

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*

*Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.  
He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.  
Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.  
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the people  
and light of the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*

**Second Reading:** *Acts 10:34-38*

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

**Gospel:** *Mark 1:7-11*

*You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist 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'.

It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

[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 Baptism of the Lord Year B - 10 January 2021

### Parish Weekly Diary

**Monday 11 Jan**

**Tuesday 12 Jan**

6:00pm Manly

**Wednesday 13 Jan**

Saint Hilary (OM)

9:00am Rosary at  
Manly

9:30am Manly

**Thursday 14 Jan**

**Friday 15 Jan**

**Saturday 17 Jan**

5:00pm Manly

**Sunday 18 Jan**

Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

7:00am Gumdale

9:30am Manly

**Reconciliation**

By appointment only.



This weekend, we solemnly celebrate the feast of "The Baptism of the Lord." The baptism of Our Lord Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan is an important event in Jesus' life with profound significance. It is highly symbolic, having deep meaning. One may wonder, and even find it difficult to understand, and may ask the question: 'Why did Jesus need to be baptized by John the Baptist in the first place?' John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and therefore, most of those coming to him were repentant sinners. But Jesus was sinless; He did not commit any sin; so, in no way did He need this baptism of John the Baptist.

Again, John the Baptist wasn't the one who introduced baptism for the first time. From earlier time on, the Jewish people knew and were used to baptism. Actually, it was used as an initiation rite for the pagan converts to Judaism from some other faith.

'So, why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit Himself to John's baptism?' For two reasons:

Firstly, Jesus did it to show His unity and solidarity with the human race, which He came to save. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of His mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed Himself to be numbered among sinners. He submitted Himself entirely to His Father's will. Out of love He consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins.

Secondly, He did it to sanctify the water of baptism, so that our sins are washed away and we come to a state of grace in order to follow Him. This meaning of baptism in relation to forgiveness of sins is still maintained. When we are baptized, the original sin, as well as personal sins are washed away; we become free from sin and acquire the state of holiness and grace.

In baptism, we too are named by God. All of us have different names, signifying our uniqueness before God. Yet in baptism, all of us are given the same name, that is 'child of God,' signifying our oneness with God and our unity with one another in God. God says to Jesus at His baptism, 'You are my beloved Son, God says the same thing to each one of us in our baptism, 'You are my beloved daughter, my beloved son.'

Today, the Church invites all of us to renew our own baptismal promises. Through baptism, we put on Christ; we have to live and keep our baptismal promises throughout our life. We are clothed with Christ; we become one with Christ; we become another 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 .

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

**Facebook:** St John Vianney's Catholic Parish Manly QLD

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

## Parish Information

### Quote of the Day

Life never seems to be  
the way we want it,  
but we live in the  
best way we can.  
There is no perfect life  
but  
we can fill it with  
perfect moments....

### 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](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)

### 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:** [AQB@stoline.com.au](mailto:AQB@stoline.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:

Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Edleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Dulcie Maher, Jennifer Lynca, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko, George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey.

### Next Week's Readings:

#### First Reading:

1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19

#### Second Reading:

1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

#### Gospel:

John 1: 35-42

## Parish and Community Announcements

**Brisbane COVID Lockdown** Due to the lockdown of the greater Brisbane area from 6pm Friday 8th January through 6pm Monday 11 January there will be NO weekend masses. In addition to this the parish office will be closed during this time period. Masses can be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday at 8am and 10am, Sunday at 8am and 10am as well as Monday 8am, these can be accessed from [www.brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au)

**Sr. Teresita Ahearn PBVM** It is with great sadness that we inform our parishioners of the passing of Sr. Teresita Ahearn PBVM on 23 December 2020 at age 103 years.

**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.

### Archdiocese of Brisbane Information for Parishes regarding Greater Brisbane Lockdown

- No public masses are to be held during this time in the Greater Brisbane Region
- Priests should celebrate a Mass *pro populo* within their Parish however it is advised that this should happen without assistant ministers.
- Funerals will be restricted to 20 guests and wedding restricted to 10 guests, which includes the presider.
- All attendees of funerals or weddings must wear a mask, including the presider.
- All livestream masses in the Greater Brisbane area will cease during this time, with the exception of the webcast from the Cathedral of St Stephen.
- Parish offices will be closed from 6pm Friday 8th January through 6pm Monday 11 January.

**More Information** You can access the latest information and advice here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/greater-brisbane-lockdown>. Please know that we are monitoring the development of COVID-19 closely and have decided for your safety to interpret the most current information conservatively. We will continue to keep you updated as we learn more.

### Bishop Ken Howell

Auxiliary Bishop - Brisbane

### 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.