



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## The First Sunday of Lent Yr A- 21 and 22 February 2026

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### Sacraments of Initiation

All enquiries for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

### Funerals and Weddings

All enquiries regarding Funerals and Weddings, please contact the parish office.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We follow the words of our patron,  
St John Vianney, who said "He is here."*

*We recognise Christ is in the Word,  
the Eucharist, and in us, His people,  
with a special reverence for Him,  
in the poor and marginalised.*

*We are called to make Christ present  
through our prayer and charity.*

*We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and  
create a community where everyone is welcome;  
the young and the old, together to  
experience the loving presence of God.*

*We believe He is here amongst us  
and we joyfully go out  
to make Him present to all.*

*We acknowledge the Traditional  
Custodians of the land on which we meet,  
the Quandamooka, Yuggera and Turrilal  
Peoples, and pay our respects to  
Elders past, present, and emerging. We recognise their con-  
tinuing connection to land, waters, and culture.*

## Lead Us On Our Journey

God, our God, you have called us to be a people on the move; travelling light, dying to live, ready to lose ourselves for the sake of the world.

You have called us to be a people with a purpose; travelling without a map, travelling to where we are led, sustained by your Spirit, committed to the gospel for the hope of the world.

You have called us, your people, to be the church. But we are a church with problems: too strong for the weak, too staid for the young, too respectable for the poor, too divided for mission, too obsessed with our own lives to think of the lives of others too unsure of our message to speak to the world.

Move us on our journey from where we are to where you want us to go. Open our eyes on the way to the people of different cultures, continents and countries, who can bring colour to our lives.

Take us on our journey from where we are to what you want us to be; so that we become a community where all are welcomed and no one is excluded, all are valued and no one is made to feel inadequate, all are forgiven and no one is ashamed to belong, all are encouraged and no one is too hurt to come among us.

Lead us on our journey from who we are to who you want us to be; so that patience is built into us, kindness is assumed in us, gentleness is part of us, compassion flows from us, truth is second nature to us, and the commitment of love is part of us.

Let us go gladly on the journey towards Easter - the journey towards death and resurrection.

Let us journey in the peace and power of the Spirit.

- Ruth Harvey FINDING LIGHT

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC met last week to discuss many matters pertaining to our parish, including the upcoming building of the Columbarium, improving the sound system at SJV church, formation of liturgical ministers, future formation and evangelisation, plus outreach (KSC, SVdP, Romero Centre). A summary of the meeting is on the noticeboard at the back of both churches.

## Suggestion Boxes for PPC Issues

Back by popular demand! The Parish Pastoral Council is here to serve our Parish. Please remember that you can place any ideas, suggestions or questions in the Suggestion Box at the back of each church - or simply catch one of us after Mass. We will consider your proposals at our monthly meetings and get back to you asap. Thank you. Current members: Anne Skitmore (Chair), Carmel Smith (Vice Chair), Pam Biggs-Chapman (Secretary), Denis Hohnen, Jeffery Bourke, Jen Burrows, Maureen Bentley.

## For Your Diary



23rd February	Mon	No Mass
24th February	Tues	6.00 pm Mass
25th February	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group 9.30am Mass
26th February	Thurs	No Mass
27th February	Fri	No Mass
28th February	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
1st March	Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)

## Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer



### Let us pray:

Almighty God, there are many temptations in our lives, yet it is not you who send them; you do not tempt anybody. Temptations arise from our own wrong desires. Your Son has shown us a perfect example of how to overcome temptation in today's Gospel reading. Help us to learn from him, and, relying on the Scriptures inspired by your Spirit, may we reject all temptations.

Through Christ our Lord.

## Parish Liturgical Formation Day

Our Parish Liturgical Formation Day was held last Saturday at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, a beautiful waterfront venue beside the Carmelite convent. The peaceful setting provided a fitting environment for prayer, reflection, and learning.

Forty-nine parishioners registered for the day, with 44 able to attend. The day was led by Michael Mangan and Clare Schwantes from Liturgy Brisbane, who guided participants through two sessions exploring the meaning, purpose, and practice of the Church's liturgy. The sessions helped to deepen our understanding of the liturgy as the heart of the Church's life. We learned that the liturgy is the public worship of the Church: "All the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations" (SC14).

Morning tea and lunch provided welcome opportunities for fellowship and conversation. Michael also enriched the day by playing the guitar and singing, highlighting the important role of music in the sacred liturgy.

The formation day was very well received, with many parishioners expressing appreciation for the clear presentations and opportunities to reflect more deeply on our parish's liturgical life. It was an encouraging sign of our shared desire to celebrate the Church's liturgy more faithfully. **-Fr Baiyi**



## World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March

East Side Community Church  
568 Wondall Road, Manly West

For more information : SJV Parish Office 3853 7470

See poster on noticeboard

## WYNNUM MANLY BRANCH - KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - SILVER CIRCLE TICKET SALES

Knights of the Southern Cross will again be selling tickets for their very popular Silver Circle. Funds raised will assist the Wynnum Manly branch of the Knights in their charitable works.



Tickets will be on sale at all Parish Masses over the weekends of 21/22 Feb 26 and (if not sold out) 28 Feb/01 Mar 26. Purchase of tickets can be made by cash or card at \$20 each. Draws are over a 10 week period. The winner of draws 1 to 9 will win \$40. Draw 10 winners will win 1st prize of \$200, 2nd prize of \$100 and 3rd prize of \$50. Buyers can win multiple times over the period of the draws. The 1st draw will be on 7 Mar 26, the final draw 10 is on 9 May 26.

