



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



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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.

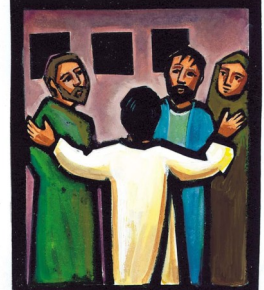
We believe He is here amongst us and we joyfully go out to make Him present to all.

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.



Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

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Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

The week ahead...

4th May	Mon	No Mass Labour Day Public Holiday Parish Office + Church Closed
5th May	Tues	6pm Mass (will go ahead) Parish Office + Church Closed
6th May	Wed	9am Rosary 9.30am Mass [followed by morning tea] Parish Office + Church Open 8.30am - 2.30pm
7th May	Thurs	No Mass Parish Office + Church Closed
8th May	Fri	No Mass Parish Office + Church Closed
9th May	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass
10th May	Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)

FR BAIYI'S WEEKLY PRAYER



Almighty God, your Son chose the apostles to preach your word, administer the sacraments, and govern your Church. Through them, the ministry of the diaconate was first made manifest, as seven were chosen and consecrated. Help us to serve your Church in love, for this is the way of your Son, as we follow the example of the apostles and the first seven deacons. Through Christ our Lord.

Mother's Day Photo Slideshow

Mother's Day is approaching, and we want to celebrate the wonderful mothers in our Parish community. We invite you to share your special moments by submitting a photo of your mother, or of you as a mother, or of a mother-like figure in your life, for a heart-warming Mother's Day tribute. **To submit your photo, please email it to manly@bne.catholic.net.au no later than Wednesday 6 May 2026.**

Let's come together as a Parish family to celebrate and honour the beautiful gift of motherhood (Please note: the photos will be shared on the screen at Mass over the Mother's Day weekend)



Hey Kids! We're back this weekend!
Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sunday 3rd May at 9.30



UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION -

IMPORTANT 4 MAY - 8 MAY

Please see calendar above for Parish and church hours.

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

REMINDER: On the days/times we are closed **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER** the church or office, as there is **HIGH RISK** of accident/injury.

If you need access to the church at other times, please call Aurelie (Parish Manager) on 0413 915 374.

Thank you for your patience.



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish Sacrament of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation Sessions - Your choice of Saturday or Sunday
CHANGE OF LOCATION - Sessions will be in the CHURCH not the hall.

- 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.

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

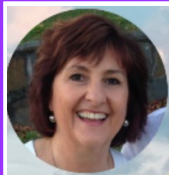


Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentat or	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
2 MAY	HARVEY PETER	COLLEEN	JANE	IVANA	MIKAELA JEN DENISE	PAM	F
3 MAY	VOLUNTEER s	HELEN	HEATHER	STEVE	JUNE SONIA	DONNA	
9 MAY	HENRY PETER	JEN	DENISE	GERARDINA	DENIS COLLEEN ADELINE	LOUISE LENA	G
10 MAY	VOLUNTEER s	DONNA	AURELIE	JACK	HEATHER JUNE	BRODIE ANNABELLE LEON	



“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 **Isr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au**



Welcoming Josephine Cullen - Pastoral Associate

Dear St John Vianney community. My name is Josephine Cullen, but please feel free to call me Jo.

A little about me: I've been married for 39 years, with three children and seven wonderful grandchildren. My first career was hairdressing, which I owned and ran for over 43 years. Throughout that time, my parents' strong dedication to the Church shaped me deeply, and my own love for God grew even more when I joined the RCIA team. Eighteen years later, I still love that ministry.

I spent over 15 years as a coordinator for Care and Concern in my previous parish, which gave me a deep love for people and a desire to serve. As time went on, I found myself becoming more and more drawn into pastoral work, building a deeper relationship with Jesus and wanting to help others encounter Him too. Taking 34 young people to World Youth Day in Sydney was a turning point that opened the door to many more ministries.

I later worked as a philanthropist with Catholic Mission, supporting people in over 160 countries. Last year, I travelled to Zambia for missionary work — and that's where I truly saw God in action. When I returned home, the words of the Psalm echoed in my heart: *“Let us go into the house of the Lord.”* It reminded me of the joy and blessing of gathering in God's presence. I realised that parish life is where I'm called to be — walking with people, supporting them, and helping them draw closer to God.

Looking back on my journey, I can clearly see moments when I felt far from God and other times when I felt Him pulling me forward with a strong, guiding rope. I've had the privilege of working with Fr Baiyi about eight years ago. He was my guiding rope back then. I have found Fr Baiyi to be a very supportive, joy-filled, and deeply dedicated priest — a true shepherd who works tirelessly for God's people. I love meeting people of all cultures, ages, and stages of life, and I pray you will welcome me as I begin this new chapter with you.

My passion is to journey with you, to support you, and to be part of parish life here at St John Vianney. Please don't hesitate to say hello after Mass, and if you're ever near the office on a Thursday, I'd love for you to drop in for a cuppa

Peace and blessings, Jo

PLEASE PRAY for those who are recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Ethel Barker, Bernardo Barot Jr., Ramona Mackay Barot, Simeona Violeta Barot, Andrew Caltabiano, George Carney, Breeanna Castillon, Sr (James) Cavanagh, Sr Emmanuel (Mary) Conneely, Gerald Costello, Agnes (Nancy) Davies, Andreas de Bruijn, Hester Deutschmann, Clarence Dunlop, Jacqueline Farmer, Geoffrey Harrison, Kathleen Hodge, Alan Kane, Francis Kate, Naomi Keller, Jackie Kneeshaw, Ian Lennon, Bessie Lucker, Eva Mancktelow, Agnes Marano, Patrick McDonald, Christins McMahon, Clara Mills, Monica Mulheran, Kevin Mawn, Kate Newman, Mary O'Shea, Sr Francis Perry, Richard Pittock, Josefa Raleigh, Francis Ritchie, Lenore Segeren, Terence Shephard, Annie Smith, Harold Smith, Lawreen Smith, Helen Stewart, Phyllis Sticher, Dudley Taylor, Lothar Thiel, Monica Wells, Kenneth White, Geoffrey Williams, Crispolo Zerna.

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 Gavril, 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: 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
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A
SUNDAY 3 MAY 2026

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble

over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

(sung) Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from
myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other
reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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