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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 pm or by appointment

7 December / 8 December 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let Us Pray:

Lord, open my eyes so I may recognize Your work through the people around me. Grant me strength to continue proclaiming Your Word, even when it is not understood by those who share my daily life. Amen.

Preparing for Joy

While we're shopping for gifts, decorating, and sending Christmas cards, what are we doing to make Christmas a new rebirth of Christ for our daily lives?

All the readings at Mass during Advent remind us that this season is a time intended for spiritual preparation. It's tempting to let the busyness of December distract us from the most important purpose of Advent: our personal spiritual growth.

In our responsorial Psalm today, we proclaim: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" Do you actually feel joyful when you mouth these words?

It takes faith to experience joy in the midst of hardships. Faith grows from knowing that the Lord does great things for us because of his mercy – not because we have earned it, as we'll never be good enough. Repenting from our sins opens us to become aware of this mercy. Therefore, Saint John the Baptizer is proclaiming to us today: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Now is the time to ask: What preparations do I need to make? What am I doing to straighten out the messes in my life, the areas of sin that continually distract me from a close relationship with Christ?

What penances will help "make straight" my path?

What's twisted and warped in my thinking, like a road that winds through a jungle of confusion? I pray, Holy Spirit, that you will lead me straight to holiness!

What's rough about me? What's edgy and sharp and rubs others the wrong way? Lord Jesus, smooth me like a diamond polisher.

Throughout, let us examine the ways in which we still need to see the salvation of God. Let us make a plan of action to be holier and happier at the end of the Jubilee Year than we are today!

Questions for Personal Reflection: Which of the above questions stand out most for you? What will you do with this to prepare the way of the Lord so that your faith grows?

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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.

We acknowledge and pay respect to Traditional Custodians on whose land we walk, live and worship.

**FOR YOUR DIARY
DECEMBER**

9 Mon No Mass
 10 Tues 6.00pm Mass
 11 Wed 9.00am Rosary
 9.30am Mass
 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
 13 Fri 9.30 am Mass at Janoah Gardens
 14 Sat 4.00pm Reconciliation

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat Vigil 5.00pm Mass (SJV)
 15 Sun 7:00am Mass (St Jude's)
 9:30am Mass (SJV)

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

As we journey through the season of Advent, our church liturgical environment symbolises this journey with music and song chosen for the specific Sundays; the lighting of the Advent candle; and the Nativity scene. The four Sundays in Advent are a prayerful progression to the celebration of Christmas. This year to emphasize this progression, our Nativity scene will evolve each week to tell the story of the journey towards the birth of Jesus.



Our parish Christmas Mass celebrations:

24th Dec: Christmas Vigil – 5pm at St John Vianney's
Christmas Vigil – 7pm at St Jude's

25th Dec: Christmas Day – 9.30am St John Vianney's

The Christmas Vigil will be a family orientated celebration and will include the involvement of children in a Christmas Play.

Maureen Hassett, Parish Liturgy Committee

Children's Nativity Play All children from our parish are invited to celebrate the birth of Jesus by being part of our nativity play, which will be held at the Christmas Eve Mass, at 5.00pm at SJV church.

Parents, please record children's names and your contact details on the sheet at the entrance to the church. All ages are welcome.

Further details regarding practices etc will be emailed early next week.

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Beth Craig, Helen Armbruster,
 Eva Lisa Alvaro Barot, Leesa Scott, and David Rankin

ANNIVERSARIES: Rose-Marie Dickson, Margaret Ewers, Phillip Hunt, Tyler Whitton, Trevor Alexander, Edmond Baker, Katherine Barton, Fay Bishop, Dean Bramley, Kevin Byrne, Joan Copley, Catherine Dillon, Sylvia Fens, Alan Francis, Kathleen Galea, Meg Griffiths, 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, Phillip Hunt, Tyler Whitton and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sue McDonald, Chris Lee, Francis Raisch, Eric Roberts, John Cliffe, Sue Wynne-Davies, Jack & Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilla, Carlos Manabat, Maureen Handcock, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters Patrick Nofokifolau and Brian Prove.

