



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent Yr C - 19 December 21

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4 Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10 Gospel: Lk 1:39-44

### Parish Weekly Diary

**Monday** 20 Dec

**Tuesday** 21 Dec

*Saint Peter Canisius (OM)*

6:00pm Mass at  
Manly

**Wednesday** 22 Dec

9:00am Rosary at  
Manly

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

**Thursday** 23 Dec

*Saint John of Kanty (OM)*

**Friday** 24 Dec

*The Nativity of the Lord*

5:00pm Mass at  
Manly

7:00pm Mass at  
Manly

7:00pm Mass at  
Gumdale

**Saturday** 25 Dec

*The Nativity of the Lord*

9:00am Mass at  
Manly

**No 5:00pm Mass**

**Sunday** 26 Dec

*The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph (F)*

7:00am Mass at  
Gumdale

9:30am Mass at  
Manly

### Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 4:30pm -  
4:50pm

*No bookings  
required.*

### Welcome to St John Vianney's Catholic Parish!

Our parish is known for being friendly and welcoming, as well as for active participation at Mass through music and prayer. There is a place here for everyone; we hope that you will join us. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact the parish office .

### Our God is with us.... "Jesus is the Reason for the Season"

This weekend, while celebrating the last Sunday of Advent prior to the feast of Christmas Day, we connect with the greatest joy of the Blessed Virgin Mary who awaited the coming of Baby Jesus into the world. Christ is born for us. Christ's life is given to us, not just to receive as we would material Christmas gifts but to receive Him as He gives Himself to us at Christmas. For us to more fully welcome the Christ Child, the ideal time to prepare is the season of Advent. Here we are with Christmas just a couple of days away. It is getting very close. We can use this time well, too. To begin with, we fix our heart on the season: the coming of Christ our Saviour. Let us prepare our hearts for Christmas, to welcome our God who comes to us in the form of a child. May the child Jesus fill us with His peace and heal all the wounds deep within so that His light may shine in our world.

### With Gratitude....

On a personal note, as I come to the end of my time here at St. John Vianney's Parish, Manly, Gumdale and St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale and begin a new chapter at Camp Hill in the New Year, I thank God for the 2 years I have been with you. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to you all for your contribution and commitment to the life and growth of our faith community. Thank you for all you have done to assist me in the midst of this pandemic. Especially thanks to the Parish Finance and Pastoral council members and sacristans, children's liturgy team and all our wonderful volunteers. And I would like to thank Kate Sellwood, our Parish secretary for all the good works she is doing for the parish. Fr. Prem was a great support and a good friend over the last 24 months. Thank you Fr. Prem and all the very best for the future as he also finishes his ministry here at St. John Vianney's Parish.

Our parish sacramental programmes have played such an important part in the life of our parish. I am grateful to all the teachers and sacramental coordinators who have been so generous over the years in helping our children and their parents to come to know the Lord. It has been a real blessing for me to have been involved in the life of our SJV school. I especially enjoyed being with the children at their special Masses and being able to speak with them at their classrooms and listening to their sharing about Jesus. I thank all our SJV teachers for their generosity and commitment to the education and care of the children.

Please give a warm welcome in the New Year to your new priest, Fr. George Joseph MCBS, who is coming to you from Regina Caeli Catholic Church Coorparoo Heights. From the very bottom of my heart, I thank you for these precious years together. **Thank you..... Christmas Blessings,** May God bless you all.

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

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### ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Fr Prem Rethnamony

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**Parish Office:** Cnr Ernest and Kooralgins Sts,  
Manly

**Office hours:** 8:30am - 2:00pm  
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

**Presbytery Ph.:** 3396 0742

# Parish Information

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Everyone is unique  
in their own way.  
In a different  
and beautiful way.  
Appreciate each other.  
It will be a wonderful world.*

## SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:**

Les Sellwood: 0401 382 085

**STOPLINE Contact:**

[AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

*This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Child Safety and Protection of Vulnerable Adults policy is situated in the foyer of the church.*

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Les Sellwood (Chair), Pam Chapman,  
Bruce Corrie, Helen McNamara, Julia McLean and  
Laurent Fontaine

## STEWARDSHIP

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for you." - Luke 1:44*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy"? If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Irene Gavril, Rosa Maria Santos, Dawn O'Sullivan, Leon and Roz Thomas, Maura Poots, Angela Geraghty, Hugo Callan, Joan Francis, Angela de Weger, Terry Coles, Ted Chapman, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Barbara Peet, Delia Chapman, Mary Rerdon, Margaret Taylor

**For a name to be included in the 'Prayer for our Sick' list, the Privacy Act now requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative.**

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Trevor Alexander, Edmond Baker, Katherine Barton, Fay Bishop, Dean Bramley, Kevin Byrne, Joan Copley, Catherine Dillon, Sylvia Fens, Alan Francis, Kathleen Galea, Meg Griffiths, Stephanie Hankins, Jean Kuter, Jennifer Lynas, Olivia Lewis, Eric Morrison, Gerard Ring, Jean Rosenstengel, Madeline Shenton, Henry Sizeland, Wilma Will, Blanca Wiswell, David Vidler, Gary Selwood, Sr Teresita Ahearn

