

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

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

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

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. R.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION. 1 John 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Lent Year A

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



LENT 2023
— ALL NEW —
Parish Mission Event
St John Vianney Parish
23 – 28 February 2023
FREE ADMISSION
Starts **THIS WEEK**



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SACRAMENTS

All enquires for Baptism,
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!

9.30am on Tuesday 21 February

Please meet in the church foyer at 9.15am
and join us for a 'Cuppa' before we begin.
The TRIUMPH Lenten Reflection Books are
available in the church foyer TODAY!

**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 and
leading us in the Proclamation of the
Word and Offertory Procession..

18/19 FEBRUARY 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

"Should anyone force you into service for one mile, go for two miles "If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have?" (Matt 5: 38-48)

The "perfect" response

In Jewish law, the accepted understanding of retaliation - "an eye for the eye" - was intended to restrict vengeance and to keep violence within limits. But Jesus teaches his Jewish hearers to respond to injustice with the "perfect" righteousness of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus points to offenses that might seem relatively minor to us - but not to the poor of the Gospel.

The final one is about going the extra mile. A Roman soldier could compel anyone to carry his equipment for one mile, and no more. Going a second mile puts the Roman soldier in a difficult position: he could be severely punished by his superiors for abusing his authority. By going the second mile on your own volition, Jesus teaches, you're making the hated Roman treat you as an equal. You're saying, "You can compel my obedience but not my gift."

What Jesus is asking of his hearers in today's Gospel is to respond to injustice and cruelty not with aggression but with humble dignity and self-respect. **To act with the righteousness of God is to break the cycle of violence and fear by initiating a new cycle of generosity and justice.**

Instead of a slap on the cheek, it might be an angry exchange; instead of your coat, it might be your patience that is being tested by another's demands or expectations; instead of being pressed into service for a mile, you might be asked for your already stretched time to help sort out someone else's mess.

In every tense confrontation and unreasonable expectation and to every undeserved cry for help, Jesus asks us to respond with the compassion and mercy of God:

To act with the conviction that we can:

- 1. break such cycles of irresponsibility and selfishness,**
- 2. heal another's brokenness,**
- 3. bring back the lost and marginalised by responding with the "perfect" love of God.**

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	
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 Tues	9:30am & 6:30pm The Catholic Guy
01 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 3.30pm Reconciliation Make-up Class
02 Thu	9:30am Mass
03 Fri	No Mass 10:00am World Day of Prayer (choir sings)
04 Sat	9:00am Baptism - Mylar 10.00am Baptism - Bookham 11.00am First Reconciliation Ceremony 2.00pm Baptism - Grasic (Gumdale) 4:30pm Reconciliation 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 5:00pm Mass (Manly)
05 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly)

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:	
RECENTLY DECEASED: Rory Greene, Raymond Sellwood, Ted Chapman	
ANNIVERSARIES: Marlene (Mally) Parer, Gerald Doyle, Rosalina Manso Barot, Russell Barton, Anne-Marie Arthus, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, Cecil Crew, John Costello, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Jean Hine, Sr Paula McGrath, Jean Rosenstengel, Jennifer Lynas, Hilary Maloney, Theodore Shepherd, Jessie Massie, Dulcie Maher, Fletcher McCormack, Brian O’Sullivan, Keith McGregor, Donna Pytko, Douglas Southern, Colin Moir, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Doris O’Donnell, George Reading, Bill Spann, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Hubert Smith, Mark Purdon, Lilli Wargin, Maria Skubis Luzdivina Lozano, Aleida Wishey and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.	
THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Joan Rooney, Mary Jane Laws, Michael Parer, Dan Ransom, Natasha Skitmore, Maureen Handcock, Rose-Marie Dickson, Emily de Looze, David Schilling, Jocelyn Barrow, Emma Walters, Pat Ellis, Ian Lennon, Barry Smith, Irene Gavrilla, Anne Dixon, Richard Pook, and Dell Chapman.	
<i>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.</i>	



FIRST RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We warmly welcome our First Reconciliation candidates and their families to our Masses this weekend. The candidates Commitment Cards have been placed on the noticeboard in the church foyer. We invite you to add your name to some of the cards and keep those candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

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

	Welcomer	1 st Reader	2 nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counters
Sat 18 Feb	Maureen B	First Reconciliation		Alison G	Anjoline/Irene	C
Sun 19 Feb	Margaret P	Candidates		Margaret H	Donna/Lucas	
Sat 25 Feb	Laura F	First Reconciliation		Denis H	Anjoline/Irene	D
Sun 26 Feb	Dee P	Candidates		Jasser N	Nola/Lucas	

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday 3rd March, 2023
10.00am
St John Vianney’s Parish, Manly

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen’s initiative. It is run under the motto *“Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action”* and is celebrated on the first Friday in March each year in over 170 countries. The movement aims to bring those of different race, culture, and tradition together; to foster closer fellowship, understanding and action, throughout the year.

This year, our parish will be the host for World Day of Prayer. The country of focus is Taiwan with the theme of the service being, *“I have heard about your faith”*; told through **Story, Scripture and Song**:

Taiwanese women will relate **stories** about five women whose Christian faith has inspired them;
Readings from **Scripture** will depict ‘faith in action’;
The parish choir will lead the congregation in **Song** with hymns specially chosen for the Service.

You are cordially invited to attend our parish celebration of World Day of Prayer with morning tea to follow the Service

There will be a collection at the end of the service - your donation would be much appreciated.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
6.00PM WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

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

For the Children

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Does anyone know what an enemy is? (Someone who hates another person and wants to hurt or harm them.) Today we hear Jesus telling us that we must learn to forgive and love our enemies, and never to hate them.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, you once said, “I leave you my peace, my peace I give you.” May our hands reach out to share your peace with others and may our hearts always be filled with forgiveness and love.

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 5.30pm
BYO food or pre-purchase for pickup enroute
Tea and coffee provided

Cost: FREE

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 list in the church foyer.

BE QUICK - NUMBERS ARE LIMITED!

SACRISTAN TRAINING PROGRAM
Coming Soon!

We are in **URGENT NEED** of more Sacristans so if you would like to learn how to prepare the church for the Eucharistic Celebration please consider attending our Sacristan Training Program. Please contact the Parish Office to **Register Your Interest**.

NEED A LIFT TO MASS?

Do you, or someone you know, require a lift to Mass? There are **“I NEED A LIFT TO MASS FORMS”** in the church foyer.

PROVIDE A LIFT TO MASS

If you can provide a lift to Mass please complete **“I CAN PROVIDE A LIFT TO MASS FORM”** in foyer.

HELP NEEDED ON WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

The Catholic Guy will be setting up after the 9.30am Ash Wednesday Mass and needs four people to assist. If you are able to spare an hour or two your time would be much appreciated.

