

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any God but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see, Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. R.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from St Paul to the Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus

Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark: 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



**MANLY PARISH OF
ST JOHN VIANNEY AND ST JUDE
Invites all parishioners to our
CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERS
incorporating our
FINAL FAREWELL TO FR GEORGE
4pm TODAY
Sunday 3rd December
in the Parish Hall
This celebration includes a special presentation
to all volunteers followed by a meal.**

*Please bring a plate of salad or dessert to share.
Parish will provide meat and drinks.*

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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.

2/3 December 2023

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Let Us Pray:

My Lord and my God, may my spirit always be attentive to Your Spirit so that the traps of this world do not catch me off guard and keep me away from You. Amen.

A gift for Jesus

Today we begin the Season of Advent. This year, as we prepare for Christmas, think about how you like to show your fondness for the special people in your life by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that you can actually find something (or make something) that will be appreciated, does it always make a difference in the long run?

How many gifts have you given in the past that became mere dust-collectors? Which ones turned out to be truly valuable with a long-lasting impact?

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let's remember to give him a gift, too. God deserves more gifts than anyone else, but what do you give to someone who already has everything? Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn't already have? What have you been withholding from him? What talent or activity or ministry or commitment or change in lifestyle?

This Sunday's first reading reminds us that God is our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help us turn to him. The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So - what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

In the Gospel reading, we're reminded of the need to prepare - to actually do something that makes a difference - for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming. It's also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breath. It's about the way he wants to come to you during this year's Season of Christmas. And it's about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

There's something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what's right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?

Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and for becoming aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn't already have. It should make an eternal difference - for him and for us.

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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
DECEMBER**

04 Mon No Mass
 05 Tues 6:00pm Mass
 06 Wed 9:00am Rosary
 9:30am Mass
 5.30pm Rehearsal - Choir
 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
 07 Thurs No Mass
 5.15pm Rehearsal - Youth Choir
 08 Fri 9.30am Mass at Janoah Gardens
 09 Sat 3.30pm Rehearsal - Nativity Play
 4:30pm Reconciliation
SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
 5.00pm Mass
 10 Sun 7:00am Mass (St Jude's)
 9:30am Mass (SJV) Choir sings

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



BLESSING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

This is a simple way to put Christ back into the Christmas Tree. On the First Week of Advent, when you put up the Christmas Tree, say this simple blessing of the tree.



Dear God,
We ask a blessing upon this tree as it is a reminder to us of the birth of your Son, Jesus. May its green leaves be signs of our hope.

Next week we will provide a blessing for the ornaments we put on the tree.

NEED A LIFT OR CAN PROVIDE A LIFT TO MASS

Do you, or someone you know, need a lift to Mass? Please complete the "I Need A Lift To Mass" form and we will arrange transport for you. If you are able to provide a lift to someone, please complete the "I Can Provide a Lift To Mass" and place it in the PPC Suggestion Box

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Phillip Hunt, Tyler Whitton, Rose-Marie Dickson

ANNIVERSARIES: Trevor Alexander, Edmond Baker, Katherine Barton, Fay Bishop, Dean Bramley, Kevin Byrne, Joan Copley, Catherine Dillon, Sylvia Fens, Alan Francis, Kathleen Galea, Meg Griffiths, Rory Greene, Stephanie Hankins, Jean Kuter, Jennifer Lynas, Olivia Lewis, Eric Morrison, Gerard Ring, Jean Rosenstengel, Madeline Shenton, Henry Sizeland, Wilma Will, Blanca Wiswell, David Vidler, Greg Selwood, Sr Teresita Ahearn

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Stephen Burrows, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilla, Richard Pook, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters, Natasha Skitmore, Stacie Stonier & Peter Smyth-Kirk.

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.

**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY
REHEARSAL**

**Saturday 9 December
at 3.30pm in the church**



Children are reminded to bring a snack and a drink to the rehearsal. For more information contact: Gerry O'Neill Gerryo.oneill@gmail.com

SUGGESTION BOX

Following an idea given by a fellow parishioner, a **Suggestion Box** is now available in the foyer of St John Vianney's and St. Jude's. Please place any ideas, comments or questions directed towards the Parish Pastoral Council in the box and we will endeavour to discuss these at our monthly meetings. Many thanks.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 02 Nov	Nola S	Alison G	Jen B	Mikaela, Gerardina	Anjoline	DH, LF,LAF	B
Sun 03 Nov	Mark E	Helen C-B	Bond W	Trish E, Adeline W	Donna	SN, LN, CO	
Sat 09 Dec	Jane O	Colleen S	Denise D	Denis H, Gerardina	Anjoline	DH, AG	C
Sun 10 Dec	Steve P	Anne S	Carolina C-V	Jasser, Margaret H	Donna	PN, 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 A0B@stopline.com.au



**CONGRATULATIONS
AND WELCOME**

We congratulate and welcome:
Elyse George
 who was Baptised in our Parish this weekend.



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 (\$25 or \$50)
Multi shop gift cards 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 MASS TIMES

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



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
TODAY**



**NEXT
YOUTH CHOIR
REHEARSAL**

5.15PM THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

**- St Vincent de Paul -
CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2023**

The Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal for **Non Perishable Food Items** continues **THIS WEEKEND 2-3 December**. 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.



For the Children

HOPE

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

The Prophecy Candle

Before Jesus came into the world God spoke to His people through the Prophets, telling them about the one who was to come, who will be a light unto the world and saviour to us all. The first Advent candle is a candle of **hope**, it reminds us of how thousands of years ago people **hoped** and waited for Jesus, and today, we can have **hope** in Jesus too.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, when we are struggling and on the hardest days, help us have hope in you and the love you have for us. Let our hope be a light unto the world for others. Amen

