



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

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SACRAMENTS

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FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

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

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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.

A Reading from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council

Liturgical celebrations play a very important role in our Mother Church. It is something that parishioners should learn about and, indeed, participate in fully, actively, and consciously. Below is an excerpt from the documents of the Second Vatican Council. It is also the second reading in the Divine Office for clergy and religious brothers and sisters for the Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is a great piece of reading for our parishioners in general, liturgy committee members, and liturgical ministers. Enjoy reading! Fr Baiyi)

Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptises, Christ himself baptises. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.*

Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man's sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members.

Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a pre-eminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle. With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.

By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord's day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Lord's day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.

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

**FOR YOUR DIARY
JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

27 Mon No Mass
 28 Tues 6.00pm Mass
 29 Wed 9.00am Rosary
 9.30am Mass
 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
 30 Thurs No Mass
 31 Fri No Mass
 1 Feb Sat 4.00pm Reconciliation

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Georgina Powell, Daniel O'Neill

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, Jennifer Lynas, 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, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey, William Spann, Maria Skubis, Luzdivina Lozano, Jean Hine 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.

Parish Office update

Lyndall Skelton has departed from her role as our parish secretary. We appreciate her service since July last year and wish her a bright future in whatever she may pursue.

From now on, the parish office will formally open **one day a week: Fridays**, until further notice. However, emails and voicemails will be checked frequently, and the newsletter will continue to be published as usual.

One of our parishioners, Colleen Skubis, will work as our acting parish secretary during this transition period. Colleen has been a parishioner at SJV for 24 years and usually attends Saturday evening Mass. Since 2016, Colleen also works as a supervisor at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. We thank her for assisting our parish during this time of transition.

We wish to welcome the staff and students back to school next Tuesday and a warm welcome to the new Principal Jaydem Hadson and his family to our beautiful part of the world.

Notice to all welcomers, readers, EMHC's and altar servers Please note the February roster will be emailed next week.

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 25 Jan	Jane	Maureen	Jen	Denise/Gerardina/Carmel	Pam	DH	F
Sun 26 Jan	Katherine	Bond	Harvey	Adeline/Margaret/Jasser	Donna	Volunteer needed	
Sat 1 Feb	Gerardina	Denise	Jane	Mikaela/Jen/Colleen	Carmel	AG	G
Sun 2 Feb	Steve	Mark	Trish	Margaret/Carmel/June	Donna	Volunteer needed	

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Job Opportunity at Manly Parish

Title: Parish Manager and Pastoral Associate (two roles, one position)

Status: Full-time: Four weekdays and one day on either Saturday or Sunday (negotiable with the priest).

Tenure: Permanent

Main Duties as Parish Manager: • Office administration duties • Maintain parish records • Liaise with the priest, ministry coordinators, the school, the Archdiocese, and other key stakeholders • Manage Flocknote communications • Ensure safeguarding compliance and workplace health and safety (WHS) • Provide financial management support • Maintain parish registers • Edit the parish newsletter and update the website

Main Duties as Pastoral Associate: • Provide pastoral care under the direction of the priest • Support various ministries (e.g., sacramental program, RCIA, children's liturgy, etc.) • Complete Archdiocesan mandatory training • Manage copyright and privacy obligations • Assist with the celebration of weddings and funerals • Organise training and formation programs under the direction of the priest We are looking for an organised, tech-savvy, detail-oriented individual who works with enthusiasm and efficiency, has a strong Catholic faith, and is passionate about the mission and ministry of the Church. As an integral member of our parish team, you will play a central role in addressing both administrative and pastoral needs, ensuring smooth operations and helping to share the Good News of Jesus with others.

Please note: This is not a full position description. Once you have expressed your interest in this position, a complete position description will be provided. If you would like to have an informal chat with Fr Baiyi Gong to learn more about the position before formally applying, you are most welcome to make an appointment with him via the email address below.

Please send your application and resume to Fr Baiyi Gong at gongp@bne.catholic.net.au.

Applications close on Monday, 27 January 2025.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Mal 3:1-4
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 23:7-10
Second Reading:	Heb 2:14-18
Gospel Acclamation:	Lk 2:32
Gospel:	Lk 2:22-40

Question and Answer

Recently, a parishioner enquired about the ingredients of our low-gluten bread for Holy Communion. There might be other parishioners who would also like to learn more about this matter, so I would like to take this opportunity to provide an explanation. I hope this information will help parishioners make informed decisions about whether to receive the host or not, based on their individual circumstances.

Regarding the bread and wine for Holy Communion, the Canon Law states:

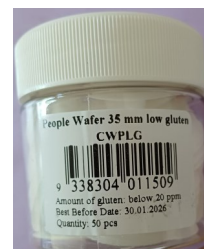
Can. 924, §1. The most holy Eucharistic sacrifice must be offered with bread and with wine in which a little water must be mixed.

§2. The bread must be only wheat and recently made so that there is no danger of spoiling.

§3. The wine must be natural from the fruit of the vine and not spoiled.

Therefore, the altar bread used for Holy Communion must be made from wheat and water, with enough gluten to attain the "Confection of bread." For this reason, gluten-free bread, which does not meet the requirements for the confection of bread, cannot be used for Holy Communion.

At St John Vianney Parish, we use low-gluten bread for Holy Communion. This bread contains less than 20ppm of gluten, as shown in photo one, which, according to Coeliac Australia, is a safe level for coeliac patients to consume and meets the requirements for the confection of bread for Holy Communion, as shown in photo two.



Parishioners can decide whether to receive the Body of Christ based on their health circumstances. If they choose not to, they may receive the Precious Blood of Jesus alone, which is considered full reception of Holy Communion, as Jesus cannot be divided. While we are encouraged to receive Holy Communion under both species, receiving either the Body or the Precious Blood alone constitutes full reception of Jesus. It is never a matter of receiving "half of Jesus."

Fr Baiyi



Please join us for morning tea after the 9.30am Mass today

FIRST READING: *Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm *s 18:8-10, 15 (JB)*

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

SECOND READING: *Corinthians 12:12-14, 27 (JB)*

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *cf Luke 4:18 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (JB)*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the down trodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.