



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 23rd 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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Perfect - made whole....

One day, Mother Teresa was asking a baker for some bread to feed the hungry children in her orphanage. The baker was furious with her request for free bread. Not only did he turn her down, he spat at her. In response to his outrageous actions, Mother Teresa calmly reached deep into her pocket, took out her handkerchief, wiped the spit off and said "That was for me; now what about some bread for my poor children?" The baker was touched by Mother Teresa's love and greatness, complied and thereafter provided bread for the children in the orphanage.

What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as we deserve, but as God wishes us to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. I do not know if you have heard this already. An unknown author said something about what a Christian is all about. This is what was said:
A Christian...

is a mind through which Christ thinks.
is a heart through which Christ lives.
is a voice through which Christ speaks.
is a hand through which Christ helps.

This weekend's Gospel speaks of the essence of holiness. And why should we be holy? It's because God Himself is holy

and we have been created in His image. The passage concludes with Jesus saying, "Be perfect, then, as your heavenly Father is perfect." This obviously is an ideal, a goal to be aimed at. And the perfection intended is not total perfection but rather to aim at that total impartiality of a God who extends His providential care and love equally to all. What Jesus wants is for us to adopt a divine perspective and to see other people as they really are. He wants us to pray for everyone and to love them as God loves them. Jesus understands perfectly well that the best way to get people to be more open is to treat them with dignity and to appeal to their better instincts.

So let's take up the challenge Jesus gives us today. Let's try to be perfect, in each decision we make and in all that we do. Strive to be perfect!

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**Never Stop
doing little things for
others. Sometimes those
little things occupy the
biggest part of their
Hearts.**

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: 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 Erzetic, 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.

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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@stopline.com.au

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

Entrance Anthiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading: Corinthians 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.



This weekend, through Baptism, we welcome Frankie Brown and Eadie Key. Please keep Frankie, Eadie and their families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.

SJV Manly Lenten REFLECTION GROUP is being held on Monday nights at 7pm starting on the 2nd March in the parish office. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to participate please ring the parish office on 3131 2610 or email the office on manly@bne.catholic.net.au with your name and contact number. *Thank you*

Call for Volunteers

The Manly parish 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 Music co-ordinator Pam Chapman on 0421 690 345 or email: pambiggs07@gmail.com. Just a reminder all volunteers are required to have a Blue Card. Forms are available at the parish office and help to complete them is always available.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

The Prayers of the Faithful:

That all members of the Church grow in their loving relationship with God, keeping God at the centre of their lives.

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That all peoples of the world be open to God's offer of salvation.

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That those who devalue life through violence might respect life as God's precious gift to us.

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That each of us gathered here grow in our willingness to be love others.

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.

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, CHOIR AND MUSICIANS

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers 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.**

I wish to thank Steve Pratt, Ray Devoy, John and Martin Muller for their many years on the Manly Pastoral Council. I would also like to welcome our new Pastoral Council members, Les Sellwood, Pam Chapman, and Julia McLean. I look forward to working and getting to know these wonderful people. *Fr Dantus*

Counters Group: B

Next Week's Roster: 1st March 2020 1st Sunday of Lent Yr A Gen 2:7-9,3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Screen	Hospitality
5:00pm Denise A	5:00pm Marueen B	5:00pm Maureen B	5:00pm Scott B	5:00pm Denise A	5:00pm Denise A
9:30am June M	9:30am Marlin T	9:30am Mikaela A	Ava F		
	9:30am Anne S	9:30am Margaret H	9:30am Anthony E	9:30am Tracy J	9:30am Tracy J
	9:30am June M	9:30am June M			
7:00am St Jude's	7:00am St Jude's	7:00am St Jude's			
Lorraine B	Bernie C	Mark R & Bernie C			

St John Vianney's Manly Mass Times

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

Ash Wednesday 26th February Mass Times:

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