### St John Vianney's Catholic Parish Christmas Mass Times 2021

*Jesus is the reason for the season*

#### Christmas Eve - Friday 24 December

5:00pm Vigil Mass - Manly  
7:00pm Children's Mass - Manly  
7:00pm Mass - Gumdale

#### Christmas Day - Saturday 25 December

9:00am Mass - Manly

*No evening Masses on Saturday  
25 December*



#### Sunday 26 December - Normal Mass Times

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL  
CHRISTMAS MASSES AT MANLY**

To book scan the QR code or see our  
newsletter for TryBooking Links.

## Mass Roster for St John Vianney's

Date	1st Reader	2nd Reader	3rd Reader	EMHC
Sat 18/12	Jane O'Brien	Gerardina Russell	Denis Hohnen	Denise Daigle
Sun 19/12	Jasser Nofokifolau	Colleen Skubis	Nola Smith	Margaret Hine

# PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to COVID restrictions that are now in place, we have had to limit the capacity at our Christmas Masses to 200 people. For this reason we have added at 7:00pm Mass on Friday 24 December. This Mass will now include the Nativity Play, which has been moved from the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. Bookings for the 7:00pm Mass can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/BWIDP>. Alternatively there are still seats remaining at the 9:00am Mass on Saturday 25 December, bookings for this Mass can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/BVYUX>. If you have any questions or issues with Mass bookings please contact the Parish Office.

## Cancellations Procedure for Mass Bookings

In the event that you need to cancel any bookings for our Christmas Masses please contact the parish office rather than cancelling through TryBooking. This will allow us to easily reallocate seating at Masses to those waiting for seats.

## No Newsletter Next Week

Due to the Christmas Break there will be no newsletter next week.

## Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from **Friday 24 December 2:00pm until Wednesday 5 January 8:30am** for staff holidays. There will also be no weekday masses during this time. The parish email will be checked occasionally during this time. In the event of an emergency please contact the Presbytery on (07) 33960742.

## Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Dantus and Fr Prem

On Sunday we will be holding a Farewell morning tea for Fr Dantus and Fr Prem after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome.

## Farewell and Thank You to Loretta and Paul King

This weekend at Gumdale we will be farewelling Loretta and Paul King. Loretta has spent many years providing music for St Jude's. We would like to thank Loretta and Paul for their contribution to our parish and wish them best wishes for the future.

## Archdiocese of Brisbane COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is committed to protecting our employees, contractors, volunteers and those they serve. As Queensland's borders will open in the coming weeks we are preparing for increased risk of COVID-19 infection in the community. Therefore, the Archdiocese has made the decision that some specific volunteer roles will require vaccination. These specific roles are: Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word and the Sacramental Program, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick who attend Hospitals, Nursing Homes and/or Private Homes, and Safeguarding Local Officers. Volunteers do not have to be vaccinated under this policy where that position is solely related to activities that are purely domestic, social, recreational, religious or private in nature, including Mass. To meet the requirements we require evidence of your vaccination. This proof can be provided in the form of a COVID-19 Digital Vaccination Certificate or an Immunisation History Statement. To provide your vaccination certificate or for information on how to provide this or if you have any questions please contact the parish office on 31312610 or [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Knights of the Southern Cross

The winner of draw 6 of the current Knights Silver Circle with ticket 29 is Terry Fitzpatrick. Congratulations Terry and thanks to those supporting the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

## Sacramental Program 2022

Enrolment in our Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Programs closes on Friday 11th February. If your child is in Year 3 or above, they may enrol in the Confirmation Sacramental Program. If your child has been Confirmed, they may enrol in the Reconciliation and First Eucharist Sacramental Programs. For more information and to request a Sacrament Program Enrolment Form please contact Nola at [sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au)



To All Our Parishioners,

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!

From Fr Dantus, Fr Prem and Kate

### **First Reading: Micah 5:1- 4**

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10**

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

### **Gospel: Luke 1:39-44**

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

### **For the Children...**

*FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

#### **THE ANGELS CANDLE**

Jesus is sometimes known as the 'Prince of Peace' as he brings peace to those who know him.

The fourth Advent candle represents **peace**, and just like the Angels shared a message of **peace**, we are called to bring **peace** to the world.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus,

Help us be messengers of **peace** in our world today. In the moments when we are frustrated or angry with others, remind us of the **peace** you bring to the world and help us bring that **peace** to our situation. Let our **peace** be a light unto the world for others. Amen

**PEACE**



**Next Children's Liturgy**

**SUNDAY 2 January**

### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

*The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph*

**First Reading:**

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

**Second Reading:**

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

**Gospel:**

Lk 2:41-52