

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. R.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat, They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm- 64:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

**CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF
ST JOHN VIANNEY
PARISH MORNING TEA
SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST**

The Feast of St John Vianney is on Friday 4th August. Following the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 6th August we will hold a special morning tea in honour of the Feast of St John Vianney. Please bring a plate to share. For catering purposes a Sign-Up Sheet is in the foyer.



CONGRATULATIONS

AVA MOHR AND WILLIAM SLOCOMBE

This weekend Ava and William will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers.

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FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

All enquires regarding Funerals and Weddings, please contact **the parish office**

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We follow the words of our patron, St John Vianney, who said "He is here".

We recognise Christ is in the Word, the Eucharist, and in us His people, with a special reverence for Him in the poor and marginalised.

We are called to make Christ present through our prayer and charity.

We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and create a community

where everyone is welcome; the young and the old, together to experience the loving presence of God.

We believe He is here amongst us and we joyfully go out to make Him present to all.

15/16 July 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Let Us Pray:

My Lord, You have placed inside my heart the seed of Your Kingdom and the desire to follow You. Thank you, Lord, for this gift, fruit of Your love. Make it grow inside me and may it be poured out onto those who are looking for You with all their hearts. Amen.

The treasures of God's kingdom

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, a pearl purchased at all cost, and a net from which the bad catch of fish will be tossed away and the good catch will be valued.

In other words, our Christian lives are a huge cache of valuables. If our treasure chest has any worthless trash, the garbage needs to be tossed away to make room for more valuables. Some of our treasures have only temporary, earthly value, and ultimately they will be worthless unless they're used for the kingdom of God.

The reading from Romans tells us that all things work together for the good of those who love God. As we purge our lives of false pearls and dead fish, we become more like our Lord. We become more useful to the kingdom of God. Even the bad things that happen to us, under the creative hand of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God, get put to good use as polishing cloths that brighten our pearls and bring out from us a better shine.

In the first reading, Solomon could have asked God for great wealth and he would have received it, but he asked for an understanding heart so that he'd have wisdom to rule the nation well. Even though he ruled imperfectly, his reputation as the wisest king on earth spread throughout the known world *and* he accumulated great wealth.

This is meant to teach us that when we seek first the treasures of God's kingdom, then we can safely use the treasures of the earth, because God's wisdom guides us in using them for the benefit of his kingdom. The more we love Christ and follow his ways, the easier it is to identify what's really valuable, separate out the junk that does not belong to God, and use everything else for his purposes.

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**FOR YOUR DIARY
JULY**

17 Mon No Mass
 18 Tues 6:00pm Mass
 19 Wed 9:00am Rosary
 9:30am Mass
 6:00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting
 20 Thurs No Mass
 6:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
 21 Fri 10.30am Mass at Lota House
 22 Sat 4:30pm Reconciliation
16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
 5.00pm Mass (Manly) Choir sings
 23 Sun 7:00am Mass (Gumdale)
 9:30am Mass (Manly)

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Albert Blackwood, James Dwan, Leonard Bourke, Oswald Copley, Isabella Devlin, Nancy Gleeson, Anne Henderson, Mervyn Iselin, Anne Keegan, Elizabeth Kinley, Sr Rose Lanigan, Rita Lloyd-Jones, Mildred (Matie) Mattinson, Maureen Malone, Lesley McGregor, Irene Milsom, Terry Morrison, Harold Nelson, John O'Donnell, Br Hilary (Chris) Peterson, Baby Darcy Smith, Shirley Sibley, Merle Skinner, Joseph Sorpassa, John Ryan, Monica Southern, Vittorio Stangherlin, Jack Still, Valma Tranter, Margaret Turpin, Mary Weis and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Dan Ransom, Ian Lennon, Emma Walters, Peter Smyth-Kirk, David Schilling, Anne Dixon, Maureen Handcock, Jocelyn Barron, Barry Smith, Irene Gavrilla, Rose-Marie Dickson, Richard Pook, Natasha Skitmore, Emily de Looze, Pat Ellis, Jack & Mary Beard, Dell Chapman and Joanne Small.

To include a name in our 'Of Your Charity' 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.



**WELCOME AND
CONGRATULATIONS**

We congratulate and welcome the family of **Harrison Hawgood** who was Baptised in our Parish this weekend

THE CATHOLIC LEADER
Keeping Faith with You

A limited number of copies of the July edition of The Catholic Leader are available in the church foyer for \$4 per copy. This month the Leader includes articles on our 3 new priests, the Corpus Christi March through the CBD, World Youth Day, an interesting explanation by Pope Francis of why we make the sign of the cross and much more.

**MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY
TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST**

The artwork with this invitation is very special...



It was created by Lily, a Yr5 student at St Joseph's School in Nundah. It demonstrates how much St Mary MacKillop cared for others. When creating her artwork, Lily wanted to include tongues of fire, representing the Holy Spirit, as well as the Cross to represent the Resurrection.

This is such a wonderful demonstration of how St Mary of the Cross MacKillop still impacts Catholic education in Australia today.

To honour St Mary MacKillop's legacy and seek her intercession, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to join him for Mass on Tues 8 August at 10am at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
6PM THURSDAY 20 JULY**

For the Children

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

The Parable of the Sower

Jesus often told simple stories called *parables* to help people to understand something important. Today we hear the Parable of the Sower as Jesus teaches the people that it is very important for them to listen very carefully to the Word of God so they understand it.

LET US PRAY

Jesus help us to listen to and understand your message, so that our hearts and lives will be filled with God's love.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

In collaboration with Guardian Angels Parish, we are excited to present the opportunity for St John Vianney parishioners to join a Bible Study Group.

The Book of Exodus

Thursday 27 July 10am-12noon or 7pm-9pm

12 week duration

Includes prayer, discussion and a "cuppa" with a little bit of reading homework.

Cost: \$40 (for purchase of study guide)

Numbers are limited so please add your name to the Sign-up Sheet in the church foyer.



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
CONFIRMATION**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

7/8 October Parent Information Meeting
 14/15 October Confirmation Classes Begin
Sat 18 November Confirmation Ceremony

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE
A Good Samaritan School for Girls



**Lourdes Hill College
OPEN MORNING TOUR
Tuesday 22 August from 9.30am 11.00am.**
lhc.qld.edu.au



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
TODAY**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The monthly PPC meeting was held on Wednesday 28 June. A summarised version of the minutes is available for parishioners to view on the noticeboards at St John Vianney's and at St Jude's.



Save the date!
International Morning Tea
Sunday 22nd October

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



NEW PARISH SECRETARY

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Ms Zoe MacPherson to the position of Parish Secretary of St John Vianney's Parish, Manly. Please join with me in welcoming her to our parish community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to Hugh Davies who has done an admirable job of keeping our parish afloat in the absence of a Parish Secretary and while I have been on leave.

Love and Blessings, Fr George

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
6PM WEDNESDAY 19 JULY**

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
Sat 15 July	Jen B	Ava M	William S	Allison G	Anjoline	C
Sun 16 July	June M	Margaret P	Trish E	Katherine M	Emma	
Sat 22 July (Choir)	Jane O	Allison G	Jen B	Colleen S	Anjoline	D
Sun 23 July	Steve P	Jasser N	Helen C	Carmel S	Donna	

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