



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr A- 21 and 22 March 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 continuing connection to land, waters, and culture.

From Living Water to Eternal Life: Our Lenten Journey

As we gather on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to reflect on three powerful Gospel themes that have accompanied us over these weeks: living water, light, and — today — life itself. These are not simply images, but gifts offered to us by Christ, revealing both who he is and who we are called to become in him.

On the Third Sunday of Lent, we encountered Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. There, Jesus revealed himself as the source of living water — water that truly satisfies the deepest thirst of the human heart. This living water is the grace of God, poured into our lives, calling us into a relationship of trust and dependence upon him.

On the Fourth Sunday, we witnessed Jesus healing the man born blind. In this powerful sign, Christ shows himself as the light of the world, opening not only physical eyes but indeed, the eyes of faith. To walk in this light is to see truthfully, to recognise God's presence, and to live no longer in spiritual darkness.

Now, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear the raising of Lazarus. Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life." He does not merely give life — he is life. This Gospel invites us to move from the death of sin to the new life of grace, a life that finds its fullness in Jesus Christ.

During these same weeks, our Elect have been journeying through the Scrutinies and the Presentations — important rites of the RCIA. The three Scrutinies, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, are moments of prayer and purification, in which the Church asks God to free our Elect from the power of sin and strengthen them for the journey ahead. The Presentations, in which the Elect receive the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, hand on to them the very heart of the Church's faith and prayer. These moments are not only for them, but also for the whole parish, as we are all called to conversion, renewal, and deeper faith.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us pray for our Elect, that they may be strengthened by God's grace. Let us also renew our own commitment to Christ: to seek the living water he offers, to walk in his light, and to embrace the life he gives. And let us look forward together to the Easter Vigil, where our Elect will receive the Sacraments of Initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist — and where the promise of eternal life begins to be fulfilled in him for all of us.

Fr Baiyi

For Your Diary



23rd March	Mon	No Mass 6pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation [all welcome]
24th March	Tues	10am Lent Reflection Group 6.00pm Mass
25th March	Wed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
26th March	Thurs	No Mass [Office closed]
27th March	Fri	10.30am No Mass 6pm Stations of the Cross
28th March	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
29th March	Sun	Palm Sunday 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)

FR BAIYI'S WEEKLY PRAYER



Almighty God, you are the Lord and giver of life. Through the prophet Ezekiel you promised to open our graves, put your Spirit within us, and bring us back to life. In today's Gospel your Son raised Lazarus from the dead and clearly showed the fulfilment of your promise. Help us not to be concerned only with the things of this world, but to welcome your Spirit to dwell within us, so that you may open our graves and raise us to new life even when we are dead in sin. Through Christ our Lord.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

You are all invited to the Second Rite of Reconciliation at St John Vianney's Church on Monday 23rd May at 6pm



HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS - Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday of the Lord's Supper – 2 April, 6pm
Good Friday – 3 April: 10am Stations of the Cross
 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday – Easter Vigil, 4 April, 6pm



A MESSAGE

FROM TRISH STAPLETON

Dear Parishioners,

As I leave St John Vianney's employ, I want to thank each and every one of you, first for your warm welcome and secondly for all the support you have given to me in my role here at St John Vianney's.

It has been a blessing to work with and for you and I have some beautiful memories of my ministry here with you. This is a beautiful parish and that is because you all put so much into it. God bless you all and may you all enjoy the blessings of the Risen Christ in celebrating Easter.

- Trish

CALLING ALL SJV ALUMNI!

You are invited to reconnect on Friday, 1st of May, in the SJV Hall from 8:30-9:30!

Enjoy a chat, tour and a cuppa tea

Expression of interest for attendance to SJV Alumni Connect.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM PROVIDED IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

Caritas AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Please start returning your envelopes and money boxes to the church or office so that we can send your generous donations to Caritas. Thank you for your continued support.

