



# Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr A 3rd May 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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## Help US Connect with YOU....!

Even in these dark pandemic days, the Church continues to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead during the Easter season. The Fourth Sunday of Easter on the Church's calendar is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Good News is that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who loves His sheep, even to the point of laying down His life for them. Jesus often used the imagery of shepherds and sheep to show His commitment for those in His care. He, the Good Shepherd, exemplifies the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. The imagery is old, but the message is still relevant to us.

It's been four months now since I arrived in this parish as your pastor. Unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to know everyone in this parish before this lockdown began. This COVID-19 virus has affected so many aspects of our lives in different ways, our health, finances, our social interactions and also our spiritual situations. So many parishioners feel pain at not being able to come to Mass and receive Holy Communion. I've received a couple of emails from our parishioners expecting some contact from the parish and the priests. Please be assured Fr. Prem and myself still offer Masses and you all are in our prayers and thoughts, despite the empty pews.

Our parish staff, pastoral council members are devising new ways for the parish to keep in contact. We can maintain our parish connections. These people will introduce themselves and say they are phoning on behalf of the parish. The phone contact is to assure you that you have a valued connection with our parish. If your contact details have changed, please email, or phone the office and help us to stay in touch. Occasionally we will send an email from the parish office to keep you connected with the parish newsletter. If you miss out it is because we don't have your current email address. Once we know it we will follow up. If you know some-

one who would like a copy, please print and share with them.

You can also collect the newsletters from the entrance of the church. This newsletter has been prepared for parishioners and friends without a computer. Please check out our Parish Website [www.manlycatholicparish.org.au/](http://www.manlycatholicparish.org.au/) and click on 'Stay Connected'. Inside you will find the latest updates and links to the live streamed Mass from the Cathedral as well as Liturgies for you to be able to use at home during this difficult time while the church must be closed.

Parish Office hours have been reduced due to the current circumstances. Staff are working from home and will only be in the Parish Office on Wednesday and Fridays 9am - 12:30pm at Manly parish office. You can keep in contact with us by email or phone and we will endeavour to make contact with you as soon as possible.

As you know, with the suspension of public Masses, collections are not taking place, which places some strain on our parish finances through considerably reduced income. We understand that many are facing the task of preparing for the financial difficulties that lie ahead. If you are able, please remember the parish in your thinking and planning ahead. We are most grateful for the assistance you feel you are able to offer in this difficult

time. May I express our deepest thanks and appreciation to our parishioners for your continued support of our Parish. Our parish account details:  
**Account Name:** Manly Parish  
**BSB:** 064786  
**A/C Number:** 006716002  
 Thank you for helping us keep in touch.  
 Blessings,  
 Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

### QUOTE OF THE

#### DAY:

The most difficult task is to make everybody happy, the simplest task is to be happy with everyone.

**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, Leslee O'Connell, Sally Maletz, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Val Steeden, Don Fraser

*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:** Sr Dominic (Margaret) Burke, Margaret Bourke, Phillip Bright, Sr Veronica Casey, Margaret Coughlan, John Fens, Paola Grima, Colette Hinchy, Kathleen Hodge, Kenneth Leather, Agnes Marano, Hugh Massie, Philip McCudden, John McMahan, Peggy Nunn, Sr Raphael O'Connor, Joseph O'Malley, Sr Mary-Ellen Perry, Marian Rybarczyk, Leslie Shead, June Sheppard, Florence Tarrant, Lawrence Thatcher, James Treacy, Bronislawa Wojtasik.

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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.

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

**Entrance Anthiphon:**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41****God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22: 1-6****The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25****You had gone astray but now you have come back to  
the shepherd and guardian of your souls.**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation : John 10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 10: 1-10****I am the gate of the sheepfold.**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

**The Prayers of the Faithful:**

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness, isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery:  
**Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

For world and civic leaders, that they may be guided by the loving compassion of the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord:  
**Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

For our Mother, the Earth, source of all greenness, that we may care for her with gentleness and justice, we pray to the Lord:  
**Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace:  
**Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

**Announcements:**

- The parish office will only be open on **Wednesdays and Fridays between 9am and 12:30pm**. *In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr Dantus on 3396 0742*. During this time we are providing the newsletter and other weekly resources to parishioners via email. If you wish to receive the newsletter via email. Please email your details to: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)
- **Please note that fencing has been installed on the parish boundary for security reasons. Parishioners are welcome to enter the parish through two gates located in the fence.**