



Pentecost Sunday Yr A 31st May 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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We need to be Spirit-filled Christians....

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?" The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouth. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now." The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded." The second insisted, "Well I think there is something, and maybe it's different from life here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore." The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover, if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life." "Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us." The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists, then where is she now?" The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of her. It is in her that we live. Without her this world would not and could not exist." Said the first: "Well I don't see her, so it is only logical that she doesn't exit." To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and listen, you can hear her loving voice, calling down from above."

Today is Pentecost: The Church's birthday! The last Sunday of Easter season. "Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next, and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus. They had the courage to come out of their hiding and speak openly about Jesus. There is much in our universe that is real but is not visible to the naked eye. Actually what we see with our eyes is only a fraction of our physical world. The Holy Spirit is part of the spiritual world, and it is no surprise that we cannot see the Spirit with our eyes. Yet, there are helpful ways of imagining the Holy Spirit. St. Paul uses an image drawn from nature, speaking about the fruits of the Spirit. He is talking about the visible impact of the Spirit on one's life. We may not be able to see the Holy Spirit, but we can see the impact of the Spirit in our life, just as we cannot see the wind but can see the impact of the wind on people and objects of various kinds. St. Paul is saying that wherever we find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Spirit is there at work. The Spirit becomes visible in and through these qualities and virtues. The Holy Spirit is essentially the very life of God, and that life is a life of love. The Spirit is constantly at work in our lives, making us more like Jesus. We can recognize the Spirit's presence in the common happenings of everyday life. The spiritual is not something other-worldly; it is humanity at its best.

So dear friends, today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"

"Come Holy Spirit

Make our ears to hear

Make our eyes to see

Make our mouths to speak

Make our hearts to seek

Make our hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love. Amen."

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 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, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Val Steeden, Don Fraser, Mitchell Sweet

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 Ethel Barker, Andrew Caltabiano, George Carney, Breeanna Castillon, Sr (James) Cavanagh, Sr Emmanuel (Mary) Conneely, Gerald Costello, Agnes (Nancy) Davies, Andreas de Bruijn, Hester Deutschmann, Clarence Dunlop, Jacqueline Farmer, Geoffrey Harrison, Kathleen Hodge, Alan Kane, Francis Kate, Naomi Keller, Jackie Kneeshaw, Bessie Lucker, Patrick McDonald, Christins McMahon, Clara Mills, Agnes Marano, Monica Mulheran, Kate Newman, Mary O'Shea, Richard Pittock, Josefa Raleigh, Francis Ritchie, Lenore Segeren, Lawreen Smith, Terence Shephard, Helen Stewart, Lothar Thiel, Dudley Taylor, Sr Francis Perry, Annie Smith, Eva Mancktelow, Harold Smith, Helen Stewart, Phyllis Sticher, Monica Wells, Kenneth White, Geoffrey Williams

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

We all have burdens in life, but the burdens aren't the problem.... It's how we choose to carry them.

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

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103: 1,24,29-31,34 ***Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.***

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Prayers of the Faithful:

That Christians whose faith is tested by the coronavirus may receive God's grace to sustain them. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Pope Francis and all our leaders in faith that the Spirit may inspire them in these difficult days. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all will use God's spiritual gifts for the common good. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

That the poor and the suffering will rejoice in God's deliverance and refreshment. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

That those who have died, will for ever celebrate God's mighty acts accomplished in them. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Announcements:

- **Private Prayer in the Church:** Commencing on Wednesday 3rd June the Church will be open for private prayer from 9:30am to 10:30am on Wednesdays and Fridays. Numbers will be limited to 10 people (increasing to 20 people on 12th June). You will need to contact the Parish office by email manly@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3131 2610 to register. People who attended will need to adhere to the same restrictions as Mass Celebrations (see next item). The number of participants cannot exceed the limit of 10 people so **please ensure that you register before you attend!**
- **Mass Celebrations:** We are currently able to celebrate with 8 people in attendance (plus the celebrant and marshal). People who attend will need to adhere to the following guidelines:
 - **You must NOT**
 - Have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath.
 - **You must**
 - Maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people
 - Refrain from handshaking or hugging
 - Clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided in the church when you enter and leave the Church
 - Record your name and contact details in the registry upon entry into the Church or in parish office if attending for private prayer
 - Sit in the pews which are numbered 1 – 9 in the Church.
 - Attendance at these masses will be on a rostered basis. If you would like to be included on this roster, please contact the parish office via email manly@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3131 2610
- We understand that many are facing the task of preparing for the financial difficulties that lie ahead. If you are able, please remember the parish in your thinking and planning ahead. We are most grateful for the assistance you feel you are able to offer in this difficult time. May I express our deepest thanks and appreciation to our parishioners for your continued support of our Parish. Our parish account details: *Account Name:* Manly Parish *BSB:* 064786 *A/C Number:* 006716002
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