



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23rd August 2020

THERE ARE FIVE THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW:

There is a beautiful story about a pencil. Just before putting it into the box, the pencil maker took the pencil aside. There are five things you need to know, he told it, before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be. One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand. Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil. Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside. And Five: Every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write. The same applies to each one of us too. When we find an answer to Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am?" we will be able to make ourselves useful in our world. We have to undergo the process that the pencil undergoes. One: We will be able to do many great things, but only if we allow ourselves to be held in God's hand, and allow other human beings access to the many gifts we possess. Two: We will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but we'll need it to become a stronger person. Three: With God's help we will be able to correct any mistakes we might make. Four: The most important part of us will always be what's on the inside. And Five: On every surface we walk through, we must leave our mark. No matter what the situation, we must continue to do our duties to the best of our abilities.

Let us accept Jesus as our Lord and personal saviour. Jesus is not merely the founder of a new religion, or a revolutionary Jewish reformer, or one of the great teachers. For us, He is the Son of God and our personal Saviour. This means that we see Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Saviour, and the Redeemer. He is our beloved friend, closer to us than our dear ones. He is a living experience, who walks with us, loves us, forms us, helps us and transforms our lives and outlook. The joy, love and peace that we find in Jesus is reflected in the way we live our lives.

The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Saviour is a living, personal experience for each Christian. This is made possible by our listening to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, by talking with Jesus through daily, personal and communal prayers, by our offering our lives on the altar with Jesus whenever we attend Holy Mass and by our leading a sacramental life as a means of forgiveness and reconciliation. The next step is the surrender of our lives to Jesus by rendering humble and loving service to others with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. The step after that is to praise and thank God in all circumstances, both good and bad, realizing that God's loving hands are with us in every situation.

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 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, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Val Steeden, Mitchell Sweet

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:

Good things come to those who wait,
Better things come to those who don't give up and
The best things come to those who believe.

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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 you for your support of the Parish.

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

For him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Announcements

Sacramental Program:

First Holy Communion will be held on the 29th of August at 3:30pm and 30th of August at 11am and 4pm, as well as on the 5th of September at 3:30pm and 6th of September at 11am and 4pm.

Confirmation will be held daily between 1st and 4th of September at 6:30pm.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

New website:

We are building our new website and are looking forward to be sharing it with you in Spring 2020. With this change we are going to be able to maintain the content ourselves. This change will also decrease our expenses for the website. Please tell us what you would like to find on our website by sharing your suggestions with Martina at the Parish office or by sending your ideas to our email address: manly@bne.catholic.net.au

Love your neighbour: You made some people happy!

Thanks to all those who are able to change their mass attendance occasionally from Saturday to Sunday. We already saw a few happy Parishioners in the last week who are now able to attend mass again. **Thank you!**

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.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Parish.

COVID-19 restrictions

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

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

**STEWARDSHIP
August 23, 2020
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be re-paid?" (Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

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