

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl

and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-6, 8-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekial 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20



**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



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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.

2/3 September 2023

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Let Us Pray:

Beloved Lord, teach me how to detach myself from my personal agenda and my earthly affections. May the Holy Spirit instill in me Your thoughts and Your endless love. Amen.

You duped me, Lord!

This Sunday's first reading is one of my personal favorites. I have often felt the way Jeremiah does here. I have yelled at God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" And I allow it again and again. "You knew this would happen, Lord! Why did you lead me into this trial?" Have you ever felt that way?

Why do we let him do this to us? Why do we trust God even though he leads us into difficult situations? Why do we follow Jesus into giving our help and love to others even though it's going to feel very uncomfortable if not downright painful?

Walking with God and serving his kingdom is an adventure. We can expect the unexpected, and unfortunately in this world that includes suffering -- denying ourselves the opportunity to pursue self-centered agendas, taking up crosses, and following Jesus all the way to Calvary (but then of course, all the way to resurrection, too, as explained in the Gospel reading).

Because we love God, we are willing to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, like the second reading asks us to do. This is the highest form of worship; it's a spiritual communion that we experience outside of the Eucharistic liturgy of Mass. In union with Jesus, we *are* the Eucharist.

As Jeremiah's complaint shows us, we can safely complain to God. We can tell him, without getting punished, that we do not like working for him. Complaining to others, however, is a sin because it causes gossip and prejudices and makes God look bad.

Asking for prayer support during our trials is important, and we must keep doing this, but complaining to others shows how little we trust God. Eventually, we will see the good that comes from our sacrifices, and this is what we should communicate to others.

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on whose land we walk, live and worship.

FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

4 Mon	No Mass
5 Tues	No Mass
6 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 6.00pm Rosay on-line via ZOOM
7 Thurs	9:30am Mass
8 Fri	10:30am Lota House
9 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation
23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
	5.00pm Mass (Manly)
10 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly)



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

May all the father's this Sunday, including the father's of the church, have a wonderful day of celebration, filled with love, joy and peace. We also pray for the Father's that are no longer here with us on earth.



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 September 2023.

GOD'S WORD
DAILY REFLECTIONS
2024

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS BRANCH 46 WYNNUM MANLY

Catholic men 18yrs and over, are invited to join the Knights. If you're considering doing so, or would like to know more, you are most welcome to attend one of our **monthly** Branch meetings (followed by a social gathering) on the **2nd Tuesday** (February - November) **commencing 6.30pm** at the Guardian Angels Parish Centre, Chestnut St Wynnum. **You will be made to feel most welcome.**

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Selwyn Norrish, Candelario Iquin, Michael Maguire.

ANNIVERSARIES: Gertrude Anderson, John Brian, Judith Brennan, Kathleen Carter, Peter Carter, David Cootes, Edna Dillon, Val Fagan, Bernard Foster Alan Gill, Cecily Graham, Frank Grainger, Luigi Gregori Luzette Hageraats, Gilda Hankins, Victoria Hardy, Maureen and Margaret Harrison, Annie Horswill, Keith Joseph Imeson, Andrew Jones Michael Kearney, Mary Laracy, Diane Larkins, Lance Lawes, Pat Little, Margaret Murphy, Margaret McIntosh, Peter McIndoe, Lisa Orford (Argent), Jessie Platt, Clem Raine, John Ryan, Florence Schmid, Paul Skillender, Leo Smith, Joyce Starkey, Ray Tranter, Josephine van Daalen, Bob Ward, Sharon Watson, Madge Wiese 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 and 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.



**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. Celebrate our care for our common home by joining an:

**Ecumenical Liturgy at Lychee Lawn, Mt Coot-tha
Wed 6 Sept at 12noon.**

Followed by a guided contemplative walk.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
Sat 2 Sept	Alison G	Jen B	Denise D	Colleen S	Pam	C
Sun 3 Sept	Robert A	Helen C	Steve P	Margaret H	Donna	
Sat 9 Sept	Colleen S	Denise D	Gerardina R	Mikaela A	Anjoline	D
Sun 10 Sept	Donna R	Anne S	June M	Trish E	Nola	

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WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

The Sixth Apostolic Priority is: IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

Pope Francis has offered the Church and the world a prophetic vision and programme in his two closely related texts Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti; and these must be deeply embedded in our plan.

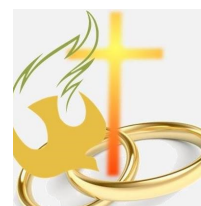
It's thought at times that Laudato Si is simply about climate change; but in fact, it's about much more. It presents a vision of the interconnectedness of all things in the world both natural and human. Natural and human ecology interact in mysterious and unmistakable ways. To interfere with one is to interfere with the other; to promote the good of one is to promote the good of the other.

Fratelli Tutti focuses more upon human ecology in speaking of the radical interconnectedness of all human beings at a moment when alienation and polarisation are making disconnectedness seem the norm. The Church is called in such a moment to be a sign of contradiction, speaking in a way that rises above politics and economics so that a genuinely biblical and Christian voice can be heard.

The question is how we do this in the Archdiocese – not just in word but in action.

This again touches on the need for cultural change.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES



We extend our very best wishes to our beautiful Parish Secretary, Zoe, who celebrates her marriage to Thomas Goodwin this weekend. We pray that they will be blessed with a long, happy and fruitful marriage.



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 6 OF 10

The winner of Draw 6 in the current Knights Silver Circle with **ticket #45** is **Catherine HAMILTON!** 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



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



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

The Parish of St John Vianney, Manly and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023



CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY

For the Children

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

God's way!

No one likes to do something difficult when there is an easier way! Sometimes it is hard to do what we know is right, but today Jesus tells us that we should not try to take the easy way out but follow his way.

LET US PRAY

Lord we pray for people who are suffering difficulties: the homeless and unemployed; the sick and the lonely; the hungry and the poor. Share your courage and strength with them and surround them with your love.

