

FIRST READING: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the Prophet Job

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 146:1-6

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. R.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
he fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. R.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
And endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils.

The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Luke 7:16

**ST JOHN VIANNEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

Invite parishioners to their

Welcome BBQ

Friday 16 February

5-6pm Prep children

6-8pm Years 1-6 children

If you are unable to attend the BBQ you may like to donate a chocolate bar to the ‘**Lob-a-choc**’ fundraising activity being held at the BBQ.



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FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS
All enquires regarding Funerals and
Weddings, please contact **the parish office**
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.

03/04 February 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
Let Us Pray:
May all Your children, Lord, be aware of Your light in us. May we work together so that it may transform the darkness in our hearts. Amen.

Having Compassion in the Midst of Struggle
If Job’s words resonate with you, it may be because he captures the essence of the universal struggle of human existence. Our lives can sometimes seem like they are marked by toil with only fleeting moments of hope. It's a poignant reminder that, at times, we may find ourselves weighed down by the burdens of life, yearning for relief and happiness. We are then shown a different view of life's duties. The Apostle Paul talks about his responsibility to share the Gospel. He willingly becomes like a servant to everyone, adapting to connect with different people to share the message of salvation.

This calls to mind our own responsibilities — are they forced on us like Job's troubles, or do we take them on willingly, like Paul? In the Gospel, Jesus emerges as the epitome of compassionate service. His healing touch and selfless acts of curing the sick and driving out demons depict a profound commitment to alleviating the suffering of others. The passage of Simon's mother-in-law being restored to health and immediately attending to the needs of those around her echoes the transformative power of compassion.

There is another important message that we should take to heart. Jesus takes time for solitude and prayer, even when things are busy. This emphasizes how important it is to connect with God for strength and nourishment, especially when life gets tough. In the midst of life's chaos, it's all too easy to lose sight of the need to turn to God, even when (or possibly especially when) His guidance is most crucial.

Take some time to reflect on the different experiences portrayed in these readings and the lessons God is trying to teach you through them. As you navigate your life's complexities, do you make an effort to fulfil your responsibilities with purpose and to show compassion to those around you?

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FOR YOUR DIARY FEBRUARY	
05 Mon	No Mass
06 Tues	6pm Mass
07 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
08 Thurs	No Mass
09 Fri	9.30am Mass at Janoah Gardens
10 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	5.00pm Mass (SJV)
11 Sun	7:00am Mass (St Jude's) 9:30am Mass (SJV) 10.30am Baptism - LANGAN-KELY

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.

Mass Coordinators: cool, calm and caring people to ensure the provision of the ministries for the Mass of the day - welcomers, readers, servers, collectors, screen operators and so on



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 of the Knights

Tuesday 13 February commencing 6.30pm
at Guardian Angels Parish Centre,
Chestnut St Wynnum

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 03 Feb	Alison G	Maureen B	Denis H	Denise, Gerardina, Colleen	Anjoline	PS-K	D
Sun 04 Feb	Steve P	Sonia M	Anne S	Margaret, Caroline, Mark	Nola	PN, SC-V	
Sat 10 Feb	Colleen S	Jen B	Laura F	Alison, Peer, Mikaela	Pam	DH, LF, LAF	E
Sun 11 Feb	Mark E	Margaret P	Helen C-B	Jasser, Adeline, Trish	Donna	PN, CO	

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OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:


RECENTLY DECEASED: Phillip Hunt, Tyler Whitton, Rose-Marie Dickson, Margaret Ewers, Ellen Snell and Trevor Rose.

ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Ball, Russell Barton, Robert (Bob) Bishop, Murray Bradley, Flynn Brown, Fran Brennan, , George Campbell, Molly Campbell, Sr Denise Candy, Eileen Cook, Leonard Cunningham, Maria Cybulski, Ernie Erzetic, Mary Forbes, John Edward Harrison, Robert Hooper, Ivan Katic, Jamie Kaden, Fletcher McCormack, Peter Martin, Blanche Mahoney, Kai Mathie, Franklin Pankhurst, Valerie Smith, Warren Smith, Mary Thornthwaite, Geoffrey Peake, John Pease, Jill Pleming, Frederick Ward, Kathleen Wellington.

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.

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



HOLY WATER

Following a recent suggestion from a Parishioner, a container of Holy Water will soon be available in the narthex (foyer) of St. John Vianney’s church so people can take Holy Water home for personal use. Parishioners are invited to bring their own bottles or use the small bottles provided.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024 RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST IMPORTANT DATES

Classes begin:
Sat 17 Feb at 3.30pm OR Sun 18 Feb at 8.00am
Reconciliation Rehearsal: Sat 16 Mar at 10.00am
Reconciliation Ceremony: Sat 23 Mar at 10.00am

Register NOW
sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au



Ash Wednesday Mass

9.30am Wednesday 14 Febru-

BRING IN YOUR PALMS

If you have dried palms from Palm Sundays of previous years bring them in to be blessed and Included in our 2024 Ash Wednesday! Boxes will be provided in the foyers of St John Vianney’s and St Jude’s churches for parishioners to leave their old palms by no later than Sun 11 February.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

This year we will be offering Lenten Reflection Groups on Saturday morning. They will begin on:

Saturday 17 February at 9.00am

If you would like to join a Lenten Reflection Group please add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet in the church foyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

From 7pm Friday 16 February, Stations of the Cross will be held in St John Vianney’s Church. Volunteers are required to hold the Crucifix, the candles and to read each Friday. Add your name the Sign-Up Sheet.



CHILDREN’S LITURGY TODAY

Sunday 4 February 2024

For the Children


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus Cures the Sick

Jesus loves all people with a love so great that he died for us. Throughout his life he showed this love by curing the sick and making time to share with others.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, you are always ready to make time for others, especially those who come to you with worries or troubles. Thank you for your love and goodness, and help me remember to make time to spend alone with you. Amen.



PREGNANCY CRISIS INCORPORATED - SAINT VALENTINES DANCE

Fri 9 Feb 6:30-11PM
Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Hall,
616 Ipswich Road, Annerley.

All ages are welcome to this ‘ Saint Valentines Dance’ event. All ticket sales and proceeds are donated to the women in crisis at Pregnancy Crisis Incorporated.

Please see this booking link for more information
<https://www.trybooking.com/COEVT>

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to announce that plans for a Columbarium at St John Vianney’s church (a wall containing niches for placement of the ashes of yourself and/or your loved one’s) are progressing, albeit rather slowly. More details to follow soon.

VOTIVE CANDLES AT MARY’S ALTAR

The light of the votive candle signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God and show our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even after we depart from the church.



**Please do not
extinguish any
lit candles.**

SJV YOUTH CHOIR

Do you enjoy singing?
Do you play a musical instrument?

The Youth Choir at SJV leads our congregation in liturgical singing once a month and is looking for more singers, musicians and adult helpers.

