

**FIRST READING:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 145:7-10  
**R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:26–31  
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has

become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.** Matthew 5:12  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!


**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
Isaiah 58:7-10  
Ps 111:4-9 .  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16



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embracing the worshipping communities of  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

**28/29 JANUARY 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit... they who mourn... the meek... they who hunger and thirst for righteousness... the merciful... the clean of heart... the peacemakers... they who are persecuted.”**  
*(Matthew 5: 1-12)*

**Living beatitudes**

This week, if you do something for someone else for no other reason than to bring joy to their lives, blessed are you.

If you find yourself feeling the loss of a friend or loved one and, in missing them, you realize that you experienced the love of God in their love for you, blessed are you.

This week, if you put yourself second for the needs of another, blessed are you.

If you do the “right” thing when the conventional wisdom is to do the “smart” thing, blessed are you.

This week, if you forgive someone or if someone forgives you, blessed are you.

Sometime in the next few days, if you stop, unplug and spend even just a moment thinking about all the good in your life and find yourself embraced by a sense of gratitude, blessed are you.

This week, if you can diffuse someone’s anger, if you can bridge the chasm between you and another, if you bring a positive perspective to an otherwise negative situation, blessed are you.

If you risk being laughed at or misunderstood or if you endure a “funny look” from someone because you took a stand based on what was morally and ethically right, blessed are you.

You have reason to be glad.

In the blessings you give, you have been blessed.

**To be a people of the Beatitudes is to embrace the spirit of humility that begins with valuing life as a gift from God, a gift we have received only through God’s mysterious love, not through anything we have done to deserve it. Jesus calls all who would be his disciples to live the “blessedness” of the Sermon on the Mount: to embrace a spirit of humble gratitude before the God who gives, nurtures and sustains our lives and to respond to such unfathomable love the only way we can: by returning that love to others, God’s children, as a way of returning it to God.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**22 FEBRUARY 2023**

**LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS!**

Due to popular demand we are offering two Lenten Reflection Groups this year:  
Tuesday 9.30am - starting 21 February  
Tuesday 6.30pm - starting 21 February  
The reflection groups will be using the **TRIUMPH Lenten Reflection Book**.  
This 88-page full colour book is only \$10  
To order a copy please contact the Parish Office by 2pm Monday 30 January.

**If you are interested in joining one of these groups please add your name to the Sign-up Sheet in the Church Foyer.**

**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

30 Mon No Mass  
31 Tues 6:00pm Mass

## FEBRUARY

01 Wed 9:00am Rosary  
9:30am Mass  
6.30pm Sacramental Program  
Parent Information Meeting (by Zoom)  
02 Thu 9:30am Mass  
03 Fri 9.00am **Beginning of School Year Mass**  
04 Sat 4:30pm Reconciliation  
**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
04 Sat 3.30pm Reconciliation Class Wk1  
5:00pm Mass (Manly)  
05 Sun 7:00am Mass (Gumdale)  
8.00am Reconciliation Class Wk1  
9:30am Mass (Manly)  
  
06 Mon No Mass  
07 Tues 6:00pm Mass  
08 Wed 9:00am Rosary  
9:30am Mass  
4.00pm Reconciliation Make-up Class  
09 Thu 9:30am Mass  
10 Fri 9:30am Mass  
11 Sat 9.00am Baptism - ANDERSON  
10.00am Baptism - LUBBERS  
4:30pm Reconciliation  
**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
11 Sat 3.30pm Reconciliation Class Wk2  
5:00pm Mass (Manly) *Choir sings*  
12 Sun 7:00am Mass (Gumdale)  
8.00am Reconciliation Class Wk2



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

June and Graham Meyers - 49 years  
Joan and Reg Carmichael - 62 years

May God continue to bless your marriage and keep you happy and healthy for many more years.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 6.00PM WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY

	Welcomer	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	EMHC	Screen
<b>Saturday 28 Jan</b>	Denis H	Maureen B	Laura F	Alison G	Anjoline/Irene
<b>Sunday 29 Jan</b>	Margaret P	Kennedy C	June M	Nola S	Kate P
<b>Saturday 4 Feb</b>	Gerardina R	Denise D	Jen B	Mikaela A	Anjoline/Irene
<b>Sunday 5 Feb</b>	Helen C	Katherine M	Anne S	June M	Donna

