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**FIRST READING: WISDOM 12:13, 16-19**

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16**

**R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. R.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. R.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

**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 13:24-30**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12  
Responsorial Psalm: 118:57,72,76,77,127-130  
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30  
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

**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.



**Please bring a plate to share  
Add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet  
in the church foyer**

**Pastor**  
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**SACRAMENTS**  
All enquires for Baptism,  
First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion  
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**FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS**  
All enquires regarding Funerals and  
Weddings, please contact **the parish office**  
[manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

**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.

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

**22/23 July 2023**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**  
**"A sower went out to sow. Some of the seed fell on the path,  
and the birds came and ate it up... Other seed fell on good soil  
and brought forth grain." (Matthew 13: 1-23)**

**Parenting, Act 1...**

Most nights after dinner, she and her daughters dance together. The dancing is more jumping around and includes loud off-key singing and crazy hair-swinging. "What we lack in rhythm we more than make up for in laughter," she says, "and I love to see my little girls this way: joyful, silly, and happy to have me around." But she knows this won't last forever. **This is Act 1** in the parent-child relationship. **Act 2** will begin in the blink of an eye: "when they will die of embarrassment to see me dancing." She remembers dancing with her mum when she was a little girl. And singing in the car and snuggling up to her in bed when she read those special stories. **Then came Act 2:** shutting herself in her room to listen to "her" music, reading on her own, preferring the company of her friends to time with her mum. But there is an **Act 3** in the mother-daughter relationship. She remembers: "When I was in my early 20s and living in another city, I went home for a long weekend to visit my parents. The table was cleared, my dad had gone to bed, and it was just mum and me sitting on the couch together, in our pyjamas, chatting about what was new with her and me and her friends and my friends. I remember snuggling into her and her stroking my hair, just like she used to do when I was a child, as we talked and talked." **In Act 3** we went to movies again, went shopping, even went on road trips together. We talked most days, laughed often, cried some, too. By that point I was my own person, but I had grown into someone who loved having her around, just as I had when I was little. And so, while I try to savor every hug, kiss, laugh, and sigh from my daughters, knowing that they'll never be this little again and they'll never again need me with the same intensity, I also try to keep in mind that hopefully we'll have an **Act 3** where we can all dance together once more."

*[From "Parenting, Act 1" by Laura Shea Souza, The Boston Globe Magazine, December 15, 2013.]*

**The "3 acts" of parenthood that Laura Shea Souza writes about are "seeds sown" by mums and dads in the course of their children's life: seeds of patience, understanding, forgiveness, compassion. The parable of the sower speaks especially to parents: that Mum and Dad's own example of selflessness and humility, compassion and generosity, are "seeds" that are planted in the minds and hearts of their daughters and sons that will mature one day into their own harvest of generosity and forgiveness, and the "seeds" of that same harvest they will then "sow" in the lives of their own children.**

*Connections/MediaWorks*

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

**JULY**

24 Mon 10.00am Funeral Mass - Foster  
 25 Tues 6:00pm Mass  
 26 Wed 9:00am Rosary  
 9:30am Mass  
 27 Thurs No Mass  
 28 Fri No Mass  
 29 Sat 4:30pm Reconciliation

**17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

30 Sun 5.00pm Mass (Manly)  
 7:00am Mass (Gumdale)  
 9:30am Mass (Manly)

**OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Vianney Foster  
**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.*



**ENROL NOW IN OUR CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been Baptised they are encouraged to continue their faith journey by enrolling in our Confirmation Sacramental Program. Please contact Nola on [sjvsacramental@bne.brisbane.net.au](mailto:sjvsacramental@bne.brisbane.net.au) to request an Enrolment Form.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**WITH LAMPS ABLAZE  
 Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023**

For 2023 and beyond, Archbishop Mark Coleridge took time to set down the Apostolic priorities of the Brisbane Archdiocese. These are known as **With Lamps Ablaze** and were conceived and developed under the influence of the Holy Spirit, who is moving in the Church in new and surprising ways.

The priorities are termed 'apostolic' rather than 'pastoral' or 'missionary' and this is intended specifically to invest all of us who form the body of Christ as stakeholders. While the bishops are the successors of the apostles, it is no less true that the whole Church, the community of all the baptised, is 'apostolic'. That sense of inclusiveness is foundational to these priorities, and what each of them seeks to further promote both individually and as a collective.

**The Seven Apostolic Priorities are:**

1. Teaching Prayer
2. Reshaping Parish Communities
3. Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre
4. Responding to Abuse and the Abused
5. Engaging anew with First Nations Peoples
6. Implementing Integral Ecology
7. Imbedding Synodal Governance

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
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	
Sat 29 July	Laurent F	Gerardina R	Colleen S	Denise D	Anjoline	E
Sun 30 July	Kennedy C	Mark E	Jasser N	Trish E	Nola	

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**Save the date!  
 International Morning Tea  
 Sunday 29th October**



**CALLING ALL SINGERS**

A wonderful opportunity has arisen for singers to be part of a massed choir to sing at **St Stephen's Cathedral** on **Friday 29 September** at **5:30pm**, when a special Mass will be held as part of the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference taking place here in Brisbane.

Archbishop Mark will preside at the Mass which will be attended by bishops, clergy, religious and lay conference delegates from around the country.

Liturgical music will include organ, piano, brass and worship band, as well as a massed choir to support the sung prayer of the people. All singers from around the Archdiocese are warmly invited to be a part of this choir. Two rehearsals will be held:

1. **Sun 10 Sept.** 1pm-3pm in Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct.
2. **Wed 27 Sept.** 7pm-9pm St Stephen's Cathedral

If you would like to take up this special opportunity to be involved in the choir for this national event, please register by clicking here:

<https://lbsurvey.weebly.com/conference-choristers.html>

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection in the church foyer. We are unable to match names to seven envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office if your current envelopes are numbered as follows: 002, 003, 004, 006, 008, 009, 017 or 018 so we may rectify the situation.

**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)**

**Only 2 places left so please add your name to the Sign-up Sheet in the church foyer.**

**RCIA STARTING SOON...**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is our sacramental preparation program for adults. If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church please contact Zoe in the Parish Office on 3131 2610 or at [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

**SJV YOUTH CHOIR**

**Do you enjoy singing?**

**Do you play a musical instrument?**

We are seeking expressions of interest for starting a Youth Choir at SJV. We need singers, musicians and adult helpers to form a youth choir to lead our congregation in liturgical singing once a month. If you, or someone you know is interested please contact Zoe in the Parish Office on 3131 2610 or by email at:



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**For the Children**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**The Wheat and the Weeds**

Today Jesus tells us a parable about planting seeds. It shows us how important it is that the seeds land on the right kind of ground to grow, but it also tells us something about ourselves and how we should be. Let's listen and find out more.

**LET US PRAY**

Jesus, show us the way to eternal life. Walk beside us on our journey, until your angels lead us to share your everlasting happiness at the end of time.