To include a name in our 'Recently Deceased', the Privacy Act requires the permission of a close relative. For those 'Who Are Sick' requires the permission a close relative. Names of the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners are reviewed at the end of each month.

MAKING DONATIONS TO OUR CHURCH

The options for electronic donations are:

- Use our EFTPOS machine at the Manly parish church. You can swipe, tap or insert your card for the amount of your choice.
- By direct deposit - parish bank details are BSB: 064-786 Acc No: 100002778 Account Name: St John Vianney's Parish Manly

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 7 Dec	Colleen	Maureen	Jen	Mikaela/Denise/Jane	Anjoline	AG	F
Sun 8 Dec	Trish	Helen	Mark	Margaret/Donna/Carmel	Donna	Volunteer needed	
Sat 14 Dec	Alison	Denise	Gerardina	Jen/Colleen/Carmel	Pam	DH	G
Sun 15Dec	Steve	Bond	Harvey	Sonia/Carmel/Adeline	Donna	Volunteer needed	

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: 1300 304 400 Email AOB@stoline.com.au

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal 2024

The Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal **concludes NEXT WEEKEND– 7 / 8 December 2024**. Hampers will be delivered on Sat 14th December.

Thank you to those who have already donated. We would appreciate donations of:

1. Christmas fare e.g., tins of leg ham, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings (individual ones rather than large please), long life custard, nuts & jellies.
2. Tinned / bottled fruit & vegetables,
3. Pasta and pasta sauces.
4. Tins of biscuits, shortbread, fruit mince pies, savoury biscuits (Jatz, water crackers etc.)
5. Bottles of cordial & fruit drinks, packs of poppers, soft drinks.
6. Christmas table items - bonbons, serviettes, decorations
7. Christmas sweets / chocolates
8. Coles, Woolworths, Kmart gift vouchers



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

Podcast by Archbishop Mark – Episode 5 Vision of the New Jerusalem is now available.

Link to website:

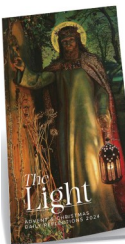
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SU Chaplaincy - Wynnum Manly Chaplaincy

Would you consider donating to school chaplaincy this Christmas? Our chaplains rely on community funding to work additional hours in schools, and all our fundraising pauses over the school holidays. Any support would be appreciated, so head to the website.

<https://su.org.au/donate/wynnum-manly-district-chaplaincy-non-tax-deductible/>



Advent Resource

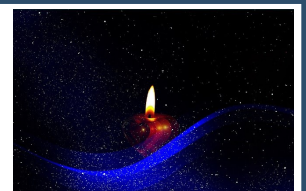
The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024—a comprehensive 88-page book of daily reflections designed to deepen your spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent (1 Dec2024) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 Jan2025), offering profound insights and contemplative thoughts that invite you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God's presence in the world. Cost is \$5 per copy. Available from Piety Stall.

For the Children

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The people of Israel had turned away from God's love. He had promised to send them a saviour, but first he sent someone to prepare the people to welcome the Son of God.

LET US PRAY: Help us, Lord, to be like John the Baptist, filled with our spirit and brave enough to say and do what is right. Give us the courage to choose the right way, despite what others might say or think, because we believe in you and love you with all our hearts. Amen.



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



FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:

since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade

for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

PIETY STALL The Piety Stall is open before and after each weekend Mass at SJV church for your convenience. Please stop by and look at the beautiful gifts available: books, bracelets, rosary beads, Columban Art calendars and copies of the new *God's Word Daily Reflections for 2025*.

SECOND READING: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading:	Zeph 3:14-18
Responsorial Psalm:	Is 12:2-6
Second Reading:	Phil 4:4-7
Gospel Acclamation:	Is 61:1
Gospel:	Lk 3:10-18