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## Of your charity, please pray for:

**Recently deceased:** Rory Greene.

**Anniversaries:** Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Daphne Eddleston, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Dulcie Maher, Jennifer Lynas, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Brian O'Sullivan, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Donna Pytko, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Theodore Shepherd, Mark Purdon, George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Eric Steeden, Luzdivina Lozano, John Wade, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Bill Spann, Jean Hine, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey, Maria Skubis and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

## We Pray For The Sick

Natasha Skitmore, Ian Lennon, Rose-Marie Dickson, Emily de Looze, Emma Walters, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Pat Ellis, Jocelyn Barrow, Barry Smith, Irene Gavrilla, Richard Pook, Dell Chapman and Anne Dixon

*To include a name in our 'We Pray For The Sick' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners lists are reviewed at the end of each month.*



## Join us on a Bus Trip to MARIAN VALLEY, CUNUNGRA Sunday 5 March

We will devotionally follow the Stations of the Cross as part of our Lenten Preparation.  
*The magnificent life-sized Stations of the Cross enrich the natural beauty of Marian Valley opening our hearts to even greater gifts of God's grace in our daily lives.*

Depart St John Vianney Church after 9.30am Mass  
Return by 6.00pm  
BYO food and beverages  
If you are interested please add your name to the Sign-up Sheet in the Church Foyer



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March, 2023

10.00am

St John Vianney's Parish, Manly

Recently, a meeting was held at St John Vianney's to organise the **Ecumenical Prayer Service for World Day of Prayer** which is celebrated in over 170 countries annually.

Representatives from various church denominations in the Bayside area attended the meeting. They included: St John Vianney's, Manly (this year's host parish), Guardian Angels Wynnum, St Peter's Anglican Church Wynnum, St Paul's Anglican Church Manly, Bayside Uniting Church, Wynnum Christian Community Church, and Eastside Community Church.

Each year, women of different race, culture and tradition tell their 'story' within a Prayer Service of Scripture and Song, directed toward fostering closer fellowship and understanding in an ecumenical environment.

Many thanks to those who accepted the invitation to attend the meeting and who have taken on various roles to ensure a special morning of celebration. We look forward to your attendance at this annual Prayer Service.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FIRST RECONCILIATION  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

1 February Parent Information Evening (by Zoom)  
4-5 February Reconciliation Classes Begin  
**Sat 4 March First Reconciliation Ceremony**  
25-26 March Holy Communion Classes Begin  
**13-14 May First Holy Communion Ceremonies**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking to form a committee to organise the bus trip to Marian Valley. If you can help please contact Peter Smyth-Kirk on 0405 070 900



## LENT 2023

— ALL NEW —  
Parish Mission Event

St John Vianney Parish  
23 – 28 February 2023



St John Vianney Parish is pleased to present...

## ALL NEW 4-day Lenten Mission

with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy.

**23-24 Feb and 27-28 Feb 2023**

Sessions will be held at 9.30am and 6.30pm  
The 6.30pm is a repeat of the morning session.  
You choose which time best suits you on the day  
Each session stands alone.

You do not need to attend all four days  
Tea/Coffee and Biscuits provided

**This Faith Enrichment opportunity is FREE**  
(Donations gratefully accepted)

## Be inspired! Be refreshed! Be renewed!

It is amazing what God can do  
when you pause and listen to Him!  
Inspirational, Prayerful and will help you  
in your spiritual walk this Lent.

**Please Sign-up in church foyer**

Please join us for a

## Back 2 Basics @ Bayside

**Dinner and Guest Speaker**

**4 March @ 6pm Cost: \$20 per person**

Guest Speaker: Wendy Francis

## 'OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD & CHILDREN'

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS 9.30AM SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

# For the Children

## THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

God our father wants us all to be happy. But lasting happiness comes from inside us, when our hearts are filled with love and goodness. Today we hear Jesus explaining the secret to finding such happiness.

## LET US PRAY

Jesus, you share the secret of everlasting happiness with us,  
and showed us how to find and keep it.

Help us to live by your guidelines  
and to share this happiness with others.

