



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## The Fourth Sunday of Lent Yr A- 14 and 15 March 2026

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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 Turrbal  
Peoples, and pay our respects to  
Elders past, present, and emerging. We recognise their  
continuing connection to land, waters, and culture.



### RCIA Journey Continues: Scrutinies and Presentations

Last Sunday during our 9:30am Mass we celebrated the First Scrutiny for our Elect: **Kaye Humphries, Philip Walz**, with a Blessing for our candidates: **Stacey Harding and Marika Wieriks**. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Scrutinies are special rites celebrated during Lent for those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Rooted in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA), these rites are prayers of purification and enlightenment, asking God to strengthen the Elect, free them from sin, and help them grow in the light of Christ.

This Sunday we will celebrate the Second Scrutiny, and next Sunday the Third Scrutiny, which will be the final one before Easter. During these weeks, we keep especially in our prayers our four candidates: **Kaye, Philip, Stacey and Marika**. As they continue their final preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation, the whole parish community accompanies them with prayer, encouragement and support.

During this period of preparation, the Church also celebrates two important rites called the Presentations: the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* states that "with the catechumenal formation of the elect completed, the Church lovingly entrusts to them the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer. These texts are presented in order to enlighten the elect. The Creed, as it recalls the wonderful deeds of God for the salvation of the human race, suffuses the vision of the elect with the sure light of faith. The Lord's Prayer fills them with a deeper realisation of the new spirit of adoption by which they will call God their Father, especially in the midst of the eucharistic assembly" (RCIA, 134).

Last Tuesday evening we celebrated the Presentation of the Creed with our Elect during our 6pm Mass. "The elect are to commit the Creed to memory and they will recite it publicly prior to professing their faith in accordance with that Creed on the day of their reception of the sacraments of initiation" (RCIA, 135).

The Presentation of the Lord's Prayer will take place on Tuesday, 24 March, again during the evening Mass. This is important because "from antiquity the Lord's Prayer has been the prayer proper to those who in baptism have received the spirit of adoption" (RCIA, 136).

Please continue to keep our Elect in your prayers as they journey towards the joy of Easter and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. Let us ask the Lord to guide and strengthen them, and to renew our own faith as we accompany them on this sacred journey.

Fr Baiyi

## For Your Diary



16th March	Mon	No Mass [office will be closed from 11.30am]
17th March	Tues	10am Lent Reflection Group 10am St Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral and 6.00pm Mass at SJV
18th March	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group 9.30am Mass
19th March	Thurs	No Mass [Office closed]
20th March	Fri	10.30am Mass at Lota House 6pm Stations of the Cross
21st March	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
22nd March	Sun	5th Sunday of Lent 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV) & Trish's farewell morning tea

## FR BAIYI'S WEEKLY PRAYER



Almighty God, your Son restored sight to a man blind from birth in today's Gospel reading. We may not be physically blind, but we can be spiritually blind. St Paul says that "anything exposed by the light will be illuminated." Help us to learn from your Son, draw closer to him, and allow him to shine upon us, so that we may walk in the light.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## FAREWELL TO TRISH STAPLETON

We would like to inform parishioners that Trish Stapleton will be retiring from her role at St John Vianney Parish.

Trish joined the parish team in early 2025 during a time when the parish was in great need of staff support. She initially served as Parish Manager and Pastoral Associate, and since the beginning of this year has continued her service as Parish Pastoral Associate. During her time with us, she contributed to the life and ministry of the parish, and we thank her for her service to our parish community.

Trish's final working day will be Wednesday, 18 March 2026.

We warmly invite parishioners to join us for a **Farewell Morning Tea on Sunday, 22 March**, following the 9:30am Mass, as we thank Trish for her time and service and wish her well in her retirement.

Please keep Trish in your prayers as she begins this new chapter of life.



### REST IN PEACE—COMMEMORATION OF DANIEL (DAN) O'BRIEN'S LIFE

Jane would like to invite you to a service to commemorate Dan's life on:

**Monday 16th March at 1pm, at the Mt Carmel Church Coorparoo.**

### HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS - Sacred Paschal Triduum

**Thursday of the Lord's Supper** – 2 April, 6pm  
**Good Friday** – 3 April: 10am Stations of the Cross  
 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
**Saturday** – Easter Vigil, 4 April, 6pm

### FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2026



Liturgy Practice for First Reconciliation: 14 March 10.30am  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 21 March 10.30am.

