



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## 2nd Sunday of Easter Year A- 11 & 12 April 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday

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### Sacraments of Initiation

All enquiries for Baptism, First Holy Communion  
and Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

### Funerals and Weddings

All enquiries regarding Funerals and Weddings, please  
contact the parish office.

### 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 Turrilal  
Peoples, and pay our respects to

Elders past, present, and emerging. We recognise their  
continuing connection to land, waters, and culture.



### Unbelieving Thomas

The gospel story is usually called the story of 'doubting Thomas.' Indeed, this characterisation of Thomas effects the translation of verse 27: 'Do not doubt, but believe' (NRSV). Read in this way, the story describes Thomas' movement from doubt to faith and leads us to set up doubt and belief as opposites. This creates two problems. First, doubt is not the opposite of faith and one does not preclude the other. For example, in the Gospel of Matthew the disciples meet the risen Jesus in Galilee just before his ascension. Matthew says of the disciples, 'When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted' (28:17). Apparently, they believed enough to worship Jesus, but some doubts persist. Doubt and faith can co-exist.



The second problem with the traditional reading is this: it misrepresents the theology of the Evangelist. Jesus responds to Thomas' assertion, 'I will not believe' (20:25) by chiding him, 'do not be unbelieving, but believe' (20:27). In other words, the issue is not that Thomas doubted, but that he did not believe. The story, then, recounts a remarkable transformation from unbelieving to believing. This happens when Thomas 'sees' the risen Jesus.

But now that Jesus has ascended, the opportunity to see Jesus or the signs he performed is no longer possible. Therefore, the Evangelist hopes that the signs he carefully reports in his gospel will help readers 'come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God' (20:31). In other words, the belief he hopes to inspire will be based on people reading his words, not on seeing signs. This is reinforced by the words of Jesus: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed' (20:29). According to the Evangelist, readers 'who have not seen' cannot be like Thomas who saw Jesus; but they (and we!) can be like Thomas by believing. Though the way in which people come to believe may be different, the belief is the same: Jesus is 'Lord and . . . God.' And the goal of believing is the same: 'life in his name.'

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### This Coming Week



### FR BAIYI'S WEEKLY PRAYER



13th April	Mon	No Mass
14th April	Tues	6.00pm Mass Parish Office Closed
15th April	Wed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass [followed by morning tea]
16th April	Thurs	No Mass Parish Office closed
17th April	Fri	10.30am Mass at Lota House
18th April	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass
19th April	Sun	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)

Almighty and merciful God, in the risen Christ you come among us with peace and reveal your mercy through his wounds. As we gather in faith on this second Sunday of Easter, increase our faith and teach us to trust in you, and send us forth as witnesses of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE ROOF REPAIRS** - In November 2025, our Parish office and Church roofs sustained damage from the large hail storm. It has taken a while for repairs to commence, but from this week, contractors will be in and around the church to set up for the job. At this stage, there is no reason that the repairs would interrupt our Masses, but we may notice some changes to how we move around the church grounds. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any concerns.

#### Office Closures



#### SJV Parish Office Hours

Please note that our Parish Office is now closed on Thursdays, until further notice.

### GALLING ALL SJV ALUMNI!



You are invited to reconnect on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> of May, in the SJV Hall from 8:30-9:30!

Enjoy a chat, tour and a cuppa tea

Expression of interest for attendance to SJV Alumni Connect.



PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM PROVIDED IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

### Caritas AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who have returned your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes.

**If you are yet to return yours, please do so this week.** We will be collating and sending your generous donations to Caritas in the next week.

### Knights of the Southern Cross Silver Circle - Winner for Draw 5 of 10



The winner for Draw 5 of the current Silver Circle is **Denise Adams with Ticket No 41.**

**Congratulations,** and thanks to those who support the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
11 APRIL	VOLUNTEERS	COLLEEN	MAUREEN	GERARDINA	MICHAELA JANE JEN	ANJOLINE ANGELO	C
12 APRIL	VOLUNTEERS	MARK	HELEN	TRISH	JUNE CAROLINA	DONNA	
18 APRIL	VOLUNTEERS	JANE	DENISE	DENISE	JEN COLLEEN ADELINE	CARMEL S-K	D
19 APRIL	VOLUNTEERS	STEVE P	JACK	AURELIE	HEATHER DONNA	AURELIE CHARLOTTE	



"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 O'Brien & Neil Taylor on [Isr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:Isr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER IDEAS FOR KIDS**

encounter KIDS  
Archdiocesan MINISTRIES

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

Sunday 12 April 2026

Nazareth House Chapel - 272 Wynnum North Rd, Wynnum North

**PROGRAMME**

1:30pm - Exposition, Confessions, Rosary  
3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
3:15pm - Benediction  
3:30pm - Holy Mass



Are you new to our Parish or would you like to update your details? Welcome!

Please scan the QR code below OR use the following link to register your details:

<https://manlycatholic.flocknote.com/register>

If you would like to enrol yourself or your child/children in Baptism or other Sacraments, please complete this initial family registration, then email the Parish Office to receive enrolment information. e: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)



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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Jack Thatcher, Daniel (Danny) O'Brien (Jane's husband), Louie McHugh (son of Mark and Sue McHugh), Joan de Bruijn.

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Margaret Bourke, Phillip Bright, Sr Dominic (Margaret) Burke, Sr Veronica Casey, Margaret Coughlan, Peter Dabara, John Fens, Paola Grima, Colette Hinchy, Kathleen Hodge, Fr. Marty Larson, Kenneth Leather, Agnes Marano, Hugh Massie, Phillip McCudden, John McMahon, Peggy Nunn, Sr Raphael O'Connor, Joseph O'Malley, Patricia Osborne, Rewi Pakinga, Sr Mary-Ellen Perry, Marian Rybarczyk, Leslie Shead, June Sheppard, Maria Manso Silva, Florence Tarrant, Lawrence Thatcher, James Treacy, Bronislawa Wojtasik, Edgard Villamil, Chido Zimunhu

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

Anna, John Abberdan, Laurie Atzeni, Jocelyn Barron, Jack & Mary Beard, Ailbe Caplis, Reg Carmichael, Dell Chapman, Sue Wynne-Davies, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrila, Maureen Handcock, May Horneman, Chris Lee, Elizabeth Lisenski, Dennis Long, Carlos Manabat, Sue McDonald, Patrick Nofokifolau, Robert Patterson, Richard Pook, Francis Raisch, Eric Roberts, Glenda Rogers, Therese Shepherd, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, and Emma Walters.

**To include a name in our 'Recently Deceased', or 'For those Who Are Sick' the Privacy Act requires the permission of a close relative.**

**MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH**

By EFTPOS -

**The EFTPOS terminal is at the Manly parish church.**

You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.

By direct deposit -

**BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100002778**

Account Name: **St John Vianney's Parish, Manly.**

**Or call in to the parish office and ask for gifting envelopes.**





**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**YEAR A**  
**SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026**

**FIRST READING**

**ACTS 2:42-47**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.**

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

**1 PETER 1:3-9**

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

**He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time

have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**JOHN 20:29**

**(sung) Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**JOHN 20:19-31**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

**After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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