

Third Sunday of Easter Yr A 26th 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

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



Meet in everyone the face of the Risen Lord....

There was once a little boy who desired to meet God. One day he was walking home from school. As he went through the park, he noticed an old woman sitting on a park bench. She looked lonely and hungry, so he sat down and offered part of the chocolate he had been saving. She accepted it with a smile. They sat together in a very friendly manner, eating and drinking and smiling at each other. When the boy got up to leave, he reached over to the woman and gave her a big hug. Then walked home smiling. His mother noticed his big smile and happiness on his face and asked, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" "I had lunch with God. And he has a great smile," he said. The old woman returned to the small house she shared with her sister. She too was smiling. Her sister asked her why she was so happy. "I just had lunch with God. And he is a lot younger than I expected," she said.

The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two despondent travellers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them fresh insight, and connected their challenging present situation with what they had known in the past. And, of course, Jesus reveals

Himself powerfully and creatively in explaining the Scriptures, in the breaking of bread, as symbolic of the Eucharist. Having dined with Him, they were filled with new energy and enthusiasm, to share with others what they now knew about Him.

God challenges us to meet the Risen Christ who comes to us in ordinary life situations. The disciples of Emmaus were given a lesson in the scriptures. It is in the Word that we also meet God and Jesus. Scripture is God's word and through it He communicates Himself to us. All of the Easter accounts suggest that Christ comes to us in the places where we live out our lives. Followers like Mary, Peter, Cleopas and His companion discover Him in a personal way. The Easter story and the story of the Emmaus journey tell us that God never forces Himself on us, but joins us in a walk or in the visit of a friend or while sharing the sorrow of another or reading a consoling letter from someone we love. God speaks to us in the here and now – in the voices of those who are hurt or are sorrowful, in the faces of the poor and the needy, in the victims of prejudice and the generosity of those who care. We may miss Him if we do not look for Him where Cleopas and his friend found Him – in things as ordinary as a meal and in the Eucharist. Our experience of loving and being loved by Jesus helps us to share that experience with others to help them walk the way of Jesus, to discover the Way of Truth and Life. Today we pray that each of us can personally share in that experience, that our hearts too may be burning within us...

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Life is really nothing without Love and Care. Give it to everyone but don't expect it back, because it is a FEEL not a DEAL

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 Gavril, 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, Leslee O'Connell, Sally Maletz, Katherine Pickering, 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: Sr Dominic (Margaret) Burke, Margaret Bourke, Phillip Bright, Sr Veronica Casey, Margaret Coughlan, John Fens, Paola Grima, Colette Hinchy, Kathleen Hodge, Kenneth Leather, Agnes Marano, Hugh Massie, Philip McCudden, John McMahon, Peggy Nunn, Sr Raphael O'Connor, Joseph O'Malley, Sr Mary-Ellen Perry, Marian Rybarczyk, Leslie Shead, June Sheppard, Florence Tarrant, Lawrence Thatcher, James Treacy, Bronislawa Wojtasik.

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Entrance Anthiphon:

Cry out with joy to God; all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 24: 13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Prayers of the Faithful:

For the Church, that through Jesus' resurrection the Good News of salvation may burn anew in all for the good of others, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of the world, that their hearts may be opened to do good for oppressed and suffering people, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.***

For the sick, that they may find healing through the power of the risen Christ, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.***

For all of us here that we come to recognise Christ in each other as we make our Emmaus journey, we pray to the Lord: ***Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.***

Announcements:

- The parish office will only be open on **Wednesdays and Fridays between 9am and 12:30pm**. In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr Dantus on 3396 0742. 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: manly@bne.catholic.net.au
- ANZAC Day mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral at 11:30am - access will be available via Stay Connected page of our website.