



# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Yr A 7<sup>th</sup> June 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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## Jesus is the "bread of life".....

This weekend the Church is celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This special Feast is celebrated in remembrance of Jesus who gave His life for our salvation and commanded us to celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in His memory. Most of our parishioners have a strong desire to gather together again. I've heard lots of people talk about their longing and excitement for the grand reunion that will take place once life gets back to normal. As we are aware under the current restrictions we may not be able to come to the Church as a Eucharistic community but every time we gather for the Eucharist, it's like being in that upper room with the first disciples, and the Lord is present again to support and to challenge us. The more we become aware of Christ living and acting in and through us as His Body, the more meaningful will be our gathering around His table of the altar.

The feast of Corpus Christi has always reminded me how real and close Jesus is as present to us. I think it is important that I bring you this for your reflection. How often do we receive Holy Communion as a force of habit, in order to be seen by others, in order to be counted pious? Do we really have a deep faith in the Eucharist? Do we prepare, through prayer and recollection for Mass and Communion. Are we thankful to God for this marvellous gift? We are reminded not to be careless in our adoration and belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Every single particle of the bread of the host, and every single drop of the wine in the chalice, even to the smallest particle, is the Real Presence of our Lord Himself, fully present in Body, Soul and Divinity. To strengthen our faith, from time to time, God has allowed visible Eucharistic Miracles to occur in various parts of the world so that we may believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Dear friends, therefore today, as we commemorate this great Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us all rediscover our understanding and respect for the Lord who has given us His own Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Let us all start from deep within, by striving to participate more actively in the celebration of the Holy Mass, and by receiving Him humbly and reverently in the Eucharist.

## There are few notices for your attention.

We are now able to have more people in our churches for Masses, baptisms and funerals (Funerals remain capped at 50 attendees) though the need for distancing and sanitising will still apply. We have protocols in place in each church that is a register to record your contact details, sanitiser at entrances and antibacterial wipes to wipe over your pew as you leave the church. A marshal will be at each mass to guide you and a sign will be placed on the pews to show you where to sit. Our Manly church has got a maximum seating capacity of 84 people under the current restrictions. We have Masses on Wednesday 9.30 am at Manly or Saturday vigil Mass at 5.00 pm and Sunday 9.30 am. Please see announcements on back page for information regarding mass bookings.

We had a number of Baptisms postponed during COVID-19, so as restrictions are eased in Qld, you are invited to contact the parish office to re-register your Baptism over the coming months.

The collection plate will be placed at the entrance of the church rather than be passed around at this stage. Thank you very much for your generous financial support for our Parish.

Blessings,  
Fr. Dantus Thottathil

**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 Gavriila, 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, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Val Steeden, Mitchell Swee

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** Ethel Barker, Andrew Caltabiano, George Carney, Breeanna Castillon, Sr (James) Cavanagh, Sr Emmanuel (Mary) Conneely, Gerald Costello, Agnes (Nancy) Davies, Andreas de Bruijn, Hester Deutschmann, Clarence Dunlop, Jacqueline Farmer, Geoffrey Harrison, Kathleen Hodge, Alan Kane, Francis Kate, Naomi Keller, Jackie Kneeshaw, Bessie Lucker, Patrick McDonald, Christins McMahon, Clara Mills, Agnes Marano, Monica Mulheran, Kate Newman, Mary O'Shea, Richard Pittock, Josefa Raleigh, Francis Ritchie, Lenore Segeren, Lawreen Smith, Terence Shephard, Helen Stewart, Lothar Thiel, Dudley Taylor, Sr Francis Perry, Annie Smith, Eva Mancktelow, Harold Smith, Helen Stewart, Phyllis Sticher, Monica Wells, Kenneth White, Geoffrey Williams

## QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**Be strong enough to walk away from what isn't best for you, and be patient enough to wait for the blessings you deserve.**

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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@stoline.com.au**

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

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

**He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.**

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Daniel 3:52-56

**R.** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.**

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

**My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.**

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

That this assembly will delight in Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That God may be close to all who work to heal us: nurses, doctors, carers, chaplains, hospital cleaners and porters, nursing home staff, GPs, pharmacists, scientists and everyone involved in the fight against coronavirus, Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those who suffer from COVID-19 today may experience peace and new strength. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our friends who are sick, in hospitals or nursing homes that the Spirit may help them each day, Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

That the dead, will be raised up to sing God's praise in heaven, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

### **Announcements:**

- **Parish office hours:** Wednesday and Friday 9:00am – 12:30pm
- **New System for Mass Bookings:** Mass bookings will now be made on a weekly basis using an online system called TryBooking. The link will be provided each week in the newsletter for the following week. If you are unable to book online please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 for assistance. Bookings can be made online at:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJZSW> for Saturday 20 June and  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BJZTC> for Sunday 21 June. If you have already contacted the office in regards to attending these masses a booking will be made for you for this week. Bookings will be made available from 2:30pm on a Friday for the next week and close on a Friday at 10:00am (the week of the mass).
- **Mass Celebrations:** We are currently able to celebrate with 84 people in attendance with social distancing in place. People who attend will need to adhere to the following guidelines:
  - **You must NOT**
    - Have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath.
  - **You must**
    - Maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people
    - Refrain from handshaking or hugging
    - Clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided in the church when you enter and leave the Church
    - Record your name and contact details in the registry upon entry into the Church or in parish office if attending for private prayer
    - Sit in the pews in the spaces indicated with green markers in the Church.

### **Mass Times**

**Wednesday 9:30am**

Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly

**Saturday 5:00pm**

Vigil Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly

**Sunday 9:30am**

Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly.

### **Please Note:**

Attendance at these masses will be allocated using a booking system see announcements for more information.