



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### FIGHT FEAR WITH FAITH.....

A business man was late for his flight. He reached the boarding gate just before it closed. Sweating and out of breath, he scanned his boarding pass at the counter and quickly made his way to the plane. Arriving at his seat, he greeted his companions including a little girl at the window side. After the flight took off, he began a conversation with the little girl. The little girl appeared to be about the same age as his daughter and was busy with her colouring book. He asked her a few of the usual questions, and he found it strange that such a young girl would be traveling alone.

About an hour into the flight, the plane suddenly began experiencing extreme turbulence. The pilot announced that everyone should fasten their seat belts and remain calm, as they had encountered rough weather. Some people began crying and the man was sweating and clenching his seat as tightly as he could, and exclaim Oh my God! with each increasingly violent shake of the plane. Meanwhile, the little girl was sitting quietly beside him in her seat. Incredibly, she didn't seem worried at all.

The pilot came on a few minutes later to apologize for the uncomfortable ride and to announce that they would be landing soon. As the plane began its descent, the man said to the little girl, "You are just a little girl, but I have never met a braver person in all my life! Tell me, dear, how is it that you remained so calm while all of us adults were so afraid?" Looking him in the eye, she said, "My father is the Pilot, and he is taking me home."

Let us approach Jesus with the same strong faith in His ability and availability to calm the storms in our life. It is the presence of Jesus which gives us peace even in the worst situations: times of sorrow, doubt, tension and uncertainty, when we are overwhelmed with anxiety and dread, filled with anger and despair, or struggling with temptations. Storms reveal to us our weakness, or inability to save ourselves and lead us to rely on the infinite ability of God to rescue us. When we take notice of Jesus in our turbulent times, we find that we gain strength to do the seemingly impossible.

St. Mary MacKillop whose feast is on 8<sup>th</sup> August, had this most extraordinary trust in the providence of God. The deep relationship that St Mary of the Cross had with Jesus Christ led her to face her many situations of heartache and disappointment with an amazing attitude of hope and perseverance. Her faith did not only encourage her to face whatever needed to be faced but also to overcome the difficulties.

This encourages a personal relationship with God, with Jesus, enhanced through prayer, meditative study of Scripture and active Sacramental life. Experiencing Jesus' presence in our lives, let us confess our faith in Him and call out for His help and protection. The only faith Jesus expects from His followers is a faith which trusts in Him. In other words, when we simply heed our Lord, we can do great things. So, with His grace, we acknowledge God's presence in our lives. As we become more aware, we step out and proclaim that presence, even in surprising places.

**Blessings, Fr. Dantus Thottathil.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Krystyna Kelly, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Dennis Patterson, Carmen Phairs, Irene Gavril, 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:** Cyril Bashford, Catherine Bilotto, John Bozoky, Daphne Brian, Matthew Lyle Briggs, Anthony Cassell, Sr Christina Corcoran, John Dickson, John Featherstone, Ellen Fleggerbein, Annie Johns, Gary Harding, John Kneeshaw, Jane Lacey, Sr Ella Evelyn Lloyd, Sebastiano Marano, Colin McIntosh, Eugenie (Gene) Massie, Phyllis Morahan, Adrian Moran, Ellen Morrison, Alma Mulherin, Albert (Jack) Muller, Margaret Murphy, Sr Clare Ellen (Evangelist) Murtagh, Delia Nelson, Eileen Normyle, Eddie Nunn, Elsie O'Connor, Lorna Pankhurst, Joan Pitman, Mary Plant, Gwen Pook, Paulene Power, Jean Reading, James Roe, Mace Reid, Merle Skinner, Gary Tointon, Myrtle Thompson, Dick Wells, Douglas Ziebarth.

### Quote of the Day:

Unexpected results and problems are part of life. Never lose hope in any condition, Because darkness of night always ends with light of the day.

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### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer** for Manly is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

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**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.**

### Mass Times

**Wednesday 9:00am** Rosary and Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly (no bookings necessary)

**Saturday 5:00pm** Vigil Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly (40 people)

**Sunday 7:00am** Mass at St Jude's in Gumdale (20 people)

**Sunday 9:30am** Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly (40 people)

**Reconciliation:** By appointment only.

### Please Support Our Parish

Account Name: Manly Parish

BSB: 064786

Account Number: 006716002

**Thank for you for your support of the Parish.**

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

***Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.***

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Second Reading:** Romans 9, 1-5

***I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.***

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**Gospel:** Matthew 14: 22-33

***Command me to come to you over the water.***

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**Announcements**

**Mass Bookings:**

We are aware there may be times when mass is not full, even though the booking system shows otherwise. Unexpected circumstances sometimes prevent Parishioners from attending mass without sufficient time to cancel and release their place. We kindly ask for your understanding.

**Love your neighbour:**

Saturday mass is very popular and quickly booked out in our system. This disadvantages Parishioners without easy access to online booking systems. To give them a chance to attend their preferred mass day on occasion, we kindly ask Parishioners to occasionally attend a Sunday mass instead. Thank you for supporting your fellow parishioners in this difficult time.

**Planned giving Envelopes:**

We will leave the envelopes at the hall until end of August for pick up. If you are not able to pick the envelopes up in that time frame we kindly ask you to contact the office where they will be stored.

***We would like to thank you for your ongoing and generous support for the Parish.***

**COVID-19 restrictions**

**Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's:** Mass bookings for 40 people can be made until mid-September.

To book please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.

If you require assistance for bookings, please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email us at [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Mass Celebrations at St. Jude's:**

We are currently able to celebrate with 20 people in attendance with social distancing in place.

To book please contact: Helen McNamara via phone 0403 193 625 or e-mail: [Imac11@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Imac11@optusnet.com.au)

**STEWARDSHIP  
August 9, 2020  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29)*  
When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

*(Accessed on July 22, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)*