

Easter Sunday Yr A 12th April 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



CHURCH BUILDINGS MIGHT BE EMPTY ON EASTER, BUT SO IS THE TOMB....

The message of Easter is first communicated by the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty and runs to the apostles to tell them her astonishing news. Only in St John's account are the apostles directly involved in finding that the tomb was empty, though neither Jesus nor an angel gave them any guidance about what it meant. The Beloved Disciple was beside Peter to see the discarded burial cloths within the tomb, and he at once realised what this meant: that Jesus had risen from the dead! That emptiness was actually the first symbol of our new life....

On Easter morning, the stone was rolled away. Are our hearts like a tomb awaiting new life? Is anything holding us back from renewal of spirit. As pope Francis says, "we are called to be people of joyful hope, not

prophets of doom. Through the resurrection of Jesus, we get an infusion of hope and joy, and an invitation to share them by our way of living". So we need to live with that confidence — with that powerful hope. Christ is risen and we will rise with Him! This is our Easter joy because we have the certainty of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ and that gives us hope: the hope of eternal life.

So, whatever it is that worries us or is a burden for us at this time, if we trust in Jesus, if we follow Him, if we ask for His help, He is always there for each one of us. We are assured of this because He is alive! We may be physically isolated but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ. We are the Church. We are united in spirit. Even though we cannot celebrate Easter together this year we can follow the time and ceremonies that will be available from the Cathedral and Churches on line. I especially encourage families to watch the ceremonies together. While this situation continues, I will continue to pray and offer the Mass each day.

I wish all of you and your families Easter blessings! May the Risen Christ bless you.

Happy Easter...!

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

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, Val Steeden

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,

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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: A0B@stopline.com.au

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



Entrance Anthiphon:

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia,
alleluia.

Collect:

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading:

Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
You must have heard about the recent happen-
ings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and
how he began in Galilee, after John had been
preaching baptism. God had anointed him with
the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God
was with him, Jesus went about doing good and
curing all who had fallen into the power of the
devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to
everything he did throughout the countryside of
Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the
fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree,
yet three days afterwards God raised him to life
and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole
people but only by certain witnesses God had
chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses
- we have eaten and drunk with him after his res-
urrection from the dead - and he has ordered us
to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that
God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive
or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this
witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have
their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

***This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **R.**
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of
yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get
rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into
a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as
you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has
been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by get-
ting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wicked-
ness, having only the unleavened bread of sin-
cerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation :

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice
and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely end-
ed!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the
way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you
into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.



And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Prayers of the Faithful:

For all the members of our Church worldwide, who celebrate the conquering of sin and death by the resurrection of God's only Son, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For all elected officials, who have it within their power to bring peace and tranquility to the lives of those they govern, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For the needs of all worshipers, especially those who are visitors in our congregation today and those Catholics who have not been able to be with us in recent months, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For all adults who have never been baptised, that they be inspired to begin the journey to this sacrament, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.

For all who are seriously ill and for whom death is near, that they may find in the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus the hope of their own rising to a new and better life, we pray to the Lord:

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Concluding Prayers - Easter Sunday

Almighty and all-merciful God,
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
in whom there is no shadow of death,
save us in this time of crisis;
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;
watch over all medical people
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,
that hope may never die
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,
may shine upon us and the whole world.
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

(Most Rev. Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane)

Gracious God,
We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.
We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas.
We pray for those in need of healing.
We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving.
We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.
We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders.
We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do
to help those who are vulnerable.
This prayer for our nation in the family of nations,
with all that is on our hearts,
we gather now and pray
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Ecumenical prayer from the National Council of Churches)

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE PANDEMIC

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of Your People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

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lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,
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Announcements:

- Until further notice all masses have been cancelled.
- The parish office will only be open on **Wednesday** and **Friday** next week between **9:00am and 1:30pm** due to Easter public holidays.
 - ***In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr Dantus on 3396 0742.***
- Masses can now be streamed from the Cathedral at archbne.org/bzw on Sundays at 8:00am or 10:00am and weekdays at 8:00am.
- The Catholic Leader can now be accessed online for free from <https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>
- Our website now contains resources for you to use at home during this time. These resources and our weekly newsletter can be accessed from: <http://www.manlycatholicparish.org.au/>

Newsletter Mailing List

During this time we are providing the newsletter and other weekly resources to parishioners via email. If you wish to receive the newsletter via email. Please email your details to:
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QUOTE OF THE DAY:

***“When you know how much
God is in love with you,
then you can only live your life
radiating that love”***

St. Mother Teresa