

## Parish Information

### Quote of the Day

In life, right things are not possible always.

Possible things are not right

always. Be true to your heart,

You will be right always.

### SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

STOPLINE Contact: [A0B@stopleveline.com.au](mailto:A0B@stopleveline.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, Paola Nunez,  
Maria Jones, Julia McLean

### 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, Dennis Patterson, Irene Gavril, Rosa Maria Santos, Dawn O'Sullivan, Leon and Roz Thomas, Maura Poots, Angela Geraghty, Hugo Callan, Joan Francis, Angela de Weger, Terry Coles, Margaret Brennan, Ted Chapman, Leslee O'Connell, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Val Steeden, Mitchell Swee, Barbara Peet, Delia Chapman

**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:

Trevor Alexander, Edmond Baker, Katherine Barton, Fay Bishop, Dean Bramley, Kevin Byrne, Joan Copley, Catherine Dillon, Sylvia Fens, Alan Francis, Kathleen Galea, Meg Griffiths, Stephanie Hankins, Jean Kuter, Jennifer Lynas, Olivia Lewis, Eric Morrison, Gerard Ring, Jean Rosenstengel, Madeline Shenton, Henry Sizeland, Wilma Will, Blanca Wiswell, David Vidler.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

**From the Archdiocese:** 'The Chief Medical Officer has expressed confidence in organisations with COVID Safe plans and at this stage parishes following the [Industry Plan for Places of Worship](#) can continue to hold acts of worship with no additional operating restrictions.' Bishop Ken Howell

Our Parish operates under the COVID safe plan and we can continue to celebrate mass following these guidelines.

### Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's:

Mass bookings for **82** people can be made.

To book please visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.

If you require assistance for bookings, please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email us at [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Mass Celebrations at St. Jude's:

We are currently able to celebrate with **40** people in attendance with social distancing in place. To book please contact: Helen McNamara via phone 0403 193 625 or e-mail: [Imac11@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Imac11@optusnet.com.au)

### Next Week's Readings:

*First Reading: Is 61:1-2, 10-11 Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:16-24 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28*

## Parish and Community Announcements

**Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation** Our Advent 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 15 December at 6:00pm. There will be no mass on this day.

**St Vincent de Paul** During the first 3 weekends of Advent the Manly Conference will be conducting a non-perishable food collection in our parish. Anyone wishing to participate can place there donated items into the baskets which will be located near the Christmas tree in the church foyer. Items which would be very helpful to Vinnies to include in there hampers are: Christmas fare (e.g. tins of leg ham, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings (individual ones rather than large please), fruit mince pies, long life custard, and jellies), tinned/bottled fruit and vegetables, tins of biscuits (e.g. shortbread, savoury biscuits (jatz, water crackers etc.), bottles of cordial and fruits drinks, packs of poppers, soft drinks, Christmas table items (e.g. bonbons, serviettes and decorations), Christmas sweets and chocolates as well as Coles, Woolworths or Kmart gift vouchers. Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

**Volunteers Needed for Christmas Masses** We need volunteers to assist us with our Christmas masses. We are looking for: readers, Eucharistic ministers, marshals, screen operators and pew cleaners for after mass. If you can assist us with any of these, please contact the parish office via email at [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 3131 2610. We would like to thank you in anticipation.

### Call For Volunteers

The parish is in need of volunteers for weekend masses. If you would like to help with the following duties and are not already a volunteer in our parish please go to the following link to register as a volunteer: <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in contact with you. If you are already a volunteer within our parish and would like to assist please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au). Full training is provided to all volunteers.

**Sacristan duties, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality, Counters and Choir and musicians.**

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

Please see information of the Volunteer Information Notices at the back of the church. We would like to thank you in anticipation.

St John Vianney's Catholic Parish, Manly

**Jesus is the reason for the season**

**Christmas Eve**

Thursday 24 December 2020

**Vigil Mass - 5:00PM - Manly**

**Mass - 7:00PM - Manly**

**Mass - 7:00PM - Gumdale**

**Mass - 9:00PM - Manly**

**Christmas Day**

Friday 25 December 2020

**Mass - 7:00AM - Manly**

**Mass - 9:30AM - Manly**

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

**To Book:** Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>

**Unable to book online?** Please contact the Parish office on 3131 2610.



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

**Prepare the way for the Lord.** '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:** **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

**Second Reading:** *2 Peter 3:8-14*

**We wait for new heavens and a new earth.** There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**Gospel:** *Mark 1:1-8*

**Make straight the paths of the Lord.** The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

**Help Us Update Our Parishioner Contact Details**

If you wish to assist us, please fill in the slip below and place it into the parish mail box located at the back of the church. You may also like to take a copy of this form for someone in our parish community who is currently unable to attend mass, please note that the person whose details they are will need to sign the bottom of the form. The privacy of all individuals with whom we interact is very important to us and we are committed to protecting all personal information we collect and hold. We do this by handing information in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (**Privacy Act**).



**Family Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you consent to being contacted by St John Vianney's Parish?**  
YES / NO

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Second Sunday of Advent Year B - 6 December 2020**

**Parish Weekly Diary**

- Monday 7 Dec**  
*Saint Ambrose (M)*
- Tuesday 8 Dec**  
*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
6:00pm Manly
- Wednesday 9 Dec**  
*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (OM)*  
9:00am Manly (Rosary)  
9:30am Manly
- Thursday 10 Dec**  
*Our Lady of Loreto (OM)*
- Friday 11 Dec**  
*Saint Damasus I (OM)*
- Saturday 12 Dec**  
*Our Lady of Guadalupe (OM)*  
5:00pm Manly
- Sunday 13 Dec**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
7:00am Gumdale  
9:30am Manly
- Reconciliation**  
By appointment only.



We are in the season of Advent, a time of waiting for the Lord who is coming to us. As much as we are waiting for Him and place our hope in Him we can imagine how much more God is waiting and hoping for each of us personally to come to Him. It is the time when we remember that God came to earth as a human person and chose to live among us. It is the time when God shares His love with us as we should share our love with Him and among others. This weekend we are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas. Christmas is the time for reflection and personal renewal in preparation for the coming of Jesus into our lives in a deeper way. The Gospel of this weekend invites us to prepare the way of the Lord, just as John the Baptist did by proclaiming His coming to all. He called them to prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

John's preaching reminds us also of our important task of announcing Christ to others through our lives at home and in the community. When we show genuine love, kindness, mercy and a spirit of forgiveness, we are sharing the truth that Christ is with us. Thus, our lives become a kind of Bible which others can read. John the Baptist invites us to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual transformation by making the necessary preparations for the arrival of the Saviour and His entrance into our lives. Let us accept Jesus as our personal Saviour and Lord during this Christmas season and faithful Christians in our daily conduct.

We spent the month of November praying for the souls in purgatory. During this Advent let us prepare our hearts for Christ by turning away from sin and evil and giving ourselves completely to God so that when Christ comes, or when we are called from this life, we are ready and prepared. Let us use these days of preparation for Christmas to ready ourselves for Christ's daily coming and Second Coming of Christ.

Blessings,  
*Fr. Dantus Thottathil*

**Welcome to St John Vianney's Catholic Parish!**

Our parish is known for being friendly and welcoming, as well as for active participation at Mass through music and prayer. There is a place here for everyone; we hope that you will join us. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact the parish office via email.

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Fr Prem Rethnamony

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**Parish Secretary:** Kate Sellwood

**Website:** [www.manlycatholicparish.org.au](http://www.manlycatholicparish.org.au)

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**Office hours:** 8:30am – 2:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

**Mass Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.