Tickets sell very fast, you have to be in it to win it. Thank you for supporting this Knights of the Southern Cross charitable fundraiser.

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
21ST FEB	HENRY PETER	JEN	ALISON	GERARDINA	MIKAELA, DENISE, CARMEL	PAM	A
22ND FEB	LITA LAURENT	HELEN	AURELIE	ASHER	STEVE P, ADELINE, DONNA	AURELIE & CHARLOTTE	
28TH FEB	HARVEY PETER	MAUREEN	DENISE	ALISON	JEN, JANE, CARMEL	SIENNA	C
1 MARCH	LITA LAURENT	SONIA	ANNE	STEVE P	HEATHER, DONNA, JUNE	DONNA	



"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all."

This policy applies to **Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and visitors to our sites.** For information or to report an incident, please contact our local Safeguarding Reps: Jane O'Brien & Neil Taylor on [lsr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au)



## FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2026

Preparation sessions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children have started.

There are three remaining sessions: You may choose to attend:

**Saturday at 3.30-4.30pm** before the 5.00 pm Mass or

**Sunday at 8:00 -9.00 am** before 9.30 am Mass.

Session 2: 21/22<sup>nd</sup> February

Session 3: 28 Feb/1March

Session 4: 7/8 March

Then, Liturgy Practice for First Reconciliation: 14 March 10.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 21 March 10.30am.

**Children, don't forget to have your Mass attendance card signed off after Mass!**

## LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

**Where:** St. John Vianney's Church.

**When:** 10am every Tuesday morning during Lent

**Who:** Open to everyone. You do not have to commit to every week.

**BYO:** Bible. Notebook.

Please contact the Parish Office for the location. On 3853 7470 or email [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)



## LENT PASTORAL LETTER 2026

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

Copies available from the back of the church, and our notice board. Access also available online <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Lent-Pastoral-Letter-2026.pdf>



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare 15 minutes before and after 9.30am Mass once a month?

We have some lovely gifts (books, Rosary beads, cards, crosses, plaques, religious jewellery) for purchase at the Piety Stall in the narthex of St. John Vianney's church. There is always a steady stream of people looking for gifts for friends and family members, but we are struggling to open every week due to a lack of volunteers.

**If you can spare just 30 minutes once a month, we would love to hear from you.** Please see us at the stall on Sunday mornings or ring the parish office to offer your assistance. Thank you!

## VOLUNTEER



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Horgan, Violet Phillips, Kevin Lane, Tony Moore, Peter Campbell, Marea Peake, Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Martin Ball, Rosalina Manso Barot, Russell Barton, Robert (Bob) Bishop, Murray Bradley, Beverley Brown, Flynn Brown, Fran Brennan, George Campbell, Molly Campbell, Sr Denise Candy, Eileen Cook, Leonard Cunnington, Sr Joan Cusack PBVM, Maria Cybulski, John Derrick, Ernie Erzetic, Mary Forbes, Audrey Gillespie, Ken Gillespie, Ronald Gillespie, John Edward Harrison, Robert Hooper, Jamie Kaden, Ivan Katic, Christopher Leese, Blanche Mahoney, Inda Yeng Malinao, Peter Martin, Kai Mathie, Fletcher McCormack, Franklin Pankhurst, Geoffrey Peake, John Pease, Jill Pleming, Luigi Pippo, Georgina Powell, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, Valerie Smith, Warren Smith, Mary Thornthwaite, John Trevor, Frederick Ward, Kathleen Wellington

### WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

John Abberdan, Laurie Atzeni, Jocelyn Barron, Jack & Mary Beard, Ailbe Caplis, Reg Carmichael, Dell Chapman, Sue Wynne-Davies, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrila, Maureen Handcock, May Horneman, Chris Lee, Elizabeth Lisenski, Dennis Long, Carlos Manabat, Sue McDonald, Patrick Nofokifolau, Dan O'Brien, Robert Patterson, Richard Pook, Francis Raisch, Eric Roberts, Glenda Rogers, Therese Shepherd, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, and Emma Walters.

**To include a name in our 'Recently Deceased', or 'For those Who Are Sick' the Privacy Act requires the permission of a close relative.**

## MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

By EFTPOS -

The EFTPOS terminal is at the Manly parish church.

You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.

By direct deposit -

**BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100002778**

Account Name: **St John Vianney's Parish, Manly.**

**Or call in to the parish office and ask for gifting envelopes.**





**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR**  
**A**  
**SUNDAY 22 FEB 2026**

**FIRST READING** *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*Creation of our first parents, and sin.*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.'

The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loincloths.

**The Word of the Lord.** **All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3*

**(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

2. My offences truly I know them;

my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

4. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** *Romans 5:12-19*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death

reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous.

Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**The Word of the Lord.** **All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Matthew 4:4*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 4:1-11*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**All: Glory to you O Lord**

*Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.'

But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**All: Praise to you O Lord**

**Next Week's Scripture Readings: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading :** *Genesis 12:1-4 Abram leaves home: promises from God.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading:** *2 Tim 1:8-10 Following the Gospel entails hardship.*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus is Transfigured Peter, James & John*