

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 25:6-10

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 22

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name,  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. R.

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** John 15: 15

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 22:1-14

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious.

He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1, 2-5, 7-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

**SJV FAMILY MASS**

**9.30AM SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER**

Next Sunday the Year 3 to Year 6 children from SJV School will be joining our Liturgical Celebration and leading us in the Liturgy of the Word and bringing forward the Offertory Gifts.

We extend a warm welcome to the children and their families



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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.

**14/15 October 2023**

**TWENTY EIGHTH 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.

**How to Handle Fakers**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses the problem of fakers - people who try to win his friendship by being religious and showing up for the banquet of the Eucharist (Mass) while refusing to enter into a genuine relationship with God.

You know the type: They are friendly as long as it works to their own advantage. They do good deeds but only when it's convenient. They perform Catholic rituals perfectly during Mass but at home they don't even take time to pray. Their faith is so shallow that distractions easily keep them away from Mass. When a priest sins, they leave Catholicism. When their relationship with you requires sacrifice or repentance, they abandon you.

Those who have a genuine relationship with God are identified by the presence of God's love within them radiating outward and blessing others, especially when it's not easy to love. Jesus shows us in today's parable how to handle the fakers. The invitation to join the party is open to everyone, but when people want only the fun of being a child of God and they ignore the hard work of sharing his love with others, God sets up boundaries against them. Think of the people you've invited to your banquet table, into a healthy, Godly relationship, but they've tried to reshape it according to their unhealthiness and immorality.

We should love them but not within harmful circumstances. We should do our own part to make the relationship healthy, but when others do not do their part, they've already abandoned the relationship. God asks us to carry the cross of doing everything possible to invite them to repentance, conversion, and healing. However, healthy boundaries need to remain in place, and when our efforts are fruitless, eventually God says it's time to let go and move on. And always, we're to go back out into the byroads to find those who genuinely value Godly friendships.

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on whose land we walk, live and worship.**



## FOR YOUR DIARY OCTOBER

16 Mon	No Mass
17 Tues	6pm Mass
18 Wed	9:00am Mass 9.30am Rosary 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
19 Thurs	9.30am Mass
20 Fri	10.30am Mass - Lota House
21 Sat	10.30am Baptism - CUNNEEN 4:30pm Reconciliation
<b>29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	5.00pm Mass (Manly)
22 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) SJV Family Mass 10.30am Baptism - CORBETT

## VOLUNTEERS - PAST AND PRESENT

Over the years many people have served the Manly Parish of St Jude's and St John Vianney's as readers, gardeners, cleaners and so on. Fr George would like to recognise these people and their wonderful service, so if you are a current or past volunteer, please add your name to the list in the church foyer.



## CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Commitment Pledges by our Confirmation Candidates have been posted on the notice board in the church foyer. We ask parishioners to support our candidates by adding their names to one or more of these pledges and praying the following prayer for the candidates:

**Come Holy Spirit,  
Fill our candidates with the power of your love.  
Strengthen their faith and give them the confidence they need to share it with others, so that through them, others will witness the power of our love. We make this prayer in the name of the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit. Amen**

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 14 Oct	Laurent F	Confirmation Candidates		Jen B, Alison G	Anjoline	DH, PSK, LF	B
Sun 15 Oct	Mark E	Confirmation Candidates		Jasser N, Nola S	Donna	PN, LCO	
Sat 21 Oct	Jen B	Maureen B	Denis H	Denise D, Gerardina	Pam	PSK, AG	C
Sun 22 Oct	Mark E	SJV Family Mass				SN, LF, CO	

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## OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Eather, Merv Holman.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** N.M Jospeh, Noel Armanasco, Dawn Bone, Hugh Cleary, Mary Cotter, Sr Anne Doherty, Suzanne Dougherty, Paul Forrester, Kerry Greensill, Matilda Iselin, John Kenafake, Antoni Kolbuch, Charles Lewis, Mary Machin, Ester Morrison, George Plant, Noreen Roe, Nancy Sheehan, Ronald Smith, Horace Tranter, Eunice Wade, Jill Rideout Belletty, Veronica Lynch, Kevin Holzberger, Jim Holzberger,

**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, Richard Pook, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Natasha Skitmore, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, 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.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



This weekend we will be distributing the Precious Blood during Communion.

It is not compulsory however, you will not be permitted to instinct (dip the Host in the Chalice).

If you are unwell, please be considerate of the health of others and refrain from partaking of the Precious Blood.

## PLANT SALE FOR THE MISSIONS

Before and after Mass @ St John Vianney's Church  
21 and 22 October

Plants for sale by donation from \$5 - \$10

**CASH ONLY**

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



## WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We extend a warm welcome to the family of **Emily and Max Saunders** who were Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

## PARISH LISTENING GATHERING

Fr George Joseph will conclude his time as Parish Priest at the end of this year. The College of Consultors is a group that advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments. To assist with their discernment, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St John Vianney's Parish. You will be asked to respond to two questions:

1. As a parish, what have we done well?
2. What are our hopes for what the parish will look like in the future?

The gathering will be at  
**6pm Monday 30 October**  
in **St John Vianney's School Hall.**

## VOTIVE CANDLES AT MARY'S ALTAR

The light of the votive candle signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God and show our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even after we depart from the church.

## COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

Thank you to the many parishioners who have given positive feedback about the proposal to build a Columbarium (wall for placing ashes of deceased loved ones) at St. John Vianney's church. As you can appreciate, the project is quite complicated, requiring Council approval and adherence to various regulations. Updates will be provided as and when we have more news.

## International Morning Tea Sunday 29 October



Help us celebrate the multiculturalism of our parish by joining us at our International Morning Tea.

- ♦ **Dress in your National Costume**
- ♦ **Share a dish that represents your Nationality**
- ♦ **Bring your National Flag**

For catering purposes please add your name and details to the Sign-up Sheet in the foyer.

## A MORNING'S PRAYER RETREAT

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 9am -12pm**

**A Morning's Prayer** is a mini retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, providing a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. The morning will be facilitated by Evangelisation Brisbane with time for input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing. The main focus of the morning will be on what God is calling us to do in this lifetime.

**Cost: \$25 including morning tea**

For more information phone 3324 3179 or go to:

<https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/>



**Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
[catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

In two week's time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

**This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.**

*Hearts on Fire*  
**FEET ON THE MOVE**

# For the Children

**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**The Wedding Invitation**

God gives each one of us an invitation to join him in his heavenly kingdom and the celebration of everlasting life. We must choose whether to accept the invitation or turn away from his loving offer.

## LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, you invite each one of us to enter the kingdom if heaven. Help us to make the effort to do things God's way, so that we can accept your offer and be ready to share in your glory at the end of time.



**YES**

**NO**