

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the Book of Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away. is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Kingdom of God is near:
Believe the good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after Him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



**Welcome Morning Tea
for Fr Baiyi Gong
will be held after the 9.30am Mass
in St John Vianney's Hall
on Sunday 28 January.**

All parishioners are invited to come along to the morning tea and extend a warm Manly Parish welcome to Fr Baiyi. Please bring a plate to share.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bernie Snell and family on the passing of much loved Ellen. The funeral was celebrated by Fr Franks Jones in St John Vianney's Church on Thursday 18 January.



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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.

20/21 January 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Let Us Pray:

Beloved Lord Jesus: You know that many times my agenda and my passions take control of my life. I surrender to You my mind and my senses so that, placed in you and free from my limitations, they may follow our Father's perfect paths. Amen.

No better time than now

This Sunday's Gospel reading is a call to surrender ourselves fully to God. "NOW is the time of fulfillment" - not just 2000 years ago, not at the Second Coming of Christ, but right now in your life when and where you need Jesus the most. "The kingdom of God is at hand" - what you need from the Lord is right here, at hand, ready for you. "Repent, and believe in the gospel" means "Come follow Me and learn from Me to become like Me."

For the first disciples, it meant dropping whatever they were doing to spend so much time with Jesus that their whole lives were forever affected. And this is what it means for you and for me: We have to put aside our own agendas and busy schedules to spend more time following Jesus wherever he leads us.

In the modern world, we have become more dependent on our technological devices than on Jesus. Many of us cannot even go on vacation without remaining accessible to their employers via the cell phone. Somehow, we need to find a way to take a stand against this. It's one of the social justice teachings of the Church: We are actually called by God to rebel against working on Sundays and other days of rest. Why? Because we need to spend that time with Jesus getting renewed, restored and re-energized. Unfortunately, Jesus doesn't walk through the door and circle dates on our calendar and write "Rest with Jesus" so that we can plan ahead. We have to follow his lead at a moment's notice - every moment. To experience the kingdom of God on the earthly side of heaven, we have to be willing to drop everything to follow Jesus into unfamiliar places at unexpected times. We have to learn to follow his lead even in situations where his way is the surprising way.

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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	
22 Mon	No Mass
23 Tues	6pm Mass
24 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9.30am Mass - Parish Office Closed 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
25 Thurs	No Mass
26 Fri	9.30am Mass - Australia Day - Parish Office Closed
27 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28 Sun	5.00pm Mass (SJV) 7:00am MASS (St Jude's) 9:30am MASS (SJV) 10.30am Welcome Morning Tea for our new priest Fr Baiyi Gong

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
6PM WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY**


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The Parish of Manly embracing the worshipping communities of St John Vianney's and St Jude's is looking for volunteers for the following:
Gardening Group: people with green and not so green thumbs are needed to help us maintain the beautiful lawns and gardens at both churches,
Office Assistants: people with good organisation skills or simply a desire to help out are needed to support the Parish Office. Full training provided.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE
We would like to form a team of Safeguarding Representatives, each responsible for one of the weekend Mass times. We have two positions filled but are still looking for someone for:
Sunday 9.30am at St John Vianney's
If you regularly attend this Mass times and feel you are being 'called' or are 'tapped on the shoulder' by Fr Baiyi, please consider the position prayerfully.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 20 Jan	Alison G	Denise D	Jane O	Gerardina, Mikaela, Colleen	Pam	DH	B
Sun 21 Jan	Bond W	Carolina C-V	Kennedy C	Adeline, Trish, Jasser	Donna	PN, SC-V	
Sat 27 Jan	Laura F	Jen B	Laurent F	Denise, Gerardina, Denis	Anjoline	AG, LF, LAF	C
Sun 28 Jan	Roberto A	Jasser N	Donna R	Katherine, Carmel, June	Nola	SN, LN, 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

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:
RECENTLY DECEASED: Phillip Hunt, Tyler Whitton, Rose-Marie Dickson, Margaret Ewers, Ellen Snell.
ANNIVERSARIES: Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Dulcie Maher, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Jennifer Lynas, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, , Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko, George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Hubert Smith, Eric Steeden, Douglas Southern, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey, Bill Spann, Maria Skubis, Luzdivina Lozano, Jean Hine.
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilla, Maureen Handcock, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters, Natasha Skitmore, Stacie Stonier, Patrick Nofokifolau & Brian Prove.
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.



The Youth Choir resume rehearsals in February. Please contact the office if you would like to be involved in the choir.

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







**CONGRATULATIONS
AND WELCOME**
We congratulate and welcome:
Ludwig Wray
who is being Baptised in our Parish this weekend.

**IONA PASSION PLAY
AUDITIONS THIS SUNDAY AT 11AM**
Experience the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus like never before! The Iona Passion Play is seeking cast and crew, no experience necessary. Auditions this Sunday 21 January, from 11am-12pm at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Family-friendly and performed for over 66 years, join this incredible production in Hervey Bay on March 22nd and 23rd. Don't miss this chance to be part of something special.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
IMPORTANT DATES**
Parent Information Meetings:
Sat 3 Feb at 3.30pm OR Sun 4 Feb at 8am
Classes begin:
Sat 17 Feb at 3.30pm OR Sun 18 Feb at 8am
First Reconciliation Rehearsal: Sat 16 Mar at 10am
First Reconciliation Ceremony: Sat 23 Mar at 10am
Register NOW at sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au



MANLY PARISH KEY REGISTER
Do you hold a parish key? We are updating our parish key register. If you have a parish key please contact the parish office via email or phone. We need to update our parish register with your details and the code written on the key.





**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Resumes
Sunday 4 February 2024**

**BUILDING COMMUNITY
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS**
The PPC members are keen to continue building our parish community through organising a variety of Social Events including:
Bus Trips,
Movie Nights,
BBQ's,
Quiz Nights,
Table 4 Eight Dinners
and so on.
If you have any suggestions and/or would like to help organise any of these events please put a note in the PPC Suggestion Box. All ideas will be discussed at the next PPC Meeting.

ABORIGINAL SUNDAY - TODAY!
On January 26 1938, Aboriginal leaders including William Cooper, met for a Day of Mourning, seeking equality and full citizenship (though it would take another 30 years).
The Australian Churches were then asked to set aside the Sunday before January 26 as Aboriginal Sunday (previously called Aborigines' Day), a day for Christians to act in solidarity with Aboriginal peoples and the injustices being experienced.
The first Aboriginal Sunday is thought to have occurred in 1941. Today, the Common Grace movement encourages individual Christian congregations to reclaim William Cooper's Aboriginal Sunday.

For the Children

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Follow me
Jesus called the first disciples to follow him. Today each of us is called to follow Jesus by sharing God's love with everyone as he taught us to.
LET US PRAY
Jesus, help us to follow you each day, so that in our own small way we can help to make our world better place.

