



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## The Third Sunday of Lent Yr A– 7 and 8 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.

## SCRUTINIES FOR THE ELECT IN OUR PARISH

As we accompany the Elect: **Kaye Humphries, Philip Walz, Stacey Harding and Marika Wieriks**, on their Lenten journey toward the Easter sacraments, the celebration of the Scrutinies is a privileged moment of grace. These rites, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, serve to strengthen the Elect in their conversion, purify their hearts, and prepare them for their full initiation into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Here are some pastoral considerations:

### Understanding the Purpose

The Scrutinies are not merely prayers of exorcism but profound encounters with Christ, who heals, strengthens, and calls the elect to deeper conversion. They reveal the presence of sin but also affirm God's power to bring freedom and new life. Rooted in the Gospel readings from Year A—Jesus as the Living Water, the Light of the World, and the Resurrection and the Life—these rites help the elect confront weakness and sin while trusting in God's mercy.

### Proclaiming the Word of God with Conviction

The Church prescribes the use of the Year A readings when the Scrutinies are celebrated. These powerful Gospel accounts—Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus—speak directly to the themes of purification and enlightenment. Preach in a way that connects these readings to the lives of the elect and the entire community.

### Reciting the Prayer of Exorcism

The prayer of exorcism in each scrutiny asks God to strengthen the elect against sin and evil. These prayers should be proclaimed with faith, confidence, and pastoral care, recognising that all present are in need of God's healing and deliverance. Speak the words with a tone of fatherly love, emphasising God's mercy and the power of Christ to bring freedom.

### Fostering a Spirit of Prayerful Reflection

The Scrutinies invite the elect and the entire community into deeper self-examination. Consider incorporating moments of silence before or after the prayers, allowing space for personal reflection. The elect should sense that they are being drawn closer to Christ, who alone satisfies the thirst of their hearts.

### Encouraging the Elect to Continue in Prayer and Preparation

Outside the liturgy, encourage the elect to pray with the Gospel readings, to reflect on their own spiritual journey, and to trust in God's work in their lives. Offer opportunities for spiritual conversation and support, ensuring they feel accompanied in their preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

### Leading with Joy and Hope

Above all, celebrate these rites with the confidence that God is powerfully at work. The Scrutinies are not about fear but about grace. They are moments of profound encounter with Christ, who calls the elect—and all of us—into deeper freedom and life. As we lead them through these sacred rites, may our ministry reflect the gentle yet firm love of Christ, who seeks out the lost and leads them to the waters of new birth.

(Adapted from: Archdiocese of Los Angeles, *OCIA Scrutinies*,  
<https://lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/OCIA-Scrutinies.pdf>)

## For Your Diary



9th March	Mon	No Mass
10th March	Tues	10am Lent Reflection Group 6.00pm Mass with RCIA Presentation of the Creed
11th March	Wed	9.00am Rosary Group 9.30am Anointing Mass 11.30am Funeral of Joan de Bruijn at SJV 6.00pm PPC Meeting
12th March	Thurs	No Mass
13th March	Fri	No Mass 6pm Stations of the Cross
14th March	Sat	4.30pm Reconciliation [or by appointment] 5.00pm Vigil Mass (SJV)
15th March	Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 7.00am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV) & Cuppa after Mass

## FR BAIYI'S WEEKLY PRAYER



(This prayer was written based on the Gospel reading for Tuesday Mass, 3 March, at the request of a parishioner.)

**Almighty God, your Son warned us that the scribes and Pharisees do not practise what they preach, and yet we are still called to do what they tell us, and to listen to what they say.**

**Help us to learn from your Son to practise what we proclaim, and to follow the truth even when it is taught by those who do not live it themselves, for truth remains truth at all times.**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

**When:** 6pm every Friday of Lent

Stations of the Cross, or Way of the Cross, is a traditional devotion in honour of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

## LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM



10am every Tuesday morning during Lent

Open to everyone. **BYO:** Bible. Notebook.

Please contact the Parish Office for the **location**.

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**LENT PASTORAL LETTER 2026—Archbishop Shane Mackinlay** A copy is on our notice board, or you can access online <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Lent-Pastoral-Letter-2026.pdf>



If you are **new to our Parish or are yet to update your details** with us, please register your family on Flocknote using the details below. Flocknote is the Parish and Archdiocesan record-keeping and communication system.

<https://manlycatholic.flocknote.com/register>

**When signing up to Flocknote, like any secure legal document, you will need to supply your Name, Phone number and Email address., at a minimum.**

**Sacraments and/or Events:** If you would like to register or enrol yourself, or your children, for Baptism, Sacraments, or special events, an additional link/form will be provided. Please contact the Parish office to express your interest, of if you would like assistance to register your family.

## VOLUNTEER WANT TO VOLUNTEER?



Parish volunteers are essential to church community life, supporting roles in liturgy (e.g., readers, musicians, acolytes), outreach (care groups), administration, and church maintenance.

We have many wonderful groups running in our Parish, and we are always looking for more Volunteers. Have a look at our website or speak to one of our volunteers to learn more about what you can do.

<https://www.manlycatholicparish.org.au/ministries--activities.html>

Your commitment can be as little or as much as you wish. Volunteers will need to register with us, complete training, and may need a Blue card or National Police Check, depending on your role—we will help you with all of this.

Please speak with Fr Baiyi, or contact the Parish office if you are interested in joining us as a volunteer. **We look forward to welcoming you!**

Weekend Rosters	Altar Servers	Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
7 MARCH	PETER	JEN	GERARDINA	ALISON	MIKAELA DENIS ADELINE	ANJOLINE & ANGELO	D
8 MARCH	LITA	ANNE	TRISH	MARK	STEVE P DONNA DCN LAURENT	BRODIE, ANNABELLE & LEON	
14 MARCH	PETER	JEN	LAURA	DENISE	ADELINE GERARDINA DCN LAURENT	CARMEL SK	E
15 MARCH	LITA	HELEN	STEVE P	AURELIE	HEATHER SONIA DCN LAURENT	EMMA	



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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)

### YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM

Young adults aged 18—35 years are encouraged to attend our dedicated young adults Lenten Reflection group. You may join us for one or all sessions.

**When:** Straight after 9.30am Sunday Mass during Lent.

**Location:** Parish Office

Collect the envelopes or money boxes from the table at the back of the Church, to donate to the international work of Caritas Australia.



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### FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2026

There is 1 remaining preparation session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 4: 7/8 March

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 after Mass!

21 MARCH 2026  
SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE  
9AM - 3PM

Join Fr Paul Chandler for  
**POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER**

Scan to register before 10/03/26

LEARN AND PRACTICE THE ART OF PRAYER

MINISTRIES

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 SPEAKER, GAMES, COLLEGE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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:

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, 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**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A**  
**SUNDAY 08 MAR 2026**

**FIRST READING** Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'  
 The Word of the Lord

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
 hail the rock who saves us.  
 Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
 with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
 let us kneel before the God who made us  
 for he is our God and we  
 the people who belong to his pasture,  
 the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
 as on that day at Massah in the desert  
 when your fathers put me to the test;  
 when they tried me, though they saw my work. (R.)

**SECOND READING** ROMANS 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves

that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.  
 The Word of the Lord

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** SEE JOHN 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
 Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
 give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
 Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL** John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him,

'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir.

Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'

Jesus said: Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I, who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now, we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'  
 The Gospel of the Lord.

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