



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



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Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A– 25 & 26 April 2026 Good Shepherd Sunday

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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.



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This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others?

Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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This Coming Week

27th April	Mon	No Mass Parish Office Closed
28th April	Tues	6pm Mass Parish Office Closed
29th April	Wed	9am Rosary 9.30am Mass [followed by morning tea] Parish Office Closed
30th April	Thurs	No Mass Parish Office Closed
1st May	Fri	9.30am Mass at Janoah Gardens Parish Office Closed
2nd May	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass
3rd May	Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV) [Children's Liturgy]

FR BAIYI'S WEEKLY PRAYER



Almighty God, in your great love you sent your Son to be the Good Shepherd of your people. Hear the prayers we place before you this day. Open our hearts to the voice of Christ, keep us steadfast in faith, and lead us safely along the paths of life and peace. Bless your Church with holy vocations, strengthen those who serve your people, and make us faithful in love and generous in service.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Welcoming a new SJV Parish Staff member

This week we will have **Josephine (Jo) Cullen** joining us as Pastoral Associate. She will be in the office on Thursdays, and supporting us on weekends. We will give a more formal introduction next weekend. Please warmly welcome Jo to our Parish!

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 27 APRIL - 1 MAY

Thank you for your continued patience with the roof works.

The Parish Office will be physically closed, but still operating remotely on: Mon, Wed & Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm.

Tuesday 6pm Mass, Wednesday 9am Rosary and 9.30am Mass **will still go ahead.**

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns.



Hey Kids!

We'll be back for Term 2!

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sunday 3rd May at 9.30 am



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish would like to invite you to enrol your child in the Sacrament of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

A Parent Information Evening was held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday the 22nd of April at 7pm**. The Teams invitation was sent via Flocknote so please ensure you are registered.

Preparation Sessions - Your choice of Saturday or Sunday

- Week 1: 02 May or 03 May
- Week 2: 09 May or 10th May
- Week 3: 16 May or 17th May
- Week 4: 23 May or 24th May

Tuesday catch-up sessions will be led by Denis Hohnen 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Rehearsal: 10am Saturday 30 May

Ceremony: Sat 6th June 5pm mass; or Sun 7th June 9.30am mass

Please note: your child must have already received the following Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation/Penance.

Please register your interest/enrolment via the link or QR Code <https://manlycatholic.flocknote.com/signup/255458>



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Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
25 APRIL	TBC	GERARDINA	JEN	DENISE	JANE MIKAELA CARMEL	SIENNA	E
26 APRIL	TBC	AURELIE	ANNE	CAROLINA	TRISH MARK	AURELIE CHARLOTTE	
2 MAY	TBC	COLLEEN	JANE	IVANA	MIKAELA JEN DENISE	PAM	F
3 MAY	TBC	HELEN	HEATHER	STEVE	JUNE SONIA	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



Our Parish community continues to support *The Romero Centre, 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 operate 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 marked ROMERO CENTRE provided in the church) ANY TIME through the usual weekend collection. *Thank you for your continued generosity.*



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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jack Thatcher

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Bourke, Phillip Bright, Sr Dominic (Margaret) Burke, Sr Veronica Casey, Margaret Coughlan, Peter Dabara, John Fens, Paola Grima, Colette Hinchy, Kathleen Hodge, Fr. Marty Larson, Kenneth Leather, Agnes Marano, Hugh Massie, Philip McCudden, John McMahon, Peggy Nunn, Sr Raphael O'Connor, Joseph O'Malley, Patricia Osborne, Rewi Pakinga, Sr Mary-Ellen Perry, Marian Rybarczyk, Leslie Shead, June Sheppard, Maria Manso Silva, Florence Tarrant, Lawrence Thatcher, James Treacy, Bronislawa Wojtasik, Edgard Villamil (1st Anniversary), Chido Zimunhu

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, Grace Moon, 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: 10002778

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

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





LITURGY OF THE WORD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A
SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1
**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25
A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment

patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14
(sung) Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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