



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## Third Sunday of Advent Yr C - 12 December 21

First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18 Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7 Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

### Parish Weekly Diary

- **Monday** 13 Dec  
Saint Lucy (M)
- **Tuesday** 14 Dec  
Saint John of the Cross (M)  
6:00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent at Manly (No Mass)
- **Wednesday** 15 Dec  
9:00am Rosary at Manly  
9:30am Mass at Manly
- **Thursday** 16 Dec
- **Friday** 17 Dec
- **Saturday** 18 Dec  
5:00pm Mass at Manly
- **Sunday** 19 Dec  
Fourth 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 .

**Rejoice in the Lord always.....** The Advent season is basically a penitential period. And therefore the colour of the vestments, as in Lent, are purple or violet. It is a time when we are invited to fast or do some other form of self-denial as a genuine experience of repentance and renewal to prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas. So this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is often referred to as "Gaudete Sunday" means "**Rejoice Sunday**". Even the colour of the Advent candle is modified from penitential purple to a rose colour.

On this third Sunday of Advent the Church invites us to rejoice and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Saviour. The First Reading from the prophet Zephaniah tells the faithful to shout for joy, and to rejoice and exult with all their hearts. In the Second Reading, St Paul invites us to be happy in the Lord and to remain always in that happiness. The Gospel reminds us of the coming of the Saviour and the need for the immediate preparation for the coming of the King who will remain among us.

Here we have John the Baptist surrounded by an anxious and waiting group of people. They are worried and are unsure about the future. John is there to guide, give practical advice and baptize them. Soon Jesus will come to change everything and fill them with Joy. That is what we celebrate today.

Joy is the gift of God to those whom He has specially chosen. It is, as Jesus says - the gift which He personally gives and it is something that no one can take away from us. The problem is if we identify our happiness with people or things we don't have and often cannot have. However, with Jesus joy is spiritual and a blessing that He gives us. This week let us ask in our hearts, whether we are ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus. Let us prepare to commemorate Christmas with a true spirit of holiness. Let us ask for the grace to be ready for the final coming of the Lord in a spirit of joy and happiness.

Blessings,  
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

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# Parish Information

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Joy is prayer;  
joy is strength;  
joy is love and  
joy is a net of love.*

Mother Teresa

## 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, Margaret Taylor

***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.***

## 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

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

## 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
Sat 11/12	Denise Daigle	Laura Fontaine	Maureen Bentley	Mikaela Atkin
Sun 12/12	Mark Robinson	Colleen Skubis	Donna Ricca	June Meyer
Sat 18/12	Jane O'Brien	Gerardina Russell	Denis Hohnen	Denise Daigle
Sun 19/12	Jasser Nofokifolau	Colleen Skubis	Nola Smith	Margaret Hine

# **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 with limited seating still available.

## **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. 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**

Thank you for your wonderful support on the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper appeal in the Parish over the past 3 weeks. The Manly Conference will be distributing the hampers, to needy families in our parish area, on the morning of Saturday 18th December.

## **Knights of the Southern Cross**

The Winner of draw 5 of 10 of the current Silver Circle fundraiser is Josie Doyle with ticket 28. Congratulations Josie and thanks to all who are supporting the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights through our Silver Circles.

## **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.

## **Centacare Pastoral Ministries - Prisoners Services**

Expressions of interest are welcome for reception & admin duties with Prisoners Services - Centacare Pastoral Ministries (South Brisbane location). Those with a strong resolve, confident phone manner, customer service background and excellent computer and database skills are encouraged to reach out. Contribute to a happy & professional team helping vulnerable people to have a better life. For those interested in applying or to looking to know more, please get in touch with Seamus Baldwin (Human Resources Coordinator) - [baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:baldwins@bne.catholic.net.au)

### **First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

*THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

**THE SHEPHERDS CANDLE**

When the angel first appeared to the Shepherds they were scared. But their fear turned into joy once they saw the child Jesus.

This week we focus on the Advent candle **joy**. Just like the Shepherds who were transformed, Jesus can change our fears and despair into **joy**.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for changing our sadness and our fears into **joy**. Please help us to share that **joy** with others and let our **joy** be a light unto the world of others.

Amen

**JOY**



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

**Next Sunday's  
Readings:**

*Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

First Reading:

Micah 5:1-4

Second Reading:

Heb 10:5-10

Gospel:

Lk 1:39-44