

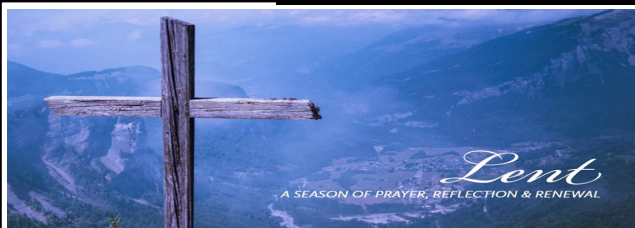


First Sunday of Lent Yr A 1st March 2020

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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ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH



We have now entered the great season of lent. It is important for us to realize that our life is a journey, a movement towards God and the way to prepare ourselves to receive Him fully. During the season of Lent, the Church invites us to examine our lives, to repent of our sins and do penance. By means of fasting, penance and prayers, the faithful obtain the strength they need to overcome our sinful tendencies.

What makes each Lent different is our response. This special time can be an opportunity for real conversion of heart. Turning away from the trap of selfishness, turning towards Jesus who gives fullness of life, lasting into eternity, starting here and now.

At the beginning of chapter six of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus calls us to give to the poor, to pray and to fast. But He prefaces this call with a warning not to "practice these good deeds before people in order to be seen by them." Three times He repeats "your Father, who sees all that is done in secret will reward you." Lent is a time for that deeper meeting with God and the true conversion of our hearts. Only out of that conversion can come any good deeds worthy of the name.

A Different Approach to Fasting... Fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food or television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch. Here are suggestions we may want to con-

sider. *Fast from anger and hatred. Give our family an extra dose of love each day. Give up anger - Be more patient. *Fast from judging others. Before making any judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults. Give up gossiping - Control your tongue. *Fast from discouragement. Hold on to Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for our life. Give up discouragement - Be full of hope. *Fast from complaining. When we find ourselves about to complain, close our eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given us. Give up complaining - Focus on gratitude. *Fast from resentment or bitterness. Work on forgiving those who may have hurt us. Give up bitterness - Turn to forgiveness. *Fast from spending too much money. Try to reduce our spending by ten percent and give those savings to the poor.

Finally, make this Lent a time to rediscover the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't wait till Holy Week, but find a time early in Lent to reflect on where you need forgiveness and healing and bring it to Confession. The priest will welcome you and help you. The prayer of Absolution is beautiful for the truly penitent to hear.

Wishing you Peace, Love, and Happiness during Lent and let's pray for one another as we journey to Easter.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Life is a Bank Account
in God's hands.
Nobody knows the
balance of the remaining days.
Keep depositing with prayer,
fasting and almsgiving.

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: Victor Berger, Paul Bouton, Brian Cahill, Frances Cassell, Gina Clair, Alice Condon, Stephen Connor, Maxwell Cooper, Barry Edward Creevey, Louise DeWeger, Beatrice Fox, Keith Furner, Colin Freebody, Norman Hare, Trevor Hankins, John Harrison, Kevin Hatton, Kathleen Howard, William Jackson, Brett Ledwidge, Margaret Lawder, Mervyn Lewis, Mary Massie, Alec Mathams, Thomas Murphy, Geoffrey Peake, Bernard Peterson, Ann Riseham, Ivy Rafter, James Retchless, Valerie Smith, Patrick Tranent, Reginald Thurlow, Anastasia Tripcony, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise.

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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:

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading: **Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17**

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second Reading: **Romans 5:12, 17-19**

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel Acclamation: **Mt 4:4**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

The Prayers of the Faithful:

That Christians everywhere may be responsive to the Word
of God during this holy season, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That those who are suffering from physical illness or
emotional distress may know that God is for them in their
need, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That we who celebrate this memorial of the new covenant
may find strength to walk in God's ways of love and truth,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

That all whose journey through this life has ended, may
joyfully enter their eternal home in heaven, let us 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 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.

"The Monthly Coffee and Cake meetup for all in our local Parishes
is being held on Monday 2 March at the Manly Hotel Sails Res-
taurant at 10.00 a.m. Organised by the local Branch of Knights of
the Southern Cross to foster friendships and understanding. All
members of the Parish are invited to join in a social happy coffee &
cake hour in pleasant surroundings. See you there."

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 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.**

Mass of Anointing – will be celebrated at 9.30am in the
church on **Friday 13th March** at St Mary MacKillop
Church, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale. Morning tea to follow in
the parish centre. All are welcome to give support to the
sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.

Counters Group: C

Next Week's Roster: 8th March 2020 2nd Sunday of Lent Yr A Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Screen	Hospitality
5:00pm Helen V	5:00pm Denise D Donna E	5:00pm Val S Donna E & Alison G	5:00pm Connor M	5:00pm Les V	5:00pm Denise A
9:30am Clara O'N	9:30am John M Colleen S & June M	9:30am Martin M Colleen S	9:30am Anthony E	9:30am Volunteer required	9:30am Marina S
7:00am St Jude's Joan C	7:00am St Jude's John P	7:00am St Jude's Monica W John P			

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

CARITAS Project
compassion
envelopes are
available at the back
of the church.