

# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of Manly & Gumdale

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## **SACRAMENTS**

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## **FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS**

All enquires about Funerals and Weddings, please contact **Kate Sellwood** 

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

We acknowledge and pay respect to Traditional Custodians – the Quandamooka and Jagera Peoples on whose land we walk, live and worship.

## **Children's Liturgy**

In recess for the month of January. Wishing you a happy and safe holiday.

# 31 DECEMBER/1 JANUARY MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

What a welcome sight it was to see our churches filled as parishioners and visitors gathered to celebrate Christmas 2022

The Christmas Eve Family Mass at St John Vianney's, our beautiful church on the hill in Manly, was overflowing and later that evening St Jude's in Gumdale was almost filled to capacity. The 9.30am Mass at St John Vianney's on Christmas Day also boasted a healthy attendance.

I would like to thank everyone who worked together to make our Christmas celebrations such a special and memorable experience for all who attended.

It began with parishioners coming together in late November for a Working Bee that saw our church sparkle with cleanliness and twinkle with Christmas lights. This was followed by enthusiastic volunteers setting up the Nativity Scene, Advent Wreath and St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree.

Choir members gathered to prepare 'heavenly' music liturgy for all Christmas Masses. Children and their families rehearsed for the Nativity Play that was presented during the Christmas Eve Family Mass.

Parishioners volunteered to cut and bag pieces of Christmas Cake and later hand them out after each of our Christmas Masses, the children receiving a cupcake after the Family Mass Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Screen Operators prepared themselves for their Ministry during the Masses, and well prepared they were, further enhancing our Christmas liturgies.

Advent was a wonderful time of preparation that saw our Parish community gather and unite to prepare and celebrate in the spirit of Christmas. I pray that this sense of community will gather momentum throughout the year of 2023 as we continue on our road to recovery following a tumultuous two years of Covid challenges.

May God fill your lives with abundant blessings and wish you a happy and healthy New Year

Fr George

# For the Children...

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD YR A

Mary is a very special person. She was chosen by God to be the mother of his son. Her life was not easy and there were many sad times, but she believed that God loved her and would do what was best for her in the end.

## LET US PRAY

Mary, help us to say "yes" to God as you did, even when it is not easy. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



# FOR YOUR DIARY JANUARY

02 Mon No Mass 03 Tues 6:00pm Mass 04 Wed 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 05 Thu 9:30am Mass 06 Fri 9:30am Mass 07 Sat 4:30pm Reconciliation THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 07 Sat 5:00pm Mass (Manly) 08 Sun 7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) 09 Mon 9:30am Mass The Baptism of the Lord 10 Tues 6:00pm Mass 11 Wed 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 12 Thu 9:30am Mass 13 Fri 9:30am Mass 14 Sat 4:30pm Reconciliation **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 5:00pm Mass (Manly) 15 Sun 7:00am Mass (Gumdale)

9:30am Mass (Manly)

## Of your charity, please pray for:

**Recently deceased:** Ken Gillespie, Allan Delaforce, Kevin Holzberger, Veronica Lynch, Marcelo Vitoriano, Jill Rideout Belletty.

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, Olivia Lewis, Stephanie Hankins, Jean Kuter, Jennifer Lynas, Eric Morrison, Gerard Ring, Wilma Will, Jean Rosenstengel, Madeline Shenton, Henry Sizeland, Blanca Wiswell, David Vidler, Gary Selwood, Maria Hoang T Do, Sr Teresita Ahearn, , and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

## We Pray For The Sick

Rose-Marie Dickson, Emma Walters, David Schilling, Pat Ellis, Emily de Looze, Jocelyn Barrow, Barry Smith, Dell Chapman, Ted Chapman, Mrs Ford, Richard Pook, Natasha Skitmore, Irene Gavrilla and Anne Dixon.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 3 MARCH 2023

St John Vianney's parish will host the annual World Day of Prayer on 3rd March 2023. More details to follow in future newsletters

## **SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023**

St John Vianney's Parish will join Christian churches and faith communities across
Australia to celebrate Aboriginal Sunday

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This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet these characters, as they tell us a lot about humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture. You can subscribe to this podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device.



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is pleased to present
LENT 2023 PARISH MISSION
With Bruce Downes, The Catholic
Guy. 23-24 Feb and 27-28 Feb 2023

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!
It is amazing what God can do when you pause and listen to Him!
Come to this ALL NEW 4-day Lenten retreat that will be inspirational, prayerful and will help you

	Welcome	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	ЕМНС	Screen
Saturday 7 Jan	Gerardina R	Laurent F	Nola S	Colleen S	Anjoline
Sunday 8 Jan	Anne S	Helen C	Kennedy C	Donna R	Kate P

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