



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



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Funerals and Weddings

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

GOD'S WORD IS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SPRING OF LIFE

Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. For God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colours, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.

The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. As the Apostle says: *They ate spiritual food and they drank spiritual drink.* And so whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to harm.

Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. For what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on.

(From a commentary on the Diatessaron by Saint Ephraem, deacon)

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.



VOLUNTEERS' BRUNCH

What a wonderful turnout to the Volunteers Brunch last Sunday morning! Around 60 parishioners, who volunteer their time and talents to serve our parish, enjoyed a delicious brunch whilst mingling with friends old and new. It is a great testament to the spirit of St. John Vianney's Parish to see so many people—of all ages—involved in various ministries, working together to create such a vibrant community.



Thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for planning the morning and a huge thank you to our dedicated Hospitality Team for their smiling presence whilst setting up, serving and clearing away after the event.

Anne Skitmore, Chair of Parish Pastoral Council

 *We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Quandamooka, Yuggera and Turrbal Peoples, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture.* 

For Your Diary



16th February	Mon	No Mass
17th February	Tues	6.00 pm Mass
18th February	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group Ash Wednesday—9.30am & 6pm Mass
19th February	Thurs	No Mass
20th February	Fri	Mass at Lota House 10.30am
21st February	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
22nd February	Sun	1 st Sunday of Lent 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer



Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have given us your commandments that we may choose life. Purify our hearts, that our obedience may not be merely outward, but born of love and integrity. Teach us to seek the deeper righteousness to which your Son calls us, so that our lives may reflect your wisdom and truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WYNNUM MANLY BRANCH - KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - SILVER CIRCLE TICKET SALES



Knights of the Southern Cross will again be selling tickets for their very popular Silver Circle. Funds raised will assist the Wynnum Manly branch of the Knights in their charitable works.

Tickets will be on sale at all Parish Masses over the weekends of 21/22 Feb 26 and (if not sold out) 28 Feb/01 Mar 26. Purchase of tickets can be made by cash or card at \$20 each. Draws are over a 10 week period. The winner of draws 1 to 9 will win \$40. Draw 10 winners will win 1st prize of \$200, 2nd prize of \$100 and 3rd prize of \$50. Buyers can win multiple times over the period of the draws. The 1st draw will be on 7 Mar 26, the final draw 10 is on 9 May 26.

Tickets sell very fast, you have to be in it to win it.

Thank you for supporting this Knights of the Southern Cross charitable fundraiser.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday 18 February 2026

St John Vianney's Church

9:30am Mass - School and Parishioners welcome
6:00pm Mass—All welcome



Hi mums and dads and carers,
You know how to talk to children,



right? You also have a faith worth sharing with the most vulnerable in our community. Right?

This is a wonderful ministry to be part of. You share the Word with the children at their level and then you all return so the children are watching and seeing what goes on at the Eucharist Rite.

As small as they may be, children are still feeling and observing what is going on and this is a critical part of them preparing for their Sacraments as they are older to understand more about what goes on in church. *You are always in pairs and you will be overjoyed with being involved with Children.*

If you are interested but need to know more, please see Philippa [Coordinator of Children's Liturgy] or contact the Office. Our Pastoral Associate, Trish, will be able to put you in touch with Philippa.

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
14TH FEB	HENRY PETER LAURENT	GERARDINA	DENISE	LAURA	ALISON, DENIS, JANE	CARMEL SK	G
15TH FEB	LITA HARVEY LAURENT	STEVE P	DONNA	ANNE	MARK, TRISH, HEATHER	EMMA	
21ST FEB	HENRY PETER	JEN	ALISON	GERARDINA	MIKAELA, DENISE, CARMEL	PAM	A
22ND FEB	LITA LAURENT	HELEN	AURELIE	ASHER	STEVE P, ADELINE, 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 & Neil on lsr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au



First Reconciliation Preparation 2026

We are now starting preparation sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children.

There are four Children's Prep sessions:

[you may choose to attend either Saturday or Sunday]

Saturday at 3.30-4.30pm before the 5.00 pm Mass or

Sunday at 8:00 -9.00 am before 9.30 am Mass.

Session 1: 14/15th February

Session 2: 21/22nd February

Session 3: 28 Feb/1March

Session 4: 7/8 March

Liturgy Practice for First Reconciliation: 14 March
10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 21 March 10.30am

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM



We are running a parish Lenten Reflection Group again this year. This is an opportunity to step away from the busyness of life, reflect on the scriptures and be renewed in faith with the support of fellow parishioners.

Where: St. John Vianney's Church.

When: 10am every Tuesday morning during Lent

Who: Open to everyone. You do not have to commit to every week.

Start Date: Tuesday 17th February (Shrove Tuesday)

BYO: Bible. Notebook.

Please register your interest on the form at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office.
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Violet Phillips, Kevin Lane, Tony Moore, Peter Campbell, Marea Peake, Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Martin Ball, Rosalina Manso Barot, Russell Barton, Robert (Bob) Bishop, Murray Bradley, Beverley Brown, Flynn Brown, Fran Brennan, George Campbell, Molly Campbell, Sr Denise Candy, Eileen Cook, Leonard Cunnington, Sr Joan Cusack PBVM, Maria Cybulski, John Derrick, Ernie Erzetic, Mary Forbes, Audrey Gillespie, Ken Gillespie, Ronald Gillespie, John Edward Harrison, Robert Hooper, Jamie Kaden, Ivan Katic, Christopher Leese, Blanche Mahoney, Inda Yeng Malinao, Peter Martin, Kai Mathie, Fletcher McCormack, Franklin Pankhurst, Geoffrey Peake, John Pease, Jill Fleming, Luigi Pippo, Georgina Powell, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, Valerie Smith, Warren Smith, Mary Thornthwaite, John Trevor, Frederick Ward, Kathleen Wellington

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

John Abberdan, Laurie Atzeni, Jocelyn Barron, Jack & Mary Beard, Ailbe Caplis, Reg Carmichael, Dell Chapman, Sue Wynne-Davies, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilas, Maureen Handcock, May Horneman, Chris Lee, Elizabeth Lisenski, Dennis Long, Carlos Manabat, Sue McDonald, Patrick Nofokifolau, Dan O'Brien, 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.

Job Opportunity Springfield Parish

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish Springfield is seeking a faith-filled Evangelisation Pastoral Associate to help lead and nurture discipleship within the parish community.

This role works closely with the Parish Priest, Parish Leadership Team, and ministry leaders to support evangelisation, pastoral care, and the liturgical life of the parish.

Learn more and apply via www.tinyurl.com/OLSC-EPA26
See also our Notice Board.

MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

The options for electronic donations are:

Our EFTPOS machine at the Manly parish church. You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.

By direct deposit - parish bank details are

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
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 15 Feb 2026

First Reading **Sirach 15:15-20**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R.**
v.1s

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation **See Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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