

FIRST READING: *Sirach 15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34*

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION. *Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48



LENT 2023
— ALL NEW —
Parish Mission Event
St John Vianney Parish
23 – 28 February 2023
BRUCE DOWNES
THE CATHOLIC GUY



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SACRAMENTS

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First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion &
Confirmation, please contact **Nola Smith**
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FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

All enquires regarding Funerals and
Weddings, please contact **Kate Sellwood**
manly@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS!

Lenten Reflection Groups commence at:

9.30am on Tuesday 21 February

Please meet in the church foyer.

The TRIUMPH Lenten Reflection Books will
be available for collection on the day.

Tea & Coffee will be available

ASH WEDNESDAY
22 FEBRUARY 2023

Distribution of the Ashes will take place
during the 9.30am Wednesday Mass
following the Rosary.

We extend a warm welcome to the
Years 3 and 4 children from

St John Vianney's Primary School
who will be joining us for the Mass.

11/12 FEBRUARY 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

*"...whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will
be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 5:19)*

Christ's teacher

"My friend Vince had the worst handwriting in the class. Rather than upbraiding him, as other teachers had done, Sister Thaddeus would cheerfully tutor him during recess. 'It's getting better, you know. Keep up the good fight!' she would say."

"Our parish was an endless round of social celebrations and Sister Thaddeus would circulate among the families with a warm greeting for each person. When our family showed up at the festivals, we often brought our sister Nancy, who had Down syndrome. Sister Thaddeus would always go out of her way to give a small gift to Nancy."

"After decades of teaching, it finally dawned on me that Sister Thaddeus had long ago made her own preferential option for the poor. Sister Thaddeus cared for the vulnerable and her pedagogical compass was compassion."

"The Gospel made her tick."

In today's Gospel we hear about "obeying and teaching these commandments". Sister Thaddeus and teachers like her understand that the most important lessons they teach the students entrusted to their care are compassion, justice and integrity. In the example of Sister Thaddeus' selfless kindness and patient understanding, her students recognised the kingdom of God in their young lives - and its continued reality as they became adults.

By our:

- 1. commitment to what is right;**
- 2. integrity and honesty;**
- 3. compassion and caring for others;**
- 4. sense of awareness and gratitude for all that God has done for us;**

we continue the great work of passing on the Gospel of reconciliation and justice as did Jesus in his own work as healer, teacher and friend. May we always remember to say:

"Yes" if we mean yes, and "No" if we mean no!

Connections/MediaWorks

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

FOR YOUR DIARY FEBRUARY

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| 13 Mon | No Mass |
| 14 Tues | 6:00pm Mass |
| 15 Wed | 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 3.30pm Reconciliation Make-up Class |
| 16/17 | No Mass |
| 18 Sat | 3:30pm Reconciliation Class Wk3 4:30pm Reconciliation 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5:00pm Mass (Manly) |
| 19 Sun | 7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 8:00am Reconciliation Class Wk3 9:30am Mass (Manly) |
| 20 Mon | No Mass |
| 21 Tues | 9:30am Lenten Reflection Group 6:00pm Mass |
| 22 Wed | 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass Ash Wednesday 3.30pm Reconciliation Make-up Class |
| 23 Thu | 9:30am & 6:30pm The Catholic Guy |
| 24 Fri | 9:30am & 6:30pm The Catholic Guy |
| 25 Sat | 9.30am Baptism - Anderson & Whinnet 3:30pm Reconciliation Class Wk4 4:30pm Reconciliation 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 5:00pm Mass (Manly) |
| 26 Sun | 7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 8:00am Reconciliation Class Wk4 9:30am Mass (Manly) <i>Choir singing</i> |
| 27 Mon | 9:30am & 6:30pm The Catholic Guy |
| 28 Tue | 9:30am & 6:30pm The Catholic Guy |



FIRST RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We warmly welcome our First Reconciliation candidates and their families to our Masses this weekend. Our candidates will actively participate in the Mass by Proclaiming the Word and bringing forward the Offertory Gifts. Please remember our candidates in your prayers.

| | Welcomer | 1 st Reader | 2 nd Reader | EMHC | Screen |
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| Saturday 11 Feb | Colleen S | First Reconciliation | | Carmel S | Anjoline/Irene |
| Sunday 12 Feb | Jasser N | Candidates | | Donna R | Donna |
| Saturday 18 Feb | Maureen B | First Reconciliation | | Alison G | Anjoline/Irene |
| Sunday 19 Feb | Margaret P | Candidates | | Margaret H | Nola |

This parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is situated in the foyer of the church. STOPLINE CONTACT: Phone 1 300 304 400 Email AOB@stopline.com.au

Of your charity, please pray for:

Recently deceased:

Rory Greene, Raymond Sellwood, Ted Chapman

Anniversaries: Rosalina Manso Barot, 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: Dan Ransom, 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.

VOLUNTEER REGISTER UPDATE

Our parish relies on the generosity of volunteers. Over the next month, we will be updating our **Volunteer Register**. If you need to update your details please let the Parish Office know so the instructions regarding how to do this may be emailed to you.

If you are a new volunteer you are required to register with the Archdiocese. To do this please visit: archbne.org/welcome

If you would like to volunteer please contact Nola on: sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA
AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS TODAY**



WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate and welcome the families of the following children who were Baptised this weekend in St John Vianney's Parish:

**Esther Lubbers
Phoebe and Willow Anderson**



If you are unable to attend the BBQ please support the school by baking for the Cake Stall. "Goodies" may be delivered to the Parish Office on Fri 17 Feb

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
6.00PM WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday 3rd March, 2023
10.00am**

St John Vianney's Parish, Manly



**Join us on a Bus Trip to
MARIAN VALLEY,
CANUNGRA
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's Church at 10.30am
Return by 6.00pm

BYO food or pre-purchase for pickup enroute

Tea and coffee provided

Cost: *To be confirmed*

This day tour is a wonderful opportunity to prepare ourselves during the Season of Lent

If you are interested please add your name to the Sign-up Sheet in the Church Foyer



PARISH CHOIR

After a month's recess during January, the parish choir has returned this weekend, leading the congregation at the 5pm Saturday Mass. The choir will continue each month at one of the 5pm and 9.30am Masses.

'Live' music will be provided on Ash Wednesday as well as the World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service on 3rd March. The selection of music to enhance the prayerful services that we look forward to experiencing at St John Vianney's during Holy Week and Easter, is presently being considered.

The choir is thankful that two new members have come forward to join the group. If any other parishioners are interested in sharing their talents in this regard, please leave your name and details at the parish office and you will be contacted.

Thank you to all for your support of the choir.

For the Children

RULES FOR LIFE

When Moses was leading God's people through the desert. God gave them ten rules or commandments to help the people live in God's way. Today we hear Jesus reminding his followers of these "rules for life"

LET US PRAY

God our father,
help us to keep your commandments written on our hearts.

