Second Sunday of Lent Yr A 8th March 2020

Our Mission: 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 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.

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St John Vianney's, Manly & St Jude's, Gumdale

"Lord, it is good for us to be here"....

Now as we enter the Second Week of Lent, our task is to continue to examine our hearts and to repent in order to prepare ourselves for the glorious paschal mystery. The Gospel this weekend speaks of the transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of His disciples, manifesting to them His divinity to strengthen them in their faith before He enters into His Passion and death on the cross. The invitation to "Listen to him" is directed to the disciples and us. We need to pray and listen to what God says during this Lent and yet we know God has no need of our prayer, in fact the very desire to pray be a gift from God. So I invite you during this Lenten season to spend an hour to be still before God in our Birkdale Chapel through the 40 Hours adoration on March 27th- 29th. You are invited to come and pray anytime during the 40 hours or commit to spend a specific hour with Jesus.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at Birkdale church starting at 9.00 am followed by Holy Mass.

Good News for kids

Our parish is aiming to start children's liturgy to explain the message of the Gospel and to stimulate involvement from the children so that they can relate to their own lives. The children's liturgy sessions are run by parish catechists and volunteers. They take place during the mass. The children are led out by catechists at the start of mass, and return during the Preparation of the Gifts. Each session is led by at least 2 Adult. Parents can also assist children to engage more fully in the Sunday Gospel by looking up the weekly readings prior to attending Sunday Mass. Children's Liturgy will take place about every first and third Sunday. The sessions go for no more than 20 – 25 minutes during the 9:30am Mass at Manly and 8.00 am mass at Birkdale and that includes time for a themed activity. All children are welcome to join in. If you are interested in this ministry please email the Parish. It's a great way to get involved in the Parish.

Your presence here makes all the difference....

Our parish needs more volunteers for all the Ministries and volunteers play an important part in the day to day operation of the parish. If you are interested in any ministry, please email the Parish or talk to me. It's a great way to get more involved in the Parish.

About That Virus COVID-19

There is a message below from the Archbishop about a response to the coronavirus.

- Parishes should refrain from distributing Holy Communion from the chalice until further notice, with a reminder to the faithful that Christ is fully present under either species.
- All ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before and after distributing, and provision should be made for this.
- When exchanging the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" with some eye contact and perhaps an appropriate gesture.
- Holy water should be temporarily removed from fonts at the doors of churches, though still be available for people to take home.
- Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol based gels or rubs (or like products) available near the entrances.
- It would be preferable and perhaps prudent for people to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue, but the decision on this is left with the communicant at this stage.

The Archdiocese will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide further advice as required. In the meantime we pray fervently that the threat of COVID -19 will ease, that those suffering from the virus will be cured and that those working for its relief will be strengthened.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Life is all about MOVING ON, accepting changes and looking forward to what makes you stronger and more COMPLETE.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Krystyna Kelly, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Dennis Patterson, Carmen Phairs, Irene Gavrila, Rosa Maria Santos, Dawn O'Sullivan, Leon and Roz Thomas, Maura Poots, Angela Geraghty, Hugo Callan, Joan Francis, Angela de Weger, Terry Coles, Margaret Brennan, Ted Chapman, Fr Frank Jones, Leslee O'Connell, Sally Maletz, Katherine Pickering, Helena Duimpies, Stacie Stonier.

For a name to be included in the 'Prayer for our Sick' list, the Privacy Act now requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative.

ANNIVERSARIES: 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, Brett Ledwidge, Margaret Lawder, Mervyn Lewis, Mary Massie, Alec Mathams, Thomas Murphy, Geoffrey Peake, Bernard Peterson, Ann Riseham, Ivy Rafter, James Retchless, Valerie Smith, Patrick Tranent, Reginald Thurlow, Anastasia Tripcony, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Les Sellwood (Chairperson) Joshua Walsh (Secretary), Bruce Corrie, Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez, Maria Jones, Pam Chapman and Julia McLean.

This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Child Safety and Protection of Vulnerable Adults policy is situated in the foyer of the church.

