



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 15th February 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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The essence of God's law....

The message of this weekend's Gospel is for us to understand the fundamental value of Jesus calling us to have a heart that is forgiving, faithful and trustful. This is the wisdom of God that comes as a gift from God. It is not mere human wisdom. In bringing the law of God to completion, Jesus calls us to live in love, a love that completes us and makes us whole because it is God's love. God calls us to a radical way of living. We are called to be more than just moral: God calls us to be virtuous. We become virtuous by faithfully choosing to do good. Naturally we are not perfect, but God calls us to reflect on how we live and to understand what He desires for us. Such reflection can lead us to insight that will help us to live better and be more virtuous in the future. Therefore, by reflecting on our experience in the light of faith we grow in wisdom.

In today's Gospel Matthew emphasizes the close relationship between Jewish Law and the teaching of Jesus. Here Jesus explains that He has not come to abolish the Law and the prophets but to bring them to completion. He tells us that the Law still has its force and will not pass away till it has achieved the purpose for which it was given. Jesus gives us the new law, namely the law of love. In the

first reading Sirach affirms that God knows every human action. As a wise teacher he urges his listeners to make the right choice in life. They have the commandments to guide them. In the second reading Paul reminds us that God has many riches for those who love Him and tells us that the rulers of this age failed to recognize God's wisdom in Christ. True wisdom however is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

Today Jesus is sharing with us the wisdom of forgiveness, faithfulness and trustfulness. Let us pray today and every-day that we might be able to forgive, to be faithful and to be truthful. But let us also remember to first choose to love and be loved.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Pause and Remember

Every situation in life is temporary.

So, when life is good, make sure you enjoy and receive it fully.

And when life is not so good, remember that it will not last forever and better days are on the way.

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 Gavrilu, 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: Martin Ball, Russell Barton, Robert (Bob) Bishop, Murray Bradley, Fran Brennan, Flynn Brown, George Campbell, Molly Campbell, Sr Denise Candy, Eileen Cook, Leonard Cunningham, Maria Cybulski, Ernie Erzetec, Mary Forbes, John Edward Harrison, Robert Hooper, Jamie Kaden, Ivan Katic, Fletcher McCormack, Blanche Mahoney, Peter Martin, Kai Mathie, Franklin Pankhurst, Geoffrey Peake, John Pease, Jill Fleming, Valerie Smith, Warren Smith, Mary Thornthwaite, Frederick Ward, Kathleen Wellington.

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

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

Entrance Anthiphon:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

**Second Reading: Corinthians 2:6-10 God in his wisdom
predestined our glory before the ages began.**

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-27

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

The Prayers of the Faithful:

That our national, state and local leaders serve us successfully
and unselfishly, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That our faith community work and pray together to help
those in need of spiritual and material support, we pray to
the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That doctors and nurses be blessed for their care of the sick
and the dying, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That the fevers of greed, violence, hatred and
discrimination be healed, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That all who have died, may rest in peace and glory, we
pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

SJV Manly Lenten REFLECTION GROUP is being held
on Monday nights at 7pm starting on the 2nd March and
Thursday mornings at 9.30am on the 5th March. Everyone
is welcome. If you wish to participate please email the
office on manly@bne.catholic.net.au with your name and
contact number. *Thank you*

Parish telephone: we are currently experiencing
telephone problems. If you need to urgently contact the
Manly office please ring the Birkdale office on 3822 2139
otherwise email the office on: manly@bne.catholic.net.au
Thank you for your patience during this time.

St John Vianney's School P&F have rescheduled their
'Welcome Night' for the school and parish parishioners to
the 23rd February from 2 to 4pm. Booking details are at
the back of the church.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

the Parish is in need of
volunteers at the weekend masses. If you would like to help
with the following duties please let the parish office know by
emailing your details to: manly@bne.catholic.net.au
Full training will be given to all interested people.

- ** SACRISTAN DUTIES
- ** READERS
- ** MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
- ** ALTAR SERVING
- ** CD and POWER POINT SCREEN OPERATORS
- ** HOSPITALITY
- ** COUNTERS

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and vol-
unteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these
standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons
who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people
and/or vulnerable adults. Thank you in anticipation.*

Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

St John Vianney's Manly: 9am and 6pm

St Mary MacKillop Birkdale: 11.30am and 6pm

SINCERE THANK YOU for your generous response to our recent St Vincent de Paul Bush Fire Appeal. Our retiring
collection received \$4414.00. We continue to pray for those effected. Prayers may be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires

Counters Group: A

Next Week's Roster: 23rd Feb 2020 7th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME Yr A Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48;

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Screen	Hospitality
5:00pm Helen V	5:00pm Mark C	5:00pm Val S	5:00pm Connor M	5:00pm Cranny	5:00pm Cranny
9:30am Clara O'N	9:30am Kathy C	Denise H	Ava F	family	family
7:00am St Jude's	9:30am Maria J	9:30am June M	9:30am Anthony E	9:30am Volunteer	9:30am Paula T
Joan C	Dee P	Dee P		required	
	7:00am St Jude's	7:00am St Jude's			
	Monica W	Helen McN			

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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