### ST. OSCAR ROMERO (1917-1980): FEAST DAY 24TH MARCH

Oscar Romero was a Roman Catholic archbishop of San Salvador who became a renowned human rights defender, an outspoken voice for the poor and the oppressed. He famously called out government violence, corruption and injustice especially during the Salvadoran Civil War. This led to his assassination on March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2018. Oscar Romero is patron saint of persecuted people.

Aspire not to have more but to be more (Oscar Romero)

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
14 MARCH	PETER	JEN	LAURA	DENISE	ADELINE GERARDINA DCN LAURENT	CARMEL SK	E
15 MARCH	LITA	HELEN	STEVE P	AURELIE	HEATHER SONIA DCN LAURENT	EMMA	
21 MARCH	PETER	LAURA	GERARDINA	JEN	CARMEL SK MIKAELA ALISON	PAM	A
22 MARCH	LITA	DONNA	HELEN	STEVE T	HEATHER JUNE DCN LAURENT	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 [lsr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au)



Our Parish community continues to support The Romero Centre in Brisbane, a support centre assisting people arriving in Australia seeking asylum and safety from torture, war and violence. The Centre helps thousands of people each year – free of charge - through trauma counselling, legal advice, English classes, food packages, shelter, medical and social support.

The Romero Centre relies heavily on volunteers and community donations to exist and, in recent times, demand for this service has increased.

PLEASE consider helping this vital work by donating **GROCERY GIFT CARDS or CASH** (in a sealed envelope) **ANY TIME** through the usual weekend collection. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**AN INVITATION—DURING LENT**

**Lenten Reflection program:**

10am every Tuesday morning. Open to everyone.

10.30am Sundays —Young Adults in the Parish office.

**Stations of the Cross:** 6pm Every Friday.

Collect the envelopes or money boxes from the table at the back of the Church, to donate to the international work of Caritas Australia.



21 MARCH 2026  
SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE  
9AM - 3PM

Join Fr Paul Chandler for  
**POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER**

Scan to register before 10/03/26

LEARN AND PRACTICE THE ART OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites you to the annual  
**CHRISM MASS**  
Thursday 26th March 2026  
7:00pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane  
A celebration for the entire Archdiocese  
All Welcome  
The undercover carpark will be available from 6:00pm

An Archdiocesan Youth Event  
**27.03.26**

**RECO RALLY**

6:00-8:30PM RECONCILIATION, LOURDES HILL COLLEGE  
SPEAKER, GAMES, PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Daniel (Danny) O’Brien (Jane’s Husband), Louie McHugh (Son of Mark and Sue McHugh), Joan de Bruijn, Mary Horgan, Violet Phillips, Kevin Lane, Tony Moore, Peter Campbell, Marea Peake, Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Sr Joan Cusack, Margaret Conwell, Jillian Rideout Belletty, Victor Berger, Paul Bouton, Brian Cahill, Frances Cassell, Gina Clair, Alice Condon, Stephen Connor, Maxwell Cooper, Barry Edward Creevey, Louise DeWeger, Beatrice Fox, Keith Furner, Colin Freebody, Norman Hare, Trevor Hankins, John Harrison, Kevin Hatton, Kathleen Howard, William Jackson, Margaret Lawder, Brett Ledwidge, Mervyn Lewis, Mary Massie, Alec Mathams, Thomas Murphy, Peter O’Brien, Geoffrey Peake, Bernard Peterson, Luigi Pippo, Suzanne Pook, Brian Prove, Ann Riseham, Ivy Rafter, James Retchless, Trevor Rose, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, Valerie Smith, Ellen Snell, Reginald Thurlow, Patrick Tranent, Anastasia Tripcony, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Tyler Whitton, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise)

**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

Sunday 15 Mar 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

**First Reading** 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed  
David king of Israel.*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22 R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.

### The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation** John 8:12

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with  
his sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

### The Gospel of the Lord

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**Next Sunday's Scripture: 5TH SUNDAY LENT YR A**

**FIRST READING:** EZEKIEL 37:12-14

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 129: R. v.7

**SECOND READING:** ROMANS 8:8-11

**GOSPEL:** JOHN 11: 1-45