



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 June 21

First Reading: Exek 17:22-24 Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10 Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

### Parish Weekly Diary

**Monday 14 June**

**Tuesday 15 June**

6:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**Wednesday 16  
June**

9:00am Rosary at  
Manly

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

**Thursday 17 June**

**Friday 18 June**

**Saturday 19 June**

5:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**First Holy Communion**

**Sunday 20 June**

**Twelfth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

7:00am Mass at  
Gumdale

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

**First Holy Communion**

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4:30pm -  
4:50pm

*No bookings required.*

### What should I do to prepare myself for Mass?

Dear Parishioners, we have been reflecting on the Holy Mass for the last couple of weekends through the explanation given by the Archbishop. When we actively participate in the Mass we receive God in two primary ways: we receive Him through His Word and through the Eucharist. One of the most important things to do in order to prepare for Mass is to plan your schedule around Mass, and not Mass around your schedule. By planning your day around spending time worshipping God, you automatically put God in the place of highest priority. Instead of trying to find a Mass time that fits your schedule, you are able to worship with your local parish community each week. As we enter into His presence in our churches, do we recognise and acknowledge that the Lord of Lords and King of kings is there waiting for us to come before Him? Do we look around at who else is there in the church and ignore God? Do we stroll in and up to our friends, start talking to them, and ignore God? Do we enter and wander to our seats, where we wait for things to start happening, and ignore God? Whom have we really come to see, to speak to, to listen to, to adore? Where is our reverence for God?

The second way to prepare for Mass is to look at the Scripture readings ahead of time. If you read the readings before you go to Church, when you hear them proclaimed, the Word of God will have more familiarity and God will be able to use the Scriptures to speak to you more easily. Spending quality time in prayer with the readings before Mass, whether ten minutes or a half hour depending on your schedule, will significantly improve your receptivity to God's Word as it is proclaimed.

Receiving the Sacrament of Penance, if necessary, is another form of preparation. It is important to be in a state of grace before receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Many Churches conveniently offer reconciliation before at least one of the weekend or weekday Masses. And the priest is also available by calling the parish office to book a time.

Another form of preparation is fasting. Refraining from food and drink, except for water and medicine, for at least one hour before Communion helps remind us about what we are preparing to do. It is essential to unite our preparation spiritually. This can be done by saying a simple prayer such as, "Lord, may my physical desire for food increase in me the spiritual desire to receive the Eucharist".

Finally, it is important to arrive at Church a few minutes early to pray. Aside from avoiding the hassle of trying to search for a last minute parking space, it allows a few minutes to quiet ourselves both externally and internally.

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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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**  
Fr Prem Rethnamony

**Parish Secretary:** Kate Sellwood

**Parish Office:** Cnr Ernest and Kooralgin  
Sts, Manly

**Office hours:** 8:30am - 2:00pm—Mon,  
Wed, Thurs, Fri

**Presbytery Ph.:** 3396 0742

# Parish Information

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**Never stop learning,  
because  
Life never stops  
teaching....!**

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

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 Bookings at St. Jude's:

To book please contact: Helen McNamara via phone 0403 193 625 or e-mail: [Imac11@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Imac11@optusnet.com.au)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Les Sellwood (Chair), Pam Chapman, Bruce Corrie, Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez, Maria Jones, Julia McLean and Laurent Fontaine

## SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:** Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

## FACEBOOK

St John Vianney's Catholic Parish Manly QLD

## SACRAMENTAL ENQUIRIES

[sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au)

## STOPLINE Contact:

[A0B@stoline.com.au](mailto:A0B@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.*

## 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, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, 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.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mitchell Swee, Connie Robb and Mary Ann Larcher

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Antoinette Brennen, Lucy Crew, Agnes (Nancy) Davies, Rod Dickson, Kenneth Eadie, Des Effeney, Thelma Ferguson, Hugh Fogarty, Peter Franceschini, Veronica Grainger, John Grech, Suzanne Hully, Ruby Jabore, Henry Johnson, Leonard Juratowitch, Alice Kinsella, Kathleen Knight, Jean Lee, Daniel Mahoney, John Marano, Keith Martin, Rita Mathams, Katherine Merse, George Nolan, Kathleen Nolan, Eric O'Connell, Leon Mary Pilkington, John Pook, Barbara Poole, James Retchless, Beryl Ring, Robert Sealey, Mary Smith, Lily Spratt, Engelbert Stoff, Sr Immaculate Stubberfield, John Sullivan, Harold Turpin.

## STEWARDSHIP

*June 13, 2021 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us - our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

## CATHOLIC LEADER

The May issue of the Catholic Leader is available at the back of the church for \$4.00. Please note that this newspaper is now published on a monthly basis rather than weekly.

## Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Job 28:1,8-11

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17

Gospel: Mk 4:35-41

# Parish and Community Announcements

## Assistance Required for Church Cleaning

If you are able to assist us with the clean of the church, please contact the parish office. This cleaning would involve vacuuming the church and moping the tiled areas. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

## Sacramental Program - First Holy Communion

Over the weekends of 19/20 and 26/27 June the children of the Sacramental Program will be celebrating their First Holy Communion during the Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 9:30am Masses at Manly. Please note that at these Masses the readings will not be those that are printed in our newsletter, the readings that the children will read have been chosen for First Holy Communion.

## Sacramental Program 2021–2022—Confirmation

We are currently accepting expressions of interests for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Sacrament is available to children in grade 3 or above who are Baptised Catholic. For more information and registration forms please email: [sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au). Expression of interest will close on Friday 9 July at 2:00pm.

## RCIA Program

If you are you are interested in joining a small team of parishioners from Birkdale and Manly parishes who are willing to be trained in the RCIA process, meet with people enquiring about the Catholic faith, and journeying with them in an organised way, while they reflect, pray, ask questions and attend Mass, as part of their faith journey, or if you know someone interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office.

## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2021

The Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held in the Parish for the balance of June. The Appeal is to raise much needed funds for your local Manly Parish Conference to distribute to the needy within our parish area. One of your friendly Vinnies volunteers will be at each of the SJV masses in June to offer you a donation envelope. At St Jude's, envelopes will be available in the back of the church for all June masses. Please donate generously and place your completed envelope in the collection box / bag, to ensure your donation remains in the Parish. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible, so please fill out your details on the envelope if you require a tax receipt. We look forward to your continuing support of the work of the St John Vianney- Manly Conference, in our community. Thank you.

## Call for Volunteers

Our Parish is in need of volunteers at the weekend masses and other parish ministries. If you would like to help with the following duties please let the parish office know by registering at <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Full training will be given to all interested people. SACRISTAN DUTIES, READERS, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, ALTAR SERVING, SCREEN OPERATORS, and HOSPITALITY. *Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

## Liturgy Ministry Information and Training Session

If you are currently involved, or would like to be involved in the liturgical ministries of Proclamation of the Word (Reader), Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), Ministry at the Altar (Altar Server) or Sacristan, we encourage you to attend an **Information and Training Session** on either: **Wednesday 14 July at 5.30pm or, Saturday 17 July at 10am.**

It is important that you attend ONE of the above sessions however, attendance does not oblige you to be included on any of the ministry rosters. Those attending the sessions will be provided with our recently completed **Liturgical Ministries Guidelines Booklet** before the sessions so please register and provide your contact details on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

### **For the Children...**

*11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B*

*THE KINGDOM OF GOD*

Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a little mustard seed, which grows from a tiny beginning into something great.

*LET US PRAY*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



**Next Children's Liturgy**  
**SUNDAY 4th July**