

**FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16**

*A reading from the Book of Wisdom*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-8**

**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.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 24:42, 44**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out."

But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

**MANLY PARISH OF  
ST JOHN VIANNEY AND ST JUDE  
CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERS  
4PM SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

There is a wonderful, supportive community spirit in the Parish of Manly, which has been achieved through the generosity of many volunteers both in the past and the present. Fr George would like to recognise and celebrate these Volunteers through the sharing of a meal in the St John Vianney Hall. *Volunteers are asked to bring a salad or dessert plate to share. The parish will provide meat and drinks.*

To assist with catering, please RSVP on the Sign-up Form in the Church foyer and indicate whether you are bringing a salad or dessert to share.



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Chair: Peter Smyth-Kirk

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**Parish Finance Committee**

Chair: Hugh Davies

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Position temporarily vacant

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**FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS**

All enquires regarding Funerals and  
Weddings, please contact **the parish office**  
[manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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.

**11/12 November 2023**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**Let Us Pray:**

To follow Your ways, Lord, means giving up everything for You. It means leaving behind what dies in this life. It means walking towards the eternal abundance You provided on the cross for me. Give me the strength I need to say "yes", even though it is sometimes difficult. Amen.

**Trusting an illogical God**

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us what it means to be truly foolish. We believe in Christ - good! We pray - good! We put time into our faith growth and we value opportunities for more faith formation - very wise! And we say that we trust God - wonderful!

But what happens when God doesn't answer our prayers fast enough? What if we need Christ's loving embrace or his protection from evil and yet we're suffering with no end in sight? Where is Jesus then?

Usually, God's timing is not ours. We think we have the right idea about how soon God should intervene when we ask for his help. Right now is a good time for it, right? Of course! But perhaps not from God's perspective. (Why do we want to leave God in charge anyway, if he doesn't see things our way, huh?)

When we despair over unanswered prayer, the reality behind it is that we're emotionally unprepared for any timing that's different from what we think it should be. The foolish bridesmaids thought the groom would arrive before their lamps burned out. They thought they understood the situation. Do we?

Furthermore, if God's plans are illogical - if they don't make sense to us - we distrust them. And then we get ourselves into the mess of trying to handle things apart from God.

We cannot trust our logic. We cannot trust our perception or our understanding of the situations we're in. The sooner we decide to enjoy the absurdity of being a Christian, the sooner we will find out that God's ways are awesomely much, much better than anything we can imagine!

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

## FOR YOUR DIARY NOVEMBER

13 Mon	No Mass
14 Tues	6:00pm Mass
15 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
16 Thurs	9.30am Mass 5.15pm Rehearsal - Choir (Youth)
17 Fri	10:30am Mass at Lota House
18 Sat	9:00am Confirmation Ceremony 10:30am Confirmation Ceremony 11.30am Baptism - PEREIRA 4:30pm Reconciliation <b>33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b> 5.00pm Mass (Manly)
19 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) 10.30am Baptism - HARTIN



## CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL CEREMONY Saturday 18 November

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates

## Another Christmas Knight



**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**  
Fundraiser Dinner for PNG Missions Project  
and Farewell to Fr Michael Twigg OMI  
@ the Manly Bowls Club  
Wednesday 29 November  
6.30pm Mass (Celebrant: Fr George K Joseph)  
7.00pm Dinner

\$50pp (3 course meal, buy own drinks at club prices)  
RSVP by Sun 19 Nov to [Chairbr46ksc@gmail.com](mailto:Chairbr46ksc@gmail.com)  
Contact Leon [Treasbr46ksc@gmail.com](mailto:Treasbr46ksc@gmail.com) for tickets  
(Cash, Card, Direct Deposit or pay at the door)  
Further enquiries: Geoff Burke 0438 113 586

## OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tyler Whitton, Brian Eather, Pat Ellis, 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, Grace Spann, 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, Philip Hunt, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Rose-Marie Dickson, Irene Gavrilla, Richard Pook, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters, Natasha Skitmore & Stacie Stonier.

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.

## NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

November Mass Offering Envelopes are now available in the foyer of the church.



## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS BRANCH 46 WYNNUM MANLY Next General Meeting

Catholic men 18years and over, are invited to attend the next Branch 46 Meeting  
**Tuesday 14 November commencing 6.30pm**  
at Guardian Angels Parish Centre,  
Chestnut St Wynnum

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 11 Nov	Jane O	Denise D	Alison G	Denis H, Mikaela A	Irene	HS	F
Sun 12 Nov	Roberto A	Steve P	Jasser N	Nola S, Katherine	Donna	PN, LN, CO	
Sat 18 Nov	Maureen B	Jen B	Laura F	Gerardina R, Denise	Pam	DH, LF, LAF	G
Sun 19 Nov	Margaret P	Anne S	June M	Mark E, Carmel S	Donna	SN, SCV, CO	

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



**CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME**  
We congratulate and welcome the following children Baptised in the Manly Parish this weekend.  
**Jarrold and Tyson Burn**

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



Looking for Christmas Gift ideas for those who have everything? Please consider **donating a Gift Card** to the Romero Centre as a gift for your loved ones.

- Go Cards, Coles / Woolworths gift cards (\$20 or \$25) Multi shop gift cards (small denominations) or Cash.
- Place cards in the weekend collection, in a **sealed envelope marked The Romero Centre**.  
**Remember, those assisted by The Romero Centre do not have access to government support (Centrelink, Medicare) and are not allowed to work, yet they are refugees fleeing for their lives just as the Holy Family was forced to do after the birth of Jesus.**

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

Register your child's interest in our Christmas Nativity Play on the Sign-Up Form in the church foyer or by emailing Nola on

[sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au)



## NEXT YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

**5.15PM THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Sun 24 Dec: 5.00pm Family Mass (SJV)  
7.00pm Mass (St Jude)  
Mon 25 Dec: 9.30am Mass (SJV)**

## FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Do you hold current First Aid Certification? If you do, please inform Zoe in the parish office.

Email: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

Phone: 3131 2610

## JOB VACANCY, MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

Padua Place, is a housing complex managed by the Alexandra Hills/Capalaba Parish, and is seeking a Maintenance Coordinator. The role has flexible hours and is suited to a retired or semi-retired tradesman. Duties include organising/conducting maintenance of residential units and surrounds, supervision of tradesmen, liaison between management board and tenants. The Successful Applicant will have a current drivers licence, a background in maintenance, be willing to work within the mission and vision of the Catholic Church and the ability to undertake a police check and a working with children check (Blue Card). Applications can be delivered to **St Anthony's Parish Office, 1 St Anthony Dr, Alexandra Hills** or sent by email to [alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au)

## ADVENT REFLECTION MATERIALS

Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with **The Sign: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2023**. If you seek to deepen your faith, foster a sense of contemplation or simply embrace the beauty of everything that is Advent and Christmas, **The Sign** will serve as a guiding light. Now available in the Piety Stall for **ONLY \$6**



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY

# For the Children

## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### Be Ready

It is easy to be ready for something to happen when we know the day and time to expect it. Today Jesus explains that we must always be ready for his return, even though no one knows when he will be coming.

### LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, we know that one day you will return, and we will be with you in heaven. Help us to make each day our best, so that we will always be ready to greet you when you come.

