

First Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11*

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm: **My soul rejoices in my God.**

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel: *John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

[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: _____



Third Sunday of Advent Year B - 13 December 2020

Parish Weekly Diary

Monday 14 Dec

Saint John of the Cross (M)

Tuesday 15 Dec

6:00pm Manly

Wednesday 16 Dec

9:00am Manly

(Rosary)

9:30am Manly

Thursday 17 Dec

Friday 18 Dec

Saturday 19 Dec

5:00pm Manly

Sunday 20 Dec

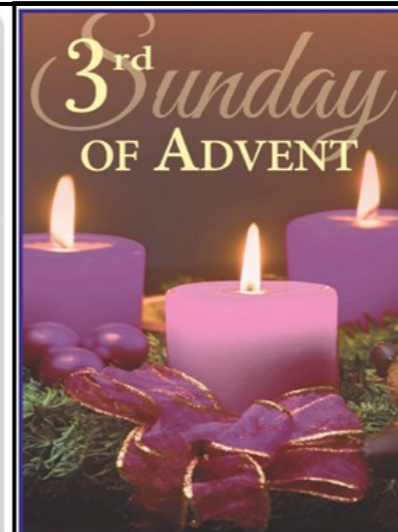
Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00am Gumdale

9:30am Manly

Reconciliation

By appointment only.



"Rejoice always"

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday". Gaudete is Latin for "rejoice". It is a command taken directly from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, as in today's second reading: **"Rejoice always"**

(1 Thessalonians 5:16). It is a positive command, one that we are supposed to keep at all times and in all circumstances. It is not a conditional command that we keep

only when things are going well with us.

Paul begins **by telling us what we must do at all times. "Rejoice Always, v17 pray without ceasing, v18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you** (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). At all times and in all circumstances we must rejoice, pray and give thanks. He adds that this command reflects the will of God for those who come to Him through Jesus Christ. As followers of Christ we know that life on earth is not always rosy, but life after death is bliss. Our hope is not in this life only. That is why we are able to rejoice in good times and in bad, as Jesus himself did.

It is hard for us to live a life rejoicing always, but the One who calls us to this life is one who always gives us what He commands. He is faithful, and He will do it in our lives. So **Rejoice always!**

God bless,

Fr. Prem

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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Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

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

Parish Information

Quote of the Day

*You never know
which footstep will bring a
good
twist in life
So keep on walking!
Happiness comes when
it is most unexpected!
That's Life...*

SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

STOPLINE Contact: AOB@stopline.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 Gavrila, 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, 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 Rosentengel, 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

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

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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.

2020 Christmas Hamper Appeal Our sincere thanks to the parishioners of St John Vianney's and St Jude's for their generous support of the 2020 Christmas Hamper appeal. The Manly Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing the hampers next Saturday (19th December) to families and singles within our parish area. It is anticipated that over 40 hampers will go out to spread some Christmas cheer - Manly Vinnies Conference.

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 or call 3131 2610. We would like to thank you in anticipation.

Changes to Lock—Manly and Gumdale On Monday 14 December, we will be having the locks at both Manly and Gumdale changed as part of our project to improve parish security. If you have a church key for either St John Vianney's or St Jude's can you please return these keys to the parish office or place them in a white envelope and write your name on it (envelopes will be available at the back of the church) and place them into the parish mail box. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Christmas Masses We still have places available at our Christmas Eve 9:00pm and Christmas Day 7:00am masses. To book please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1> or contact the parish office.

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. 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.

