

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 127:1-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,

around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed

the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the lord;
My branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said, "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22;1-3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

**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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
6PM MONDAY 20 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.

18/19 November 2023

THIRTY-- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Let Us Pray:

Good Father, I will do everything possible with the help of Your grace to ensure that when You call me home, I will hear from Your lips the beautiful words: "Well done, My good and faithful servant...Come share your Master's joy." Amen.

Well done, my good and faithful servant

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us not to bury the gifts that God has given us. To do so is to be a "wicked, lazy servant!" Ouch. We all have at least one buried talent. There's more we could be doing for the kingdom of God, but we think: "Not me. I'm not gifted enough" or "Someone else can do it better than I can" or "God can't be telling me to do that" or "I don't have the time, the financial resources, the know-how, or good enough health" or "I'm retired now and I've been waiting a long time to finally focus on my own desires."

There's no holy excuse for wasting anything good that God has given us, but sadly it happens quite often, because we don't realize how necessary our talents are for the Church and our joint mission of spreading Christ's influence upon the world. What's pushing your gifts and talents aside? What's interfering with your usefulness to the kingdom of God? Now is the time to open wide your potential and release your talents into God's plans!

We are all gifted "enough" to make a difference for God's kingdom, because our abilities come from him. We're his servants, and it's up to him, not us, to decide what we're capable of doing. Even the homebound and the bedridden have a divine purpose that can be accomplished in their circumstances and sufferings. Often, these precious people are very powerful prayer warriors and have some of the soundest wisdom on earth. Have you ever been challenged by the question: "If God is so good, why does he allow evil to happen?" The answer is: It's not God that allows it. It's we who allow it! We are the Body of Christ on earth. We are his hands and feet and vocal chords and embracing arms. Jesus truly wants to make our world more heavenly, but too many of us have seemingly good reasons to bury the gifts that could make a difference. Indeed, this is wicked laziness!

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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

NOVEMBER

20 Mon	No Mass
21 Tues	6:00pm Mass
22 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass 5.30pm Rehearsal - Choir 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
23 Thurs	No Mass 5.00pm Rehearsal - SJV Youth Choir 6.00pm Mass - SJV Graduation
24 Fri	9.30am Mass
25 Sat	9.30am Baptism - DRURY 10.30am Baptism - BRUGIONI 4:30pm Reconciliation
CHRIST THE KING	
	5.00pm Mass (SJV) Choir Sings
26 Sun	7:00am Mass (St Jude's) 9:30am Mass (SJV)

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

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: our very own Fr George)
7.00pm Dinner

\$50pp (3 course meal, buy own drinks at club prices)
RSVP by Sun 19 Nov to Chairbr46ksc@gmail.com
Contact Leon 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. Lists are reviewed at the end of each month.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS



CONGRATULATIONS

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

We congratulate and welcome the 55 Candidates who were Confirmed in the parish of St John Vianney on Saturday morning.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

We congratulate and welcome: **Santi Pereira Hallie and Dawson Padget** who were Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A summary of the financial position of the Parish of St John Vianney (Manly and Gumdale) is available on the Parish Notice Board for all to

PPC SUGGESTION BOX

If anyone has an idea or suggestion they would like raised at the PPC Meeting, please leave a note in the Suggestion Box in the Church Foyer or talk to one of the PPC Members after Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sat 23 Dec: 5pm Vigil Mass Advent Wk4 (SJV)
Sun 24 Dec: No 9.30am Mass (SJV)
Sun 24 Dec: 5pm Family Christmas Mass (SJV)
7pm Christmas Mass (St Jude)
Mon 25 Dec: 9.30am Christmas Mass (SJV)

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

If your child would like to be in the Christmas Nativity Play, we will be presenting it at our *Christmas Twilight on Friday 15 December* as well as during the *Family Christmas Mass at 5pm on Sunday 24 December*. Please register your child's interest on the Sign-Up Form in the church foyer or contact Nola at: sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au



CHILDREN'S LITURGY TODAY

NEXT YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

5.15PM THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

- St Vincent de Paul -

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2023

The Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal for **Non Perishable Food Items** commences **NEXT** Weekend 25-26 November.

Hampers will be delivered on Saturday 16 December so early donations would be greatly appreciated. Donation suggestions include:

CHRISTMAS FARE

Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding (individual)
Christmas sweets/chocolate, long life custard, fruit mince pies, jellies, tinned leg ham

CHRISTMAS TABLE ITEMS

Serviettes, bon-bons, decorations

GENERAL FOOD ITEMS

Tinned/bottles fruit & vegetables, savoury biscuits, tins of biscuits, shortbread

DRINKS

Bottles of cordial/fruit juice, packs of poppers, soft drinks

GIFT VOUCHERS

Woolworths, Coles, Kmart, Target

St Vincent de Paul appreciates the continuing support of the St John Vianney's Parish to assist those in need in our community and to add a little cheer at Christmas time.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
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	
Sat 25 Nov	Gerardina	Jane O	Laurent F	Alison G, Nola S	Anjoline	DH, LF, LAF	A
Sun 26 Nov	Katherine	Donna R	Kennedy C	Margaret H,	Emma	PN, LN, CO	

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For the Children

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A *Gifts from God*

When we love someone, we sometimes give them a gift, something special for them to use and enjoy. God has given talents to each one of us as a sign of his love; these are gifts from God.

LET US PRAY

Heavenly father, we thank you for the talents which you have given to each of us. Whatever our gifts may be, teach us to use them wisely and for the good of others.

