



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 Turribal
Peoples, and pay our respects to
Elders past, present, and emerging.*

Welcoming New Catechumens and Candidates



Every year in Catholic parishes, we celebrate a cycle of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

Parishes advertise and invite people to join this rite so that they may learn about and from Jesus, grow as his disciples, and enter into full membership of his Church. In our parish, we usually begin advertising after Easter and then commence the year's RCIA journey.

This journey officially begins with admission to the catechumenate, but the preceding period, known as the pre-catechumenate, is of great importance. This is usually a time of no fixed duration or structure, dedicated to inquiry and an introduction to Gospel values, and offering an opportunity for the beginnings of faith. In our parish, we normally begin this period in July.

After some time, when participants have completed the pre-catechumenate and are ready for the next step, the priest meets with them individually. In our parish, there are four wonderful people who are now at this stage. Last Sunday, I held individual meetings with each of them, and the good news is that they are all ready to move forward.

During the 9:30am Mass this Sunday, **Kaye Humphries and Philip Walz** will be accepted into the Order of Catechumens, and **Stacy Harding and Marika Wieriks** will be officially welcomed into the Church.

The distinction between the **Rite of Acceptance** and the **Rite of Welcome** is as follows: the former is for those who have never been baptised, and the latter is for those who have been baptised in another Christian denomination.

During the celebration of the rite, they declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members.

Kaye, Philip, Stacy, and Marika have been part of our parish on this journey for several months. They are keen to learn about the faith and attend the sessions regularly. They also attend Mass and receive a blessing at Communion time. Kaye and Stacy are mother and daughter, and it is very special for a mother and daughter to accompany each other on this faith journey. Also special is that Philip married his wife Sarah in our parish in 2024. Philip, Sarah, and their children are a lovely family who attend our church.

After the celebration of the Rite of Acceptance/Welcome, the next step for Kaye, Philip, Stacy, and Marika will be the Rite of Election. This rite will be celebrated at St Stephen's Cathedral by the Archbishop on the First Sunday of Lent. If all goes well, they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

It is truly a blessing from God that all four have reached this stage of their faith-seeking journey in our parish. Please pray for them, welcome them, and support them in whatever way you can.

-Fr Baiyi

Fr Baiyi's Weekly Prayer



Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have called us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We can only fulfil this calling by following your way and doing your will. Help us to respond faithfully to your call each day. In particular, strengthen Kaye, Philip, Stacy and Marika who are being officially accepted into the Order of Catechumens your and welcomed into Church today, as they begin their journey to become salt and light. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Your Diary



9th February	Mon	No Mass
10th February	Tues	6.00 pm Mass
11th February	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group 9.30am Mass
12th February	Thurs	No Mass
13th February	Fri	No Mass
14th February	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
15th February	Sun	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)



Job Opportunity—Springfield Parish

Is God inviting you into a new season of ministry?

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish Springfield is seeking a faith-filled Evangelisation Pastoral Associate to help lead and nurture discipleship within the parish community.

This role works closely with the Parish Priest, Parish Leadership Team, and ministry leaders to support evangelisation, pastoral care, and the liturgical life of the parish. It's an opportunity to accompany people in their faith, strengthen community, and help others grow in their relationship with Christ through programs like Alpha, discipleship groups, sacramental preparation, and parish worship.

If you have experience in pastoral ministry or faith formation, a love for parish life, and a desire to serve the Church through leadership and collaboration, we encourage you to pray, discern, and consider applying.

You might also know someone who would be great for this role, please share this opportunity with them!

Learn more and apply via www.tinyurl.com/OLSC-EPA26

Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday 18 February 2026

St John Vianney's Church

9:30am Mass - School and Parishioners welcome

6:00pm Mass—All welcome



*Hi mums and
dads and carers,*

You know how to
talk to children,



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

right? You also have a faith worth sharing with the most vulnerable in our community. Right?

This is a wonderful ministry to be part of. You share the Word with the children at their level and then you all return so the children are watching and seeing what goes on at the Eucharist Rite.

As small as they may be, children are still feeling and observing what is going on and this is a critical part of them preparing for their Sacraments as they are older to understand more about what goes on in church. *You are always in pairs and you will be overjoyed with being involved with Children.*

If you are interested but need to know more, please see Philippa [Coordinator of Children's Liturgy] or contact the Office. Our Pastoral Associate, Trish, will be able to put you in touch with Philippa.

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
7 TH FEB	HARVEY, HENRY, PETER	MAUREEN	JEN	ALISON	MIKAELA, DENISE, CARMEL	ANJOLINE	F
8 TH FEB	LITA	TRISH	HELEN	MARK	STEVE P, SONIA, JUNE	BRODIE, ANNABELLE & LEON	
14 TH FEB	HENRY, PETER	GERARDINA	DENISE	LAURA	ALISON, DENIS, JANE	CARMEL SK	G
15 TH FEB	LITA, HARVEY	STEVE P	DONNA	ANNE	MARK, TRISH, HEATHER	EMMA	



"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 & Neil on Isr.manly@bne.catholic.net.au



First Reconciliation Preparation 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
We are now calling for children who have been Baptised and Confirmed, to register for the Preparation Sessions for their First Reconciliation. Please contact the Parish Office if you have not registered or attended the parent

information session

There are four Children's Prep sessions:
[you may choose to attend either Saturday or Sunday]
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 1: 14/15th February**
- ◆ **Session 2: 21/22nd February**
- ◆ **Session 3: 28 Feb/1 March**
- ◆ **Session 4: 7/8 March**
- ◆ **Liturgy Practice for First Reconciliation:
14 March - 10.30am**
- ◆ **Sacrament of Reconciliation:
21 March - 10.30am**

PLEASE PRAY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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 Cunningham, 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:

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

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

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM



We are running a parish Lenten Reflection Group again this year. This is an opportunity to step away from the busyness of life, reflect on the scriptures and be renewed in faith with the support of fellow parishioners.

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.

Start Date: Tuesday 17th February (Shrove Tuesday)

BYO: Bible. Notebook.

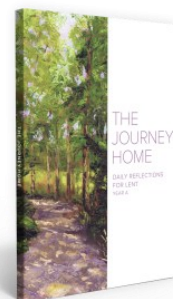
Please register your interest on the form at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office. 3853 7471
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THE JOURNEY HOME

Lenten Reflection Book—Written by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge

Available now for purchase from the Piety Stall.



MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

The options for electronic donations are:

If you are new to our Parish, AND if you are able,

- Use our EFTPOS machine at the Manly parish church. You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.
- By direct deposit - parish bank details are
BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100002778
Account Name: **St John Vianney's Parish, Manly.**
- **Check in to the parish office** and ask for gifting envelopes.



LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Sunday 08 Feb 2026

First Reading **Isaiah 58:7-10**
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**
(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any
show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you
what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you,
the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus,
and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from
relying on any power of my own, I came among you in
great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the
sermons that I gave, there were none of the
arguments that belong to philosophy; only a
demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did
this so that your faith should not depend on human
philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation **John 8:12**
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of
life.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:13-16**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the
earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it
salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be
thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top
cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under
a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines
for everyone in the house. In the same way your light
must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your
good works, they may give the praise to your Father
in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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Next Week's Scripture Readings

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20

We may choose life or death.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

When you say yes, you must mean yes.