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer for Manly is Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739 STOPLINE Contact; AOB@stopline.com.au

Entrance Anthiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek:
hide not your face from me.

First Reading: **Genesis 12: 1-4**

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22.**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading: **2 Timothy 1: 8-10**

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel Acclamation : **Mt 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: **Matthew 17: 1-9**

His face shone like the sun.

The Prayers of the Faithful:

For our Holy Father the Pope, for our bishop, our priests and our pastoral ministers, that their life of service be blessed and renewed, we pray to the Lord:
Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For the members of this faith community, that we never take for granted the precious gifts of life and love, we pray to the Lord:
Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For the children on their sacramental journey and their families, that they may always walk in the light of Christ, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For all who are terminally ill, that their hope of life be strengthened by the care and comfort they receive, we pray to the Lord:
Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have died, that they rejoice in the glory of God's kingdom of everlasting life, we pray to the Lord:
Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS the Parish is in need of volunteers at the weekend masses. If you would like to help with the following duties please let the parish office know by emailing your details to: manly@bne.catholic.net.au
Full training will be given to all interested people.

** **SACRISTAN DUTIES**
** **READERS**
** **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**
** **ALTAR SERVING**
** **CD and POWER POINT SCREEN OPERATORS**
** **HOSPITALITY**
** **COUNTERS, CHOIR AND MUSICIANS**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults. **Thank you in anticipation.**

40 Hour Adoration As in previous years we will host this most precious devotion of grace by continuous silent prayer before Jesus. This year, Adoration will be at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale. Adoration begins **Friday 27th March at 6:00pm** and continues through until **8:00am Mass on Sunday 29th March.** Please consider spending one hour over the weekend in silent prayer before Jesus. A roster for the 40 hours of continuous Adoration is on the Welcome Desk.

Call for Volunteers The Manly parish would like to establish a choir accompanied by musicians at all Manly masses. If any parishioners have these skills and would like to be part of this ministry could you please contact the Music co-ordinator Pam Chapman on 0421 690 345 or email: pambiggs07@gmail.com. Just a reminder all volunteers are required to have a Blue Card. Forms are available at the parish office and help to complete them is always available.

Mass of Anointing – will be celebrated at 9.30am in the church on **Friday 13th March** at St Mary MacKillop Church, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale. Morning tea to follow in the parish centre. All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.

Dates for Penance and First Confirmation 2020

Penance:
14th and 21st March - Classes from 3:30pm—5pm Mass
15th and 22nd March - Classes from 8am –9:30am Mass
Tuesday 24th March 6:30pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Children and Parishioners
First Communion:
23rd and 30th May - Classes from 3:30pm—5pm Mass
24th and 31st May - Classes from 8am –9:30am Mass
6th and 7th June - Rehearsal (6th at 3:30pm, 7th at 8am)
13th June(5pm) and 14th June(9:30am) - First Communion

Counters Group: D

Next Week's Roster: 15th March 2020 3rd Sunday of Lent Yr A Ex 17: 3-7; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Screen	Hospitality
5:00pm Jamie B	5:00pm Denis H	5:00pm Michaela A Kelly C	5:00pm Scott B	5:00pm Tarah McG	5:00pm Liz W
9:30am June M	9:30am Anne S Dee P	9:30am June M Dee P	9:30am Isla McF Iona McF	9:30am Tracy J	9:30am Tracy J
7:00am ***St Jude's*** Lorraine B	7:00am ***St Jude's*** Mark R	7:00am ***St Jude's*** Helen McN			

St John Vianney's Manly Mass Times
Tuesday - 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday - 9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass
(Morning tea served after Mass)
Saturday - 4:30 Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass
Sunday - 9:30am Mass
St Jude's Gumdale Sunday - 7am Mass

St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Mass Times
Thursday - 5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass
Friday - 9:30am Mass
Saturday - 6:15pm Mass
Sunday - 8:00am Mass
Carmelite Monastery 7:00am Monday to Saturday

CARITAS Project compassion envelopes and small collection boxes are available at the back of the church.