals His Word to us as He revealed it to John. This Word illuminates our minds and then allow it to inform, reform and transform us into what God wants us to be.

Advent is the time to get ready. And how do we get ready? We turn away from our sins, from the distracting things of our material lives, and turn toward God, asking His pardon and forgiveness in so far as we pardon and forgive others who have offended us. Dear friends, let us turn to God and prepare our hearts to receive Him again at Christmas, with peace that surpasses understanding, leaving the sadness that is stopping us from really living, levelling the mountains and valleys of our lives and in that way, we will be ready for the coming of the little child who will be born in us again this year.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

**PASTOR:** Fr Dantus Thottathil MCBS  
(email: [thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au))

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Fr Prem Rethnamony  
**Parish Secretary:** Kate Sellwood  
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**Parish Office:** Cnr Ernest and Kooralgin Sts,  
Manly

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

**Presbytery Ph.:** 3396 0742

# Parish Information

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Faith  
is like a  
small lamp  
in the dark forest.  
It does not show  
everything at once  
but gives enough light  
for the next step to be safe!*

## 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:

Trevor Alexander, Edmond Baker, Katherine Barton, Fay Bishop, Dean Bramley, Kevin Byrne, Joan Copley, Catherine Dillon, Sylvia Fens, Alan Francis, Kathleen Galea, Meg Griffiths, Stephanie Hankins, Jean Kuter, Jennifer Lynas, Olivia Lewis, Eric Morrison, Gerard Ring, Jean Rosenstengel, Madeline Shenton, Henry Sizeland, Wilma Will, Blanca Wiswell, David Vidler, Gary Selwood, Sr Teresita Ahearn

## STEWARDSHIP

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)*  
During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

## 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.



**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.



## Mass Roster for St John Vianney's

Date	1st Reader	2nd Reader	3rd Reader	EMHC
<b>Sat 4/12</b>	Gerardina Russell	Denis Hohnen	Laurent Fontaine	Denise Daigle
<b>Sun 5/12</b>	Anne Skitmore	Robert Araujo	Helen Camden	Mark Robinson
<b>Sat 11/12</b>	Denise Daigle	Laura Fontaine	Nola Smith	Mikaela Atkin
<b>Sun 12/12</b>	Mark Robinson	Colleen Skubis	Donna Ricca	June Meyer

# **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. Please note that bookings for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will be closing on Friday 17 December at 12:00pm.

## **Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Dantus and Fr Prem**

On Sunday 19 December we will be holding a Farewell morning tea for Fr Dantus and Fr Prem after the 9:30am Mass. We ask that everyone brings a plate of food to share. Please see the sign up sheet on the sign in table. All are welcome.

## **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. To provide your vaccination certificate or 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)

## **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.*

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

Our annual Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal for non-perishable food is underway in the Parish. Next weekend masses are your last opportunity to contribute to the collection. The Manly Conference will be distributing the hampers on the morning of Saturday 18th December. 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 4 of 10 of the current Silver Circle fundraiser is Ted Barber with ticket 54. Congratulations Ted 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)

## **NET Ministries Australia**

Are you between 18-30 years old and passionate about sharing your faith and growing closer to Jesus yourself? Join NET Ministries Australia for a life-changing mission across Australia and New Zealand. Email [recruiting@netministries.com.au](mailto:recruiting@netministries.com.au) or head to [netaus.org.au](http://netaus.org.au) to find out more.



### **First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 1:406, 8-11**

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

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

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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

*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

**THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE**

There was lots that Mary and Joseph had to do to prepare for the journey to Bethlehem before Jesus was born. Today, there are things that we can do so we are prepared for Jesus too.

The second Advent candle is a candle of *faith*, faith in Jesus can be the greatest gift we may ever receive.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus,

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

**FAITH**



**Next Children's  
Liturgy  
SUNDAY 19 December**

**Next Sunday's  
Readings:**

*Third Sunday of  
Advent*

First Reading:

Zeph 3:14-18

Second Reading:

Phil 4:4-7

Gospel:

Lk 3:10-18