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FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

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

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

Children's Liturgy

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

7/8 JANUARY 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“The Messiah is among you . . .”

There was once a monastery filled with young monks and it's great church resounded with the singing of God's praise, attracting people from miles around. Now there was just a handful of elderly brothers shuffling through the cloister struggling to pray and work.

On the edge of the monastery woods an old rabbi had built a little hut which he would visit from time to time to fast and pray. The monks felt blessed by his presence whenever he was there. One day the abbot of the monastery visited the rabbi to seek his counsel. After praying together silently the rabbi said to the abbot, “You and your brothers are serving God with heavy hearts. You have come to ask a teaching of me which I will give, but you can only repeat it once. After that, no one must ever say it aloud again.”

The rabbi leaned in and looked into the eyes of the abbot. “The Messiah is among you,” the rabbi said. “He lives among you now.”

The abbot returned to the monastery and gathered his brothers. He told them he had received a teaching from the rabbi but warned that it was to be spoken once and then never said again. The abbot then looked at each of his brothers and said, “The rabbi said that one of us is the Messiah.”

Stunned by the abbot's words the monks asked themselves, *What could this mean? Is Br John the Messiah? Or Fr Matthew? Could I be the Messiah?*

Although puzzled and unsettled by the rabbi's teaching, the monks obeyed the abbot's instructions that it never be mentioned again.

The monks began to treat one another with a special reverence. There was a gentle, peaceful quality about them that was hard to describe but easy to notice. The few visitors to the monastery found themselves deeply moved by the life of the community and before long, people were coming from miles around to be nourished by the prayer of the monks. More and more brothers joined the community and as the monastery began to rebuild, the joy of their prayer once again resounded through their church and their hearts.

Although the old rabbi was never seen again, the original old monks, who had taken his teaching to heart, forever felt his presence.

[Source unknown.]

“The Messiah lives among you” Epiphany celebrates that reality in all our lives. God's Christ is present among us in our love for one another, in the mercy and justice we work for, in the forgiveness we extend and accept. Our lives are filled with “epiphanies”, those moments of awareness and understanding, discoveries of abilities and potential, realisations of the love of God in our lives.

In this New Year, may we seek to find the Messiah in our midst, following the star of God's reconciliation and justice, enabling us to behold Emmanuel, “God with us”, in all our experiences of charity, consolation and forgiveness, whether given or received.

For the Children...

THE EPIPHANY

The three wise men were not Jews. They came from lands far to the East and were astrologers who used the stars to guide them. They also knew of the prophecies of an infant king to be born, a saviour. Through them, his arrival was announced to the world. Jesus the saving Lord, has come not just for the Jews but for all people.

LET US PRAY

Like the three wise men, we are here today to worship you, Jesus.

For gold we give you our love.

For frankincense we give you our prayers.

For myrrh we give you ourselves.



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

FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

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| 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) |
| 16 Mon | No Mass |
| 17 Tues | 6:00 pm Mass |
| 18 Wed | 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass |
| 19 Thu | 9:30am Mass |
| 20 Fri | 9:30am Mass |
| 21 Sat | 4:30pm Reconciliation 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5:00pm Mass (Manly) |
| 21 Sat | 5:00pm Mass (Manly) |
| 22 Sun | 7:00 am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30 am 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, Jean Rosenstengel, Kathleen Galea, Dean Bramley, Kevin Byrne, Joan Copley, Fay Bishop, Catherine Dillon, Sylvia Fens, Alan Francis, Jean Kuter, Meg Griffiths, Stephanie Hankins, Madeline Shenton, Jennifer Lynas, Sr Teresita Ahearn, Henry Sizeland, Olivia Lewis, Gerard Ring, Blanca Wiswell, Wilma Will, Eric Morrison, Gary Selwood, Maria Hoang T Do, David Vidler 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 be hosting the annual World Day of Prayer on Friday 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC CONTENT SURVEY

The Archdiocese would appreciate your feedback by completing this short survey about how you access Catholic content. Your answers to the survey will help the Archdiocese do a better job of connecting you with the content you would like to see more of. This survey can be accessed from <http://bit.ly/3VHEkcl>

Great Characters in the Bible Podcast

Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, this podcast series 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.



St John Vianney's Parish is pleased to present this
ALL NEW 4-day Lenten 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!

LENT 2023 Parish Mission Event

Inspirational, Prayerful and Helpful.

| | Welcomer | 1 st Reader | 2 nd Reader | EMHC | Screen |
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| Saturday 14 Jan | Jane O | Jen B | Gerardina R | Mikaela A | Anjoline/Irene |
| Sunday 15 Jan | Helen C | Donna R | Jasser N | Nola S | Kate P |

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