



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



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This newsletter is for the 2 weekends of 11 & 12 Jan 2025 and 18 & 19 Jan 2025

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## SACRAMENTS

All enquiries for Baptism,  
First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and  
Confirmation, please contact  
**the parish office.**

## FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

All enquiries regarding Funerals and  
Weddings, please contact **the parish office**

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm 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 cre-  
ate 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.

## Reflection—11 & 12 Jan 2025

### in the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptised; let us also go down with him, and rise with him. John is baptising when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptiser; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptised by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptised by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptised in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

*(From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen)*

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

**FOR YOUR DIARY  
JANUARY**

13 Mon	No Mass
14 Tues	6.00 pm Mass
15 Wed	9.00 am Rosary 7.30 pm Rosary on-line via Zoom
16 Thurs	No Mass
17 Fri	No Mass
<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
18 Sat	4.00 pm Reconciliation 5.00 pm Mass (SJV)
19 Sun	7:00 am Mass (St Jude's) 9:30 am Mass (SJV)
20 Mon	No Mass
21 Tues	6.00 pm Mass
22 Wed	9.30 am Mass 7.30 pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
23 Thurs	No Mass
24 Fri	No Mass
<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
25 Sat	4.00 pm Reconciliation 5.00 pm Mass (SJV)
26 Sun	7.00 am Mass (St Jude's) 9.30 am Mass (SJV)

**SWITCHBOARD UPGRADE**

Brisbane Catholic Education staff and the contractors have visited the school recently and confirmed the dates for the switchboard upgrade.

The dates will be 13 January - 17 January. It could potentially finish earlier. They have tried to avoid a weekend so that there will be no impact on Weekend Masses. This will mean that there will be no power to the Church or Parish Office during this week. Therefore, **the Manly parish office** will be closed next week. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**From Fr Baiyi**

**YOUR IDEAS PLEASE**

What would you like to see happen in the parish in 2025? The Parish Pastoral Council welcomes suggestions and ideas from parishioners to help us plan events and continue to build a vibrant parish community.

Please speak to one of the PPC members or place your ideas in one of the Suggestion Boxes at either church. Thank you.

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Beth Craig

**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, Jean Hine, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Luzdivina Lozano, Jennifer Lynas, Dulcie Maher, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, 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, Maria Skubis, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Bill Spann, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey 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.*

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH -  
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Fr Baiyi, along with the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all volunteer for their invaluable contributions throughout 2024. To show our appreciation, we warmly invite you to a special Thank You Lunch:

- Venue: SJV Manly School Hall
- Date: Sunday, 2 February 2025
- Time: 11.45 am for a 12.00 pm start.

We look forward to celebrating with you and expressing our thanks in person. For catering purposes, kindly record your attendance in the register located at the church entrance.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
<b>Sat 11 Jan</b>	Maureen	Jane	Denise	Gerardina/Carmel/Alison	Carmel	DH	D
<b>Sun 12 Jan</b>	Mark	Trish	June	Margaret/Steve/Katherine	Donna	Volunteer needed	
<b>Sat 18 Jan</b>	Alison	Colleen	Gerardina	Mikaela/Jen/Jane	Anjoline	AG	E
<b>Sun 19 Jan</b>	Jasser	Helen	Margaret	Mark/Trish/June	Donna	Volunteer needed	

## **READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

### **FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.*

‘Console my people, console them,’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service has ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God’.

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30*

**R.** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

### **SECOND READING:** *Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God’s face has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our Great God and saviour Christ Jesus.

He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *cf Luke 3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:** *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **READINGS FOR 18/ 19 JANUARY 2025**

### **FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 62:1-5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you*

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 95:1-3, 7-10*

**R.** Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth,  
O sing to the lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
Tell among his nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, your families of peoples,  
Give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

### **SECOND READING:** *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

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

*One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.

**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:** *1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (cont'd)*

The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles, another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:** *John 2:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it had come from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 25/26 January 2025**

First Reading: *Neh 8:2-6, 8-10*  
Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 18:8-10*  
Second Reading: *1 Cor 12:12-30*  
Gospel Acclamation: *Cf Lk 4:18*  
Gospel: *Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21*