

FIRST READING: Malachi 1:14—2:2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. R.

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. R.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 23:1-12

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in Heaven;
You have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' chair; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.

"But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

THIRTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 24:42, 44

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.

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
6PM WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER**



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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.

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

4/5 November 2023

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Let Us Pray:

Dear Father, with Your Holy Spirit help me make my heart humble. I need the humility of a child who knows that he alone can do nothing, but with his Dad nothing can stop him! Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart resemble Yours. Amen.

Equally loved, equally important

Today's Gospel reading contains a verse that, when taken literally, has been used by some Protestants to condemn Catholicism because we call our priests "Father." By that logic, when Jesus said, "Call no one on earth your father," he meant our dads, too, right? Did he never call St. Joseph by the title father? Perhaps when Jesus as a lad had a question about carpentry he said, "Hey dude who's married to Mom!" I don't think so.

To understand what Jesus means in this scripture, we need to read the whole passage: This singled-out verse is actually part of a teaching about equality. He is telling us that we must not consider anyone to be superior to ourselves -- no one but God is superior to us.

Jesus says here: "The greatest among you must be your servant." At other times in other scriptures, Jesus says that if we want to be greatest, we have to be the servant of all, because we must not think of ourselves as superior to others. But in today's lesson he's telling us not to think of ourselves as inferior, either. He's trying to cure our low self-esteem.

Do you know, for example, that as a person you are not inferior to the pope? This is why he's called the servant of the servants of God. As Christ's representative in Church leadership, he serves us in everything he does, whether it's presiding at Mass or writing a Church document or making authoritative decisions.

No matter what someone's credentials are, no matter how much authority God has given to our priests and other Church leaders, and no matter how rich or famous or well-liked anyone is, we are all equally loved by God. We're all equally important to God. To see our worth, we must learn to see ourselves through God's eyes.

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FOR YOUR DIARY NOVEMBER	
06 Mon	No Mass
07 Tues	6:00pm Mass
08 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 5.30pm Rehearsal - Choir 6.00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
09 Thurs	9.30am Mass 5.00pm Rehearsal - Choir (Youth)
10 Fri	9:30am Mass
11 Sat	9.00am Confirmation Rehearsal 10.30am Confirmation Rehearsal 4:30pm Reconciliation 32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 5.00pm Mass (Manly)
12 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) Choir Sings 10.30am Baptism - BURN

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 land surplus to the needs of St Jude’s.

The Archdiocese have been involved in discussions with the State Government to identify potential parishes with surplus land 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 (~\$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.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 4 Nov	Nola S	Emily DeL	Sophie DeL	Gerardina R, Colleen	Anjoline	HS	E
Sun 5 Nov	Mark E	June M	Helen C	Trish E, Jasser N	Donna	SN, LN, SCV	
Sat 11 Nov	Jane O	Denise D	Alison G	Denis H, Mikaela A	Irene	HS, AG	F
Sun 12 Nov	Roberto A	Steve P	Jasser N	Nola S, Carmel S	Donna	PN, LN, CO	

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OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Majorie Ball, Terence Barron, Eileen Blinco, Pat Brennan, Eileen Brumpton, Dorothy Buckley, Leonard Buckley, Edith Christian, Kathleen Cooper, Prudence Costello, Hazel Fanning , Keyra Hancox, Eunice Harrison, Sr Joyce Hoffman, Sybil (Patricia) Hendry, Arthur Kelly, Bernard Lawder, Margaret Kirkwood, Stephen Leather, Leslie Nutt, Des Osborne, Walter Passey, Noel Peter Phillips, Marjory Ide-Tolley, Edith Smith, Annie Smithson, Joseph Reilly, Graham McAuliffe, Olga Morrison, Dorothy Taylor, Patricia Wamsley, Win Campbell, Margaret McKinless, Mary Watson, Fr Paul Siebert, Eliza (Nellie) Laggan, Francis Mason-Johnson, Sr Margaret McKenna, Vittorio Superina.

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 CEREMONY**

9am & 10.30am Saturday 18 November

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates

SAVE THE DATE

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





**CONGRATULATIONS
AND WELCOME**

We congratulate and welcome:
Sophia and Josiah Muller
who were Baptised in our Parish
this weekend.

SUGGESTION BOX - PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Thank you for your comments and ideas placed in the PPC Suggestion Boxes at both churches. The PPC are currently planning for 2024 and we would **appreciate your ideas on social and/or spiritual events** you would like to see in our Parish next year. Please complete a form and pop it into the Suggestion Box or chat to one of the PPC members any time.

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.



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Your action will make a real, lasting impact. Please be generous.

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

For the Children

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Practice what you preach

The Pharisees were the leaders of the Jewish people. They studied the scriptures and were very proud that they obeyed the Jewish law. The ordinary people looked to the Pharisees for good example, but Jesus told his followers that the Pharisees did not practice what they preached.

LET US PRAY

Jesus, help us to make our actions speak louder than our words, so that others will see that we belong to Christ and may believe in you.

