



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.

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 con-
tinuing connection to land, waters, and culture.*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A - A REFLECTION

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The first reading for this Sunday tells us something about Abram (**Abraham**), but it tells us more about the **plan of God**.

It is a picture of God's choice of one family among many and of the good fortune and fame with which this family will be blessed. God's directives require profound faith on Abram's part. He is being asked to sever himself from the most fundamental ties that an individual has – the ties of origin. Actually, it was God's plan to start something new through Abram. What would be his response? No questions were asked; no long period of preparation is suggested. The tone of the entire ancestral narrative is set - **God directs and the people of God respond**.

The Psalm opens with a statement that reflects the basis of ancient Israel's faith in God. This faith is rooted in the **truth of God's Word**, in the **faithfulness of God's works**, in the **justice of God's covenant**, and in the **steadfastness of God's love**.

The gospel narrative recounts a theophany, a **self-revelation of God**. The once popular interpretation of this as a post-resurrection story read back into the time of the public ministry of Jesus has been challenged by most commentators today. Rather, they believe that it describes an insight into the identity that was his during his public life. **Thus, the transformation was a change that took place when Jesus' inner reality shone forth and transfigured his outer appearance**. Moses and Elijah, the representatives of the law and the prophets, confirm Jesus' authority and the legitimacy of his teaching. While these men converse with Jesus, the voice from the cloud speaks to the apostles. They are the ones who seem to need the identification of Jesus and the directive from God.

Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

Parish Suggestion Boxes

Back by popular demand! The Parish Pastoral Council is here to serve our Parish. Please remember that you can place any ideas, suggestions or questions in the Suggestion Box at the back of each church - or simply catch one of us after Mass. We will consider your proposals at our monthly meetings and get back to you asap. Thank you.

Current members: Anne Skitmore (Chair), Carmel Smith (Vice Chair), Pam Biggs-Chapman (Secretary), Denis Hohnen, Jeffery Bourke, Jen Burrows, Maureen Bentley.

For Your Diary



2nd March	Mon	No Mass
3rd March	Tues	10am Lent Reflection Group 6.00 pm Mass
4th March	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group 9.30am Mass
5th March	Thurs	No Mass
6th March	Fri	9.30am Mass at Janoah Gardens 6pm Stations of the Cross
7th March	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
8th March	Sun	3 rd Sunday of Lent

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer



Almighty God, in today's Gospel, your Son prepared his three chosen apostles for their future mission. By his Transfiguration, they were confirmed in his identity as your Son; by Moses and Elijah speaking with him, they came to understand more fully that the Law and the Prophets are fulfilled in your Son; and by your own voice, they learned that listening to your Son is the only way that leads us back to you. Help us to understand these truths and to live them out in our daily lives. Through Christ our Lord.

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



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

Tickets may be on sale at Parish Masses over the weekends of 28 Feb/01 Mar 26 if not sold out. 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Where: St. John Vianney's Church.
When: 6pm every Friday of Lent

Stations of the Cross, or Way of the Cross, is a traditional devotion in honour of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

ALTAR SERVING MINISTRY COORDINATOR—APPOINTMENT NOTICE

St Pope John Paul II reminded the Church that service at the altar "is not only a duty but a great honour." Reflecting on the vestments worn by altar servers, he taught that they recall the baptismal garment by which we have "put on Christ" (Gal 3:27). For this reason, he described the altar server as having "a privileged place in liturgical celebrations," far more than a mere helper, but one who serves close to the mystery at the heart of the Church's worship (General Audience, 1 August 2001).

In this light, altar serving is both a liturgical and a formative ministry. Altar servers participate in the liturgical celebration in a particular way, assisting the priest and deacon and supporting the entire congregation in their full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy.

In this context, our parish is pleased to announce the appointment of **Adeline Watson** as **Coordinator of the Altar Serving Ministry**.

In her role, Adeline will lead a **coordination team** consisting of adult altar servers, parents of our child altar servers, and other parishioners. This team will coordinate all aspects of altar serving in the parish, including rosters, communication, training arrangements, activity organisation, and ongoing support for both adult and child altar servers.

