

**FIRST READING: Genesis 9: 8-15**

*A reading from the Book of Genesis*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle, and every wild beast with; everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you; nothing of flesh shall be swept away by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living thing creature with you for all generations; I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9**

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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 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 Peter 3: 18-22**

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Christ Himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of baptism which saves you know, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the

resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that He has made the angels and dominations and powers His subjects.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

**GOSPEL: Mark 1: 12-15**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Stan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after Him. 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.'

The gospel of the Lord.

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:10, 15-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

**JOIN THE PPC OR PFC!**

If you are interested in volunteering with our parish consider joining the Parish Pastoral Council or Parish Financial Council. Please contact the parish office for more information or to register your interest.

**CCR BARDON HEALING MASS**

**Fri 1 March 7:30pm**

**St. Mary Magdalene's Church**

**51 Cecil Road, Bardon**

Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For more information please contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)



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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.

**17/18 February 2024**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Let Us Pray:**

I ask You today, Lord, to face all those temptations that are too difficult for me to resist. Only You can defeat them in me, I only say 'yes' to Your will. Amen.

**Wrestling with Temptation**

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us the first thing that Jesus did after his baptismal anointing in the Jordan River: He wrestled with temptation. His baptism had marked the moment of his complete surrender to the Father's will. As he arose from the water, he left behind his old life and began a new life of ministry. The Father responded by telling him that he was very pleased, and the Holy Spirit filled his humanness. Jesus as God already had the Holy Spirit (one-hundred percent, he and the Spirit were the same God), but Jesus the Son, who was also fully human, now came fully alive in the Spirit. We can imagine how this experience in the Jordan River gave him the feeling of an elated spiritual high. And the next thing that happens is an attack of the devil. The same pattern repeats itself in our lives. As soon as we experience new growth in our faith, or a new purpose for our faith with a calling to do the Father's will in a wonderful new work of God's kingdom, we run smack into a situation that tests the strength and sincerity of our faith. However, if this didn't happen, how would we know that our faith is strong enough for our daily needs? How would we find out that we've spiritually matured? How would we know that we are ready to make a significant difference for the kingdom of God?

Sometimes without consciously thinking it, we decide that new growth isn't worth the aftermath. If we're going to be tested, and if we fear that we might lose our battle against evil, wouldn't it be better not to grow, not to partner with Christ in serving God's kingdom, not to aim for spiritual highs? Well, that's another temptation! Lent is the perfect time to examine the temptations that we face every day and turn them into new growth that will strengthen our faith. Every time we face a sin and seek God's forgiveness, we become stronger. And if we take it a step farther by walking into the confessional with it, we also receive powerful graces directly from Jesus, through the priest, that will render temptations much more powerless. And this makes us more useful to God in the mission of conquering evil in the world and helping his kingdom spread into the lives of the people around us. Think of temptations as blessings in disguise: Use them as opportunities to purify your life, become more like Jesus, and grow powerful in the faith.

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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 FEBRUARY	
19 Mon	No Mass
20 Tues	6pm Mass
21 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
22 Thurs	No Mass
23 Fri	9:30am Mass with School Students 7.00pm Stations of the Cross
24 Sat	10.30am Baptism - FORWARD 4:30pm Reconciliation <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 5.00pm Mass (SVJ)
25 Sun	7:00am Mass (St Jude's) 9:30am Mass (SVJ)

**MASS COORDINATORS NEEDED**

There is a new volunteer opportunity available for a mass coordinator/s. The role would include the organisation of mass proceedings and assisting with the set up of the church. Training will be provided. This position is open to multiple candidates. For more information please contact the parish office.

**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


**OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sharon Watson, Martin Ball, Russell Barton, Robert Bishop, Murray Bradley, Flynn Brown, Fran Brennan, , George Campbell, Molly Campbell, Sr Denise Candy, Eileen Cook, Leonard Cunnington, 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, John Trevor Gillespie, Audrey Gillespie, Ronald Gillespie, Rosalina Manso Barot, Inda Yeng Malinao, Christopher Leese and John Derrick.

**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.*

**HOLY WATER**


A container of Holy Water is now available in the foyer of SJV 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 at a donation of \$4. Please leave your money in an envelope for the collection.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 17 Feb	Jane O	Laurent F	Laura F	Denis, Gerardina, Colleen,	Irene	AG, LF, LAF	F
Sun 18 Feb	Roberto A	Margaret P	Sonia M	Katherine, June, Carmel S	Emma	PN, CO	
Sat 24 Feb	Maureen B	Gerardina R	Colleen S	Mikaela, Alison, Jen B	Anjoline	PS-K	G
Sun 25 Feb	Carolina C-V	Katherine McK	Kennedy C	Donna, Margaret, Sonia,	Nola	PN, SC-V	

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

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

**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT STEPHEN**

To celebrate the anniversary of the Cathedral of Saint Stephen, The Queensland Symphony Orchestra conducted by Umberto Clerici will perform concerts in the Cathedral on these dates– **Friday 10 May at 7:30pm, Saturday 11 May at 1:30pm and Saturday 11 May at 7:30pm.** Tickets available: <https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING SESSION!**

If you are currently/or would like to become an Extraordinary Minister please come to the training session on **Sunday the 3rd of March at 11am**  
Register your interest via the sign-up sheet.


**QUEENSLAND IRISH CHOIR  
ST PATRICK'S DAY CHOIR  
CONCERT 2024**

The Queensland Irish Choir St Patricks Day Concert is back for 2024! Commemorate St Patrick's Day by enjoying a great afternoon of Irish Music, Song and Dance.  
**At Chermide-Kedron Community Church, Sunday the 10th of March at 2pm.** Doors open 1:30pm. Adults \$25, Children under 15 years \$10.

**LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS**

This year we will be offering Lenten Reflection Groups on Saturday morning.  
**Every Saturday at 9:00am during Lent**  
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 every Friday during lent, 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.

**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.



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INFORMATION**

A summary of the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting is now available on the noticeboards at both St John Vianney's and St Jude's churches for your perusal. Please remember, we are still looking for your ideas and input regarding social events for 2024. Please place your idea/s in the Suggestion Box at the back of each church.  
Thank You.


**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
TODAY  
Sunday 18 February 2024**

# For the Children

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**God saves Noah**  
Today we begin the season of Lent, a time to prepare our hearts for the new light which Jesus brings at Easter. Lent lasts for forty days, just as Jesus spent forty days in the desert before going out to share the Good News. It is a season of hope and new life, as days lengthen and spring approaches.

**LET US PRAY**  
Lord, when we look at a rainbow, we are reminded of your promise to the world. Help us to keep any promises we have made because of our love for you. Amen.

