

**FIRST READING:** 1KINGS 3:5, 7-12

*A reading from the book of Kings*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. R.

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. R.

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. R.

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. R.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:28-30

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

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially

long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-46

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**


**The Transfiguration of The Lord**

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2,5-6,9  
Second Reading: 2Peter 1:16-19  
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

**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 please add your  
name to the Sign-Up Sheet in the foyer**





# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

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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.

**29/30 July 2023**

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



FOR YOUR DIARY

31 Mon

No Mass

AUGUST

01 Tues

6:00pm Mass

02 Wed

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Mass

03 Thurs

No Mass

04 Fri

9.15am School Mass - Feast of St John Vianney

05 Sat

4:30pm Reconciliation

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

5.00pm Mass (Manly)

06 Sun

7:00am Mass (Gumdale)

9:30am Mass (Manly) Choir sings

Followed by morning tea in the hall to celebrate the feast of St John Vianney

WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

The First Apostolic Priority is: TEACHING PRAYER

"We must first find our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer not just as one of many elements in a busy life but as a way of life for all the baptised. Often we urge people to pray but don't really teach them how to pray in a way that moves beyond the prayers of childhood and youth. Now is the time to teach ways of prayer which are mature and all-embracing. Christian prayer begins not with speaking but with listening; and learning to pray is therefore learning to listen - to listen even to the silences of God. If all we do is speak, then in the words of Jesus we "babble like the pagans" (Matt 6:7). But if we speak after listening and in response to God who always has the first word, then we speak according to the mind of the Holy Spirit. That's what we need to teach and learn."

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

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
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	
Sat 5 Aug	Jen B	Denise D	Jane O	Mikaela A	Anjoline	F
Sun 6 Aug (Choir)	Robert A	Katherine M	Donna R	Nola S	Emma	

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OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Vianney Foster

ANNIVERSARIES: Albert Blackwood, James Dwan, Leonard Bourke, Oswald Copley, Isabella Devlin, Kevin O'Halloran, Danny O'Halloran, 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, Lilia Ting Toledo, Valma Tranter, Margaret Turpin, Mary Weis and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Dan Ransom, Ian Lennon, Anne Dixon, Emma Walters, Peter Smyth-Kirk, David Schilling, 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

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

Save the date!

International Morning Tea

Sunday 29th October

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)

PPC SUGGESTION BOX

Thank you to parishioners who have already placed suggestions in the boxes at both churches. We are considering your proposals and will contact you with any feedback.

Please keep your ideas coming.

"It is always springtime in the heart that loves God. Do not try to please everybody, try to please God, the angels, and the saints- they are your public. There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

St. John Vianney

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST

For the Children

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Priceless Treasure

Today Jesus tells us a story to explain that the kingdom of heaven is like a priceless treasure that we would swap our most precious possessions for.

LET US PRAY

Lord, help me to store up my riches in heaven, not on earth. To know what is important and not waste my time on worthless things. To always speak the truth and do what you ask because of the love I have for you. (Psalm 119:36-37, 43-44)

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: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

Youth Choir

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 1 OF 10

The winner of Draw 1 in the current Knights Silver Circle with ticket #94 is Dallas Geddes!

Congratulations Dallas and thank you to those supporting the charitable works of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

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.