



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## The Baptism of the Lord - 9 January 2022

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This is the second epiphany of Jesus. At His baptism, Jesus is revealed to the Jews as the promised Messiah.

The baptism of the Lord reminds us of our own baptism.

The most important thing that happened in our Christian life was our baptism. This sacrament emphasizes our relationship with our Father in heaven.

Indeed, through our baptism we become sons and daughters of our heavenly Father. But being baptized as children of God would make no sense if we do not practice our faith and live like children of God. Baptism, like the sacrament of Ordination and marriage is something to be lived every day of our lives.

The baptism of Jesus tells us of our identity.

By baptism we become sons and daughters of God, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. It tells us who we are and to whom we belong to.

The baptism of Jesus also reminds us of our mission:

First of all- our mission is to experience the presence of God within us, and to appreciate God's presence in others by honouring them, loving them and serving them in all humility.

Secondly-our mission is to live as the children of God in thought, word and action.

Thirdly, to lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our human bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit) by impurity, drugs, excessive drinking, suicide, abortion etc.

Fourthly, to grow daily in intimacy with God. This intimacy could be developed only through our personal and family prayers, meditative reading of the word of God, by participation in the Holy Mass, by frequenting the sacrament of reconciliation, by doing works of charity etc.

Let us always be in touch with the Holy Spirit, the source of divine power, who came to Jesus and who also came on us at our baptism and confirmation. Let us live the baptism in our lives as it is the guarantee of our eternal life. Let us reject Satan and his evils ways and profess our faith in Jesus.

### This Week's Readings:

#### **First Reading**

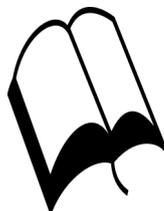
Is 40:1-5, 9-11

#### **Second Reading**

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

#### **Gospel**

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



### **Pastor:**

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**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

## Parish Diary:

**Monday 10 January**

**Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday 11 January**

**6:00pm** Mass @ Manly

**Wednesday 12 January**

**9:00am** Rosary @ Manly

**No 9:30am Mass**

Mass is followed by morning tea. All are welcome to attend

**Thursday 13 January**

Saint Hilary (OM)

**Friday 14 January**

**Saturday 15 January**

**5:00pm** Mass @ Manly

**Sunday 16 January**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7:00am** Mass @ Gumdale

**9:30am** Mass @ Manly

## Reconciliation

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

No appointment required.

## Children's Liturgy:

Sunday 16 January

## 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.*

## Parish Pastoral Council

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

## 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, 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:

Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Dulcie Maher, Jennifer Lynas, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, , Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko, George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey, Bill Spann, Maria Skubis, Luzdivina Lozano, Jean Hine.

## This Week's Roster

**Saturday 9 January**

First Reader: Jane O.

Second Reader: Laurent F.

Third Reader: Nola S.

EMHC: Denise D.

**Sunday 10 January**

First Reader: Anne S.

Second Reader : Jasser N.

Third Reader: June M.

EMHC: Colleen S.

Counting Group: A

## In This Month's Catholic Leader:

The Christmas Issue is available at the back of the Church for \$4.00

- Room at the inn for all this Christmas – Emmanuel City Mission throw open doors for extended hours
- Pope reading signs of the times – education, work and dialogue between generations
- Family of 11 escapes house fire 'by the grace of God'
- Pam Betts immensely grateful for a career spanning 42 years in teaching and education
- Grandmother right at home with friends on the streets
- Christmas messages from all Queensland Bishops
- Pope expresses concern for decline of democracy across the globe
- Former orphan Brendan Scarce counts his blessings in new book
- Veterans advocate gives heartfelt insight into own personal trauma
- Tim Sherlock has a gift for music and shares it

## Parish and Community Announcements

### Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on **Monday 10 January** for staff annual leave. The office will reopen at 8:30am on Wednesday 12 January.

### No Mass—Wednesday 12 January

There will be no 9:30am Mass on Wednesday 12 January.

### Morning Mass on Thursdays and Fridays at Manly

Fr George would like to add a Mass to Thursday and Friday mornings at Manly. To assist us in the process of adding this Mass we have developed a short survey which provides our community with the option to provide us with their input regarding the available times. We have also included some questions regarding Mass attendance which will allow us to update our attendance data. To complete this survey please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2JRNX72>. If you do not have access to a device to complete this survey please contact the parish office for assistance.

### Replacement of Noticeboards in the Church Foyer

In the coming weeks we will be replacing the noticeboards in the Church foyer. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by this process.

### Fr Ellis Clifford

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Fr Ellis Clifford passed away on Thursday 6 January. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers at this time.

### Vaccination Requirements for Volunteers

As you may have seen in previous newsletters, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has made the decision that some specific volunteer roles will require COVID vaccination. These specific volunteer roles include: 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 local safeguarding 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 as a PDF. 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). We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### January Baptisms

This month through Baptism we welcome Ziggy Baker and Isla Hall. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they begin their faith journeys.

### Knight of the Southern Cross

Winner of Draw 9 of 10 of the Wynnum Manly Branch Knights of the Southern Cross with the prize of \$40, is Anne Skitmore with Ticket No. 39. Congratulations Anne and thanks to all who support our local Branch of the Knights in our charitable and Parish works. Next week the final Draw of our current Silver Circle will see someone win either 1st prize of \$200, 2nd prize of \$100 and 3rd prize of \$50. Good luck to all ticket buyers and Happy New Year to all. Our next Silver Circle will be on sale early in 2022.

## COVID-19 Restrictions

Restrictions as at 1:00am 18 December 2021

- Face masks are required in Queensland when you are at indoor shops and retail centres, visiting hospitals, disability accommodation services and residential aged care facilities, on public transport, in taxis and ride shares, at an airport, on a plane, or if you have COVID symptoms.
- Masks are strongly advised to be worn in all indoor settings where it is not possible to adequately social distance from others.

In light of the above restrictions, it is strongly advised that everyone attending Masses and parish events wears a face mask.

To stay up to date with the public health advice regarding COVID-19 please visit [www.covid19.qld.gov.au](http://www.covid19.qld.gov.au)

# This Week's Readings

## First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

## Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

## Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

## Next Week's Roster

### **Saturday 9 January**

First Reader: Denise D.

Second Reader: Denis H.

Third Reader: Nola S.

EMHC: Mikaela A.

### **Sunday 10 January**

First Reader: Mark R.

Second Reader : Donna R.

Third Reader: Robert A.

EMHC: June M.

Counting Group: A

## For the Children

This is my Son whom I love very much

Today we hear how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This was part of God's plan. The story reminds us of our own baptism, when God's spirit became a living spring in each one of us.

Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, accept our sign of the cross as our prayer to you.

It reminds us that through our baptism we belong to you, and are children of God.



## Next Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** Is 62:1-5 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12:4-11

**Gospel** Jn 2: 1-11