Adeline is a committed member of our parish community, a wife and mother, and comes from a strong Catholic family with a long tradition of altar serving—one she now joyfully sees continued through her own children. Adeline sees this ministry as both a blessing and a privilege, and she looks forward to supporting altar servers and their families. Professionally, Adeline works as a Fire Engineering Manager for Queensland, where she leads teams and oversees complex projects, bringing valuable experience in leadership, organisation, and coordination to this ministry.

As this ministry continues to grow, we warmly encourage others—both adults and children—to consider joining this beautiful service at the altar. Please keep Adeline, the coordination team, and all our altar servers in your prayers.

- Fr Baiyi

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
28TH FEB	HARVEY PETER	MAUREEN	DENISE	ALISON	JEN, JANE, CARMEL	SIENNA	C
1 MARCH	LITA	SONIA	ANNE	STEVE P	HEATHER, JUNE	DONNA	
7 MARCH	PETER	JEN	GERARDINA	ALISON	MIKAELA, DENISE	ANJOLINE & ANGELO	D
8 MARCH	LITA	ANNE	TRISH	MARK	STEVE P SONIA	BRODIE, ANNABELLE & LEON	



"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



FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2026

There are **2** remaining preparation sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

You may choose to attend:

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 3: 28 Feb/1March

Session 4: 7/8 March

Then, Liturgy Practice for First Reconciliation: 14 March 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 21 March 10.30am.

Children, don't forget to have your Mass attendance card signed off after Mass!

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

10am every Tuesday morning during Lent

Open to everyone. **BYO:** Bible. Notebook.

Please contact the Parish Office for the **location.**

Ph: 3853 7470 or email manly@bne.catholic.net.au



World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at 9.30am East Side Community

Church 568 Wondall Road, Manly West

For more information : SJV Parish Office 3853 7470



Caritas AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION

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

LENT PASTORAL LETTER 2026—Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

A copy is on our notice board, or you can access online <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Lent-Pastoral-Letter-2026.pdf>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare 15 minutes before and after 9.30am Mass once a month, to help sell books/resources/gifts in the Piety Stall?

If you can spare just 30 minutes once a month, we would love to hear from you. Please see us at the stall on Sunday mornings or ring the parish office to offer your assistance. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER



Hey Kids!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy is on this weekend!

Sunday 1st March at the 9.30 am Mass

Why not bring a sibling or friend!

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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:

John Abberdan, Laurie Atzeni, Jocelyn Barron, Jack & Mary Beard, Ailbe Caplis, Reg Carmichael, Dell Chapman, Sue Wynne-Davies, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavril, 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.

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.





THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A

FIRST READING *Genesis 12:1-4*

READER: A reading from the book of Genesis
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram,
'Leave your country, your family and your
father's house, for the land I will show you. I
will make you a great nation; I will bless you
and make your name so famous that it will be
used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'
So, Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22*

(Sung R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on
those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

READER: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the
Good News, relying on the power of God who
has saved us and called us to be holy – not
because of anything we ourselves have done
but for his own purpose and by his own grace.
This grace had already been granted to us, in
Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but
it has only been revealed by the Appearing of
our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death,

and he has proclaimed life and immortality
through the Good News.
The Word of the Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 17:5*

Sung: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is
heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *Matthew 17:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his
brother John and led them up a high mountain
where they could be alone. There in their
presence he was transfigured; his face shone
like the sun and his clothes became as white
as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah
appeared to them; they were talking with him.
Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is
wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will
make three tents here, one for you, one for
Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still
speaking when suddenly a bright cloud
covered them with shadow, and from the
cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is
my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.
Listen to him.' When they heard this, the
disciples fell on their faces, overcome with
fear. But Jesus came up and touched them.
'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And
when they raised their eyes they saw no one
but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus
gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the
vision until the Son of Man has risen from the
dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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Next Week's Scripture Readings: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading : Exodus 17:3-7 The Israelites complain to Moses
in the desert.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8 (R.) If today you
hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2. 5-8 Christ laid down his life
for us.

Gospel: *John 4:5-42* Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.