

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137: 1-3, 6, 8

**Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple. R.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. R.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. R

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his
wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to
penetrate his motives or understand his methods!
Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give
him anything or lend him anything? All that exists
comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him
be glory for ever! Amen

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi
he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do
people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some
say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said,
'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up,
'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a
happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that
revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I
now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will
build my Church. And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it. I will give you the
keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind
on earth shall be considered bound in heaven;
whatever you loose on earth shall be considered
loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict
orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62: 2-6, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27



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of the vital ministries in our Archdiocese.**

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**Calling all Married Couples
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tre, Ormiston from Fri 13 Oct to Sun 15 Oct.**

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FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

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

26/27 August 2023

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Let Us Pray:

Thank you, Lord, that through Your Holy Spirit I am able to
recognise You. Give me the strength I need to carry out the
mission that You have entrusted to me. Amen.

Breaking through demonic strongholds

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he
would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell,
he said, speaking of the netherworld that belongs to the
principalities and powers of darkness (*see Ephesians 6*), "shall
never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the
Church. He said that the *gates* of hell would not win. Of course
they won't: Gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold
inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence
or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their
sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against
attacks and encroachments from evil-doers. Christians are
called to take the offensive – we are called to attack the very
gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that
are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and
eternal death.

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still
does today through you and me.

For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too
late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as
the first shepherd (priest and pope) of Christianity. These keys
have been passed from generation to generation through the
unbroken line of Catholic priests.

What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by
Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest
"looses" (releases) the grace and forgiveness of God upon a
repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or
when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the
Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.

The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquers evil every
time we take them seriously and rely on the graces they
provide.

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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	
AUGUST	
28 Mon	No Mass
29 Tues	6:00pm Mass
30 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass
31 Thurs	No Mass
SEPTEMBER	
1 Fri	Mass at Janoah Gardens
2 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation
22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
	5.00pm Mass (Manly)
3 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) Choir



Let Justice and Peace Flow
Season of Creation 2023

The **Season of Creation** held in September, is an annual Christian celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. In 2023 it begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on Friday 1 September and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on Wednesday 4 October. To join the **Global Ecumenical Prayer Service** on Friday 1 September at 11pm AEST, go to: www.seasonofcreation.org

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




YOUTH CHOIR COMING SOON

If you would like to join the SJV Youth Choir as either a singer or a musician, please contact Zoe in the Parish Office on 3131 2610 or by email at: manly@bne.catholic.net.au

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
Sat 26 Aug	Maureen B	Colleen S	Jane O	Denise D	Irene	B
Sun 27 Aug	Mark E	Margaret P	Katherine M	Carmel S	Emma	
Sat 2 Sept	Laurent F	Jen B	Denise D	Mikaela A	Pam	C
Sun 3 Sept	Robert A	Helen C	Steve P	Margaret H	Donna	


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OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Vianney Foster, Michael Maguire, Selwyn Norrish, Candelario Iquin

ANNIVERSARIES: Cyril Bashford, Catherine Biloft, John Bozoky, Daphne Brian, Matthew Lyle Briggs, Anthony Cassell, Sr Christina Corcoran, John Dickson, John Featherstone, Ellen Fleggerbein, Annie Johns, Gary Harding, John Kneeshaw, Jane Lacey, Sr Ella Evelyn Lloyd, Sebastiano Marano, Colin McIntosh, Eugenie (Gene) Massie, Phyllis Morahan, Adrian Moran, Ellen Morrison, Alma Mulherin, Albert (Jack) Muller, Margaret Murphy, Sr Clare Ellen (Evangelist) Murtagh, Delia Nelson, Eileen Normyle, Eddie Nunn, Elsie O'Connor, Lorna Pankhurst, Joan Pitman, Mary Plant, Gwen Pook, Paulene Power, Jean Reading, James Roe, Mace Reid, Merle Skinner, Gary Tointon, Myrtle Thompson, Dick Wells, Douglas Ziebarth, Joyce Starkey, Sharon Watson and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Lorraine Bourke, Stephen Burrows, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Rose-Marie Dickson, Pat Ellis, Irene Gavrilla, Maureen Handcock, Ian Lennon, Richard Pook, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Natasha Skitmore, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Peter Smyth-Kirk, Emma Walters, Brian Eather, Violet Maureen Phillips. *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.*



PRAY THE ROSARY ONLINE Every Wednesday at 6pm

All parishioners and their friends are invited to pray the Rosary online via ZOOM every Wednesday at 6pm. For details of the ZOOM link please email Pam: pambiggs07@gmail.com

Available at the Piety Stall for a special discount price until 30 Sept 2023 .

GOD'S WORD
DAILY REFLECTIONS 2024

WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

The Fifth Apostolic Priority is: ENGAGING ANEW WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

If sexual abuse is a running sore at the heart of the Church, the injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin. The Church has been involved with the Indigenous peoples in various ways since European settlement. But, however well intentioned these efforts were, many of them have been counter-productive, based as they were upon an unconscious racism and a serious failure to read Indigenous cultures and listen to Indigenous people. Many Indigenous leaders have noted the recent deterioration in Indigenous communities, despite legal and political gains. But there is also fresh hope now that the Uluru Statement, endorsed by the Archdiocese and the Bishops Conference, will open up new possibilities.

In the Archdiocese we have adopted a Reconciliation Action Plan. That's a good start, but it's only that. The RAP needs to be implemented and taken further; there is more to be imagined and done. We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong.

A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action



ENROL NOW IN OUR CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please email sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au for an Enrolment Form.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 5 OF 10

The winner of Draw 5 in the current Knights Silver Circle with ticket #7 is **Josie DOYLE!** Congratulations Josie and thank you to those supporting the charitable works of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

Save the date!

International Morning Tea Sunday 29 October




Women's retreat

ABIDE / REMAIN / STAY

The weekend retreat provides an opportunity for women of faith to abide, remain and stay with God by carving out moments of stillness and creating space to hear the whispers of God.

6pm Fri 8 Sept - 1pm Sun 10 Sept
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre
267 Wellington St, Ormiston, 4160
Live-In \$425pp Live-Out \$230pp



CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday 3 September

For the Children

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A Who Am I?

Everyone knew that Jesus was a very special person! They had seen him cure the sick and blind, feed the crowds with a few loaves and fish, and do any other marvellous things. Yet, when Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" only one person knew the answer.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are the son of God. Your love for us is so great, that you suffered and died for us. May that light of your love always burn brightly in our hearts.

