

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. R.
Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to

come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
And my Father will love them and will come to them
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
Gospel: Matthew 23:9, 10

PARISH LISTENING GATHERING

6pm Monday 30 October

St John Vianney's School Hall

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 appointment. 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 are asked to respond to two questions:

- 1. As a parish, what have you done well?**
- 2. What are your hopes for what the parish will look like in the future?**

Thankyou to those who have already responded to these questions. They have been very encouraging.

To ensure we are heard by the Archdiocese please attend the gathering on Monday.



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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.

28/29 October 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Let Us Pray:

Lord, give me the grace to have You alone reigning in my heart. Let there be no resistance within me. I praise and bless You for being my most precious treasure. Amen.

Whole-hearted love

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us that we cannot love God without loving ourselves *and* others, but God must always come first. And this is only possible if we fully open our hearts and our lives to receive the unconditional, amazing love that God has for us.

When we have difficulty loving God with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on, it's usually because we're spending too much time focused on other people and/or on our own plans and wishes! And it's because we don't truly understand that God is loving us with all of his heart, mind, and soul.

Yes, we must focus on others in order to love them. And yes we must focus on our own needs so that we can love others *as much* as we love ourselves. Our own needs are important and we are responsible for seeing that our needs get met; otherwise we don't have enough to share with others - enough energy, enough enthusiasm, enough kindness, enough patience, etc. Likewise, we can't focus so much on ourselves that we neglect the needs of others.

So the question then becomes: What are the priorities? In other words: How much time should we spend alone with God? How much time should we spend nurturing ourselves? How much of our time and needs and wants should be sacrificed for the sake of others?

Interestingly, we find the right balance only after we put God first and make our relationship with him our highest priority. This divine friendship is what heals us in our unmet needs. It's what empowers us to love others even when they are difficult to love. And we don't have to be alone with God all day to have intimacy with him.

We love him first and foremost simply by relying on him for success in loving others and ourselves. As long as we keep turning to him for guidance, healing and strength, we are loving him with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on.

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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 OCTOBER	
30 Mon	No Mass
31 Tues	No Mass
01 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass - All Saints Day 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
02 Thurs	9.30am Mass - All Souls Day 6.00pm Mass - All Souls Day
03 Fri	9:30am Mass Janoah Gardens
04 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation 31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 5.00pm Mass (Manly)
05 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) 10.30am Baptism - MULLER

ST JUDE’S UPDATE

For a number of years the Parish Finance Council has been engaged in extensive talks with the Archdiocese regarding the sale or lease of a large portion of the land at St Jude’s that is surplus to our needs.

We have recently been informed that the Archdiocese have been involved in discussions with the State Government to identify potential surplus land owned by various parishes which the government may be interested in purchasing or leasing for affordable and/or social housing, and that St Jude’s surplus land has been discussed at a recent meeting. The model the State has proposed is a 40-year lease with an upfront payment of 60% of the valuation of the land (currently ~\$5M). There would be minimal cost to the Parish as the State would be responsible for the development and management of the housing project. At the end of the 40 years, the land and all improvements (roads, housing, infrastructure) would be returned to the Parish.

The next round of discussions between the State Government and the Archdiocese is scheduled for November. Please pray for a satisfactory outcome from these discussions.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 28 Oct	Colleen S	Confirmation Candidates		Jen B, Mikaela A	Anjoline	DH, AG	D
Sun 29 Oct	Holly S	Confirmation Candidates		Margaret H, Mark E	Nola	PN, SN, SCV	
Sat 28 Oct	Nola S	Emily DeL	Sophie DeL	Gerardina R, Colleen	Irene	HS	E
Sun 29 Oct	Mark E	June M	Helen C	Trish E, Jasser N	Donna	SN, LN, SCV	

This parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is situated in the foyer of the church. STOPLINE CONTACT: Phone 1 300 304 400 Email AOB@stopline.com.au

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Ellis, Brian Eather, Merv Holman.

ANNIVERSARIES: N.M Joseph, 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, Irene Gavrilla, Richard Pook, Maureen Handcock, 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.




**CONFIRMATION
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates:

The early Church Community was strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Seven Gifts of the Spirit; Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord, will come upon our candidates at their Confirmation and bear much fruit so they become more like Christ in the world.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY
A decade of the Rosary will be recited before all Masses in October.



GOD’S WORD
DAILY REFLECTIONS

2024

Final opportunity to buy this excellent book from the Piety Stall for **ONLY \$16**




**CONGRATULATIONS
AND WELCOME**

We congratulate and welcome:
Summer and Hudson Smith
who were Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

SAVE THE DATE

**Knights of the Southern Cross
Fundraising Dinner & Mass
Wednesday 29 November
Tickets \$50pp on sale soon**





Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

This week Catholic Mission offers the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and have autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided lifesaving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina’s, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by:

- using the appeal envelope,
- going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor,
- scanning the QR code.

Your gift will also help many other similar mission programs run by the church around the world. Please give generously.

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

**International Morning Tea
TODAY!**



Help us celebrate the multiculturalism of our parish by joining us for our International Morning Tea after the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

MISSIONS PLANT STALL

Due to the generosity of so many parishioners last weekend, the plant stall raised an incredible \$500. All proceeds will be donated to the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale.

A BIG thank you to Bernadette and Roy Edmunds and Joan and Reg Carmichael who provided the beautiful plants that were on sale.

**IN RECOGNITION OF SJV VOLUNTEERS
BOTH PAST AND PRESENT**

Over the years many people have served the Manly Parish of St Jude’s and St John Vianney’s as Altar Servers, Sacristans, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, or gardeners, cleaners, hospitality etc. 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 and indicate the number of years of service you have given

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering Envelopes for Masses to be offered for the Faithfully Departed Souls are now available in the foyer of the church.

Please note, Mass for All Souls Day on Thursday 2 November will be held at: **9.30am AND 6.00pm**



**CHILDREN’S LITURGY
TODAY**

For the Children

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Living Love
Jesus taught us to love God and to love each other more than anything else in our lives.

LET US PRAY
Lord, I have only one life and shall not live this day again. Help me to remember that everyone is my neighbour. If I can do something good or show my kindness, then help me to do it today, for unless love is shared it cannot grow.

