



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



Happy Australia day....

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they had a good chat. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument.

Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." Ah, but barbers

do exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, does exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

On this Australia day let us reflect on how we might be able to live out our mission of showing to all the world that God is the meaning of our lives? We are grateful that each one of us is called to follow Jesus and our mission is to live as a people of faith and as a people with God in our lives. This is quite a challenge because we've got everything we need here, or everything we want is just right there within our reach. This easy accessibility to things sometimes lead us to believe we don't need God and we don't need faith anymore. But we do need God.....!

As we celebrate Australia Day this weekend, let us ask ourselves 'How grateful are we to God for giving us this beautiful country?'

Blessings

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

Quote of the Day

*Use Your Voice for Kindness,
Your Ears for Compassion,
Your Hands for Charity,
Your Mind for Truth,
And Your Heart for Love*

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 Gavrilas, 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: Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Dulcie Maher, Jennifer Lynas, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko, George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neil) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey. **RECENTLY DECEASED:** Alan Francis

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Steve Pratt (Chairman), Joshua Walsh (Secretary), Bruce Corrie, Ray Devoy, Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez, Maria Jones and Les Sellwood.

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:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: **Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading: **Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

Gospel Acclamation: **Mt 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia

Gospel: **Matthew 4:12-23**

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

The Prayers of the Faithful:

For our nation on this Australia Day that we renew our
determination to work together for justice, reconciliation and the
common good. **Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

For country communities suffering from the oppressive heat, and
the severe shortage of water. That every effort is made to provide
them with the practical assistance and resources they need to
manage. **Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

For all who have been effected by the devastating bushfires. May
their faith be strong during this time of hardship.
Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For children and teachers returning to school this week that they
begin the year with energy and enthusiasm for the adventure of
learning. **Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

That those who live with grief, anxiety, loneliness and illness may be
comforted by the wisdom of the cross.

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

Call for Volunteers

Fr Dantus 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 Parish office on 3131 2020. Just a reminder all
volunteers are required to have a Blue Card. Forms are available
at the office and help to complete them is always available.

St John Vianney's School P & F are organising a
'Welcome Night' for the school and the parish parishion-
ers. This celebration will be a Family Disco/BBQ and will be
held in the school grounds on Friday 7th February from
5.30-8pm. Cost is \$10 per family and is payable via Qkr
App which is available on any Apple and Android devices.
More information is listed in the foyer of the church.

REMINDER Little King's Movement will be having a
collection of the weekend of 1st and 2nd February 2020.

The Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish
Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social
and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the
Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each Year the calls for their
services are increasing. The Movement though based on Catholic
beliefs is truly ecumenical and all members are welcome and
respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the
services provided by the Movement. If at this time you are unable
to help financially you may be able to give of your time or talent's, if
so please contact the Movement.

**The Bushfire collections will be held as retiring
collections at all masses this weekend.**

Australia Day weekend special collections

Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day
weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire
appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au.
Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an
end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

Counters Group: E

Next Week's Roster: 2nd Feb 2020 The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

| Sacristans | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Altar Servers | Screen | Hospitality |
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| 5:00pm Kelly C | 5:00pm Donna E Marlin T | 5:00pm Donna E Mikaela A | 5:00pm Scott B | 5:00pm Tarah McG | 5:00pm Ken F |
| 9:30am Clara O'N | 9:30am Margaret P Colleen S | 9:30am Dee P Colleen S | 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 Noel L | 7:00am St Jude's Noel L | | | |

St John Vianney's Manly Mass Times

Tuesday - 6:00pm Mass
Wednesday - 9:10am 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

*If you are interested in
participating in the parish
choir or playing an
instrument please contact
the Parish office on
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