AN INVITATION—DURING LENT

Lenten Reflection program:

10am every Tuesday morning. Open to everyone.
 10.30am Sundays —Young Adults in the Parish office.
Stations of the Cross: 6pm Every Friday.

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
21 MARCH	PETER	LAURA	GERARDINA	JEN	CARMEL SK MIKAELA ALISON	PAM	F
22 MARCH	LITA	DONNA	HELEN	STEVE T	HEATHER JUNE DCN LAURENT	AURELIE & CHARLOTTE	
28 MARCH	PETER	GERARDINA	MARGARET	BOND	ADELINE COLLEEN DENIS	SIENNA	G
29 MARCH	LITA	AURELIE	ANNE	STEVE P	JUNE SONIA DCN LAURENT	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

ST. OSCAR ROMERO (1917-1980): FEAST DAY 24TH MARCH

Oscar Romero was a Roman Catholic archbishop of San Salvador who became a renowned human rights defender, an outspoken voice for the poor and the oppressed. He famously called out government violence, corruption and injustice especially during the Salvadoran Civil War. This led to his assassination on March 24, 1980, while celebrating Mass. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2018. Oscar Romero is patron saint of persecuted people.

Aspire not to have more but to be more (Oscar Romero)



Our Parish community continues to support The Romero Centre in Brisbane, a support centre assisting people arriving in Australia seeking asylum and safety from torture, war and violence. The Centre helps thousands of people each year - free of charge - through trauma counselling, legal advice, English classes, food packages, shelter, medical and social support.

The Romero Centre relies heavily on volunteers and community donations to exist and, in recent times, demand for this service has increased.

PLEASE consider helping this vital work by donating **GROCERY GIFT CARDS or CASH** (in a sealed envelope) **ANY TIME** through the usual weekend collection. *Thank you for your generosity.*



Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites you to the annual **CHRISM MASS** Thursday 26th March 2026 7:00pm Cathedral of St Stephen 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane A celebration for the entire Archdiocese All Welcome The undercover carpark will be available from 6:00pm



An Archdiocesan Youth Event 27.03.26 **RECO RALLY** 6:00-8:30PM RECONCILIATION, LOURDES HILL COLLEGE SPEAKER, GAMES, PRAISE AND WORSHIP



Oblate Youth Iona **Q1 Program** 27 March—Archdiocesan Reco Rally (Lourdes Hill College) 3 April— Good Friday Retreat (Iona College Chapel) Ages 15-25 welcome. Registration Essential. www.oblateyouth.com.au/iona @oblateyouthiona

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jack Thatcher, Daniel (Danny) O'Brien (Jane's Husband), Louie McHugh (Son of Mark and Sue McHugh), Joan de Bruijn, Mary Horgan, Violet Phillips, Kevin Lane, Tony Moore, Peter Campbell, Marea Peake, Nola Ziebarth, Jim Strauss, Maggie Stewart, Brian Patrick Delaney

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Sr Joan Cusack, Margaret Conwell, Jillian Rideout Belletty, Victor Berger, Paul Bouton, Brian Cahill, Frances Cassell, Gina Clair, Alice Condon, Stephen Connor, Maxwell Cooper, Barry Edward Creevey, Louise DeWeger, Beatrice Fox, Keith Furner, Colin Freebody, Norman Hare, Trevor Hankins, John Harrison, Kevin Hatton, Kathleen Howard, William Jackson, Margaret Lawder, Brett Ledwidge, Mervyn Lewis, Mary Massie, Alec Mathams, Thomas Murphy, Peter O'Brien, Geoffrey Peake, Bernard Peterson, Luigi Pippo, Suzanne Pook, Brian Prove, Ann Riseham, Ivy Rafter, James Retchless, Trevor Rose, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, Valerie Smith, Ellen Snell, Reginald Thurlow, Patrick Tranent, Anastasia Tripcony, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Tyler Whitton, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Anna, 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, 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.



