

First Reading: *Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3*

Your own son shall be your heir.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless.' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*

The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel: *Luke 2:22, 39-40*

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

[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 handling 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: _____



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B - 27 December 2020

Parish Weekly Diary

Parish Office Closed this week.

Monday 28 Dec

The Holy Innocents (F)

Tuesday 29 Dec

Saint Thomas Becket (OM)

NO MASS

Wednesday 30 Dec

NO MASS

Thursday 31 Dec

Saint Sylvester I (OM)

Friday 1 Jan

*Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God*

9:30am Manly—New Years
Mass

Saturday 2 Jan

*Saints Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen (OM)*

5:00pm Manly

Sunday 3 Jan

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am Gumdale

9:30am Manly

Reconciliation

By appointment only.

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 .

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Facebook: St John Vianney's Catholic Parish Manly QLD

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



I hope you've been enjoying a wonderful Christmas season with your friends and family. Each year on this Sunday after Christmas the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Today we thank God for the feast of the Holy Family, a mystery of love and life. The Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. It is a time when we look at the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as role models. They were a model family in which they faced hardships together. Both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and talent to preparing the church/liturgy and helping us all in our Christmas Masses, the choir and the organists, the sacristans, the readers and Eucharistic ministers and the marshals. I especially offer my thanks to you all in these uncertain times.

As we enter into a New Year 2021 **let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence and hope.** I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

Parish Information

Quote of the Day

**TO BE HAPPY
YOU MUST:
Let go of what's
gone, be grateful for
what remains, and look
forward to what is
Coming next.**

Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's:

Mass bookings for **110** 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

SPEND TIME WITH GOD EVERY MORNING

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>



SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

STOPLINE Contact: A0B@stopleftine.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 Rosenstengel, Madeline Shenton, Henry Sizeland, Wilma Will, Blanca Wiswell, David Vidler.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22, 39-40

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Parish and Community Announcements

Changes to Lock—Manly and Gumdale We have had 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.

New Years Day Mass A mass will be held at 9:30am on New Years Day at St John Vianney's, no bookings required for this mass.

Parish Office Closure The parish office will be closed from Friday 25 December 2020 until Friday 1 January 2021, reopening on Monday 4 January 2021. In the event of an emergency during this time please contact Fr Dantus on (07) 3396 0742. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this closure.

January Mass Bookings Are now available by via TryBooking. Please contact the parish office if you require assistance booking masses.

Newsletters There will be no newsletter on the weekend of Saturday January 2 and Sunday January 3 2021. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

No Masses There will be no masses on Tuesday 29 December and Wednesday 30 December.

RCIA Program 2021 If you or anyone you know would like to participate in the RCIA program in 2021, please contact the parish office. Preparation sessions will be held over the next 3 months ending at Easter 2021. If you have any questions please contact the parish office.

Safeguarding Mobile Phone Number Please only call the safeguarding mobile number of 0401235739 for matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. For all other matters please contact the parish office, if outside of office hours please leave a message and we will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

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.

To all our parishioners,

2021
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Fr Dantus, Fr Prem and Kate