



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



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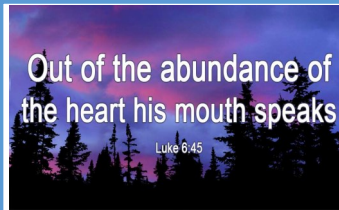
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All enquiries for Baptism,
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and Confirmation, please contact
the parish office.

FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

All enquiries regarding Funerals and



Out of the abundance of
the heart his mouth speaks

Luke 6:45

At Rome, during the 16th Century, the most famous confessor in town was **St Philip Neri**. Popes and paupers sought his counsel and spiritual direction.

One day a famous Duchess came to him and confessed the sin of gossip. Philip Neri told her to go home and get a feather pillow and return to the steps of the Church. Some time later he met her there and produced a small knife. He told the noblewoman to rip open the pillow. As she did, the swirling wind in the square picked up the loose feathers and they danced around the square and down the lanes.

St Philip and the Duchess watched in silence as the feathers went everywhere. He then turned to her and said, "Now, go and collect all the feathers." To which she protested, "They have gone everywhere, I couldn't possibly find and regather them." "So too with your tongue, Madam," St Philip scolded her, "You have no idea where you gossip goes and you can never unsay it."

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that our words reflect the state of our hearts.

To know something about someone else can put us in a more powerful position with friends or colleagues. By being able to share what we have 'just heard', we are seen to be current and interesting. But this type of power is destructive because our friends normally assume that when they are absent they are maltreated in the same way. Gossipers have more alliances than friendships.

The most malicious gossip often comes out of envy. Envious gossip often sees people make things up about others and pass it off as though it were true. There is no place for the 'rumour file' in the Christian life.

Boredom, however, is a modern cause for gossip.

Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation and correction in the Christian life. Just that we have the responsibility to very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. May this Eucharist, then, help all of us let go of the need to be powerful, the deadly sin of envy and more creative with what we do when we are bored. May it help us make better choices about how we speak, to whom we speak and what we say.

St Philip Neri knew it all too well: most times we cannot know the consequences of what we say and we can never unsay it.

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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 the Traditional Custodians of the land
on which we meet, the Quandamooka, Yuggera and
Turrbal Peoples, and pay our respects to Elders past,
present, and emerging.*

FOR YOUR DIARY
3RD-9TH MARCH 2025

3rd Mon No Mass
 Funeral Service Luigi Pippo
 @11 am Hemmant Chapel

4th Tue No Mass

5th Wed 9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Ash Wednesday Mass
 7.30 pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM

6th Thurs 11.00 am Funeral Mass-
 Elizabeth Smith (Betty)

7th Fri No Mass

8th Sat **1st Sunday Lent Yr C**
 4.30 pm Reconciliation *Fr David Willis*
 Vigil 5.00 pm Mass (SJV) *Fr David Willis*

9th Sun 7:00 am Mass (St Jude's) *Fr David Willis*
 9:30 am Mass (SJV) *Fr David Willis*
2.30pm Rite of Election
 (St Stephen's Cathedral)



**Congratulations to our
 Candidates for Reception into
 Full Communion:
 Asher, Brodie and Steve &
 Our Catechumens
 Jack, Moihi & Carissa who will
 be received as Catechumens at
 the Rite of the Elect on Sunday
 at St Stephen's Cathedral.**

Our Sacrament Preparation Sessions

Preparation Sessions are as follows:

- * **Week Two:** 1st OR 2nd March
- * **Week Three:** 8th OR 9th March
- * **Week Four:** 15th OR 16th March

Practice for the Liturgy: 22nd March
Sacrament of Penance: 29th March



**World Day of Prayer 2025—
 Cook Islands**

'I made you wonderful'



Friday 7 March 10.30am
St Joseph The Worker Church
15 Peplow St HEMMANT

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



Mass will be celebrated on
Wednesday
5th March.
At 9.30 am
St John Vianney Church

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 1st Mar	Alison	Denise	Gerardina	Jane/Colleen/Carmel SK	Anjoline	AG	D
Sun 2nd Mar	Steve	Sonia	Margaret	Margaret/ Carmel S/ Adeline	Donna	Volunteer needed	
Sat 8th Mar	Gerardina	Jane	Colleen	Mikaela/Denise/ Alison	Pam	DH	E
Sun 9th Mar	Trish	Mark	Anne	June/Steve/Donna	Donna	Volunteer needed	



We welcome Fr David Willis who will preside at all weekend Masses here at St John Vianney's until Easter. Fr Paul Murphy will preside on Ash Wednesday and at St Jude's, Gumdale on Sundays.

Knights Manly Mingle is back by popular demand!

Saturday 01 March 2025 following the 5pm mass.

The Knights of the Southern Cross will host a fund raising BBQ after Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialise with fellow parishioners for great food and a great time.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED AND WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCURE AT THIS TIME:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Luigi Pippo, Elizabeth (Betty) Smith, & Sr Joan Cusack

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jillian Rideout Belletty, Victor Berger, Paul Bouton, Brian Cahill, Frances Cassell, Gina Clair, Alice Condon, Stephen Connor, Maxwell Cooper, Barry Edward Creevey, Louise DeWeger, Beatrice Fox, Keith Furner, Colin Freebody, Norman Hare, Trevor Hankins, John Harrison, Kevin Hatton, Kathleen Howard, William Jackson, Margaret Lawder, Brett Ledwidge, Mervyn Lewis, Mary Massie, Alec Mathams, Thomas Murphy, Geoffrey Peake, Bernard Peterson, Ann Riseham, Ivy Rafter, James Retchless, Trevor Rose, Valerie Smith, Ellen Snell, Reginald Thurlow, Patrick Tranent, Anastasia Tripcony, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Tyler Whitton, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise

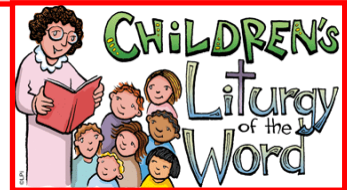
THOSE WHO ARE SICK: DAN O'BRIEN HAS JUST STARTED PALL CARE AND IS VERY ILL. PLEASE ALSO KEEP PRAYING FOR ALL WHO ARE ON OUR LIST: Sue McDonald, Chris Lee, Francis Raisch, Eric Roberts, John Cliffe, Sue Wynne-Davies, Jack & Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilla, 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Seeking Volunteers: Children's Liturgy

We are excited to announce that Children's Liturgy will soon be



recommencing at St John Vianney's, Manly at Sunday's 9.30 am mass. *Children's liturgy provides the opportunity for young hearts and minds to be introduced to God's Word, the beauty of prayer, and the love of Christ.*

How You Can Help: Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for compassionate, dedicated individuals to help lead and support our children during Children's Liturgy. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry please contact Philippa Ewer at Philippa.ewer@gmail.com. It is anticipated volunteers will be rostered on to lead/support two sessions per term during mass time.

Prayer for Pope Francis



Loving God,

We ask you to look with favour on your servant, Francis, who has served you as a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as a pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that your Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace, and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

by Fr James Martin S.J.

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

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



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time C Sunday 02 Mar 2025

First Reading *Sirach 27:4-7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on
the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 91:2-3, 13-16.*

Response: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Next Sundays Readings

First Sunday of Lent—Year C

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10
Responsorial Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:54-58*

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation *Philippians 2:15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 6:39-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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