



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 21st June 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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Back again to the ordinary time.....We are back into Ordinary Time of the Liturgical year. This seems to coincide with the current gradual emerging from our isolation into the ordinary pattern of living. We have approval to open our churches, as long as we follow the correct social distancing measures within our parish. That means we have protocols in place in each church, a register to record your contact details, sanitiser at entrances, and antibacterial wipes disinfect your pew as you leave church. Under the current restrictions we will be allowed to have 100 people attend but this number is reduced by the fact that we have to ensure there is 4 square metres per person. In St. John Vianney's, Manly that means a maximum of 65 persons can attend. Gumdale Mass is still on hold at present. I know this process has already been confusing for many. To help you to follow the protocols there will be two people designated to monitor the signing sheet at the entrance and to help you to find your seat. When you attend, please arrive early so the marshal can sign you in and ensure the hygiene requirements are met.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with these Government Protocols as we try to create safe and prayerful liturgies. Due to COVID we are not currently able to have collections during Mass. A collection box will be available at the entrance before and after Mass for envelopes and loose change.

The words of Jesus from today's Gospel according to St. Matthew are so strong! "Fear no one." We can only be free from fears if we truly believe in the Lord and desire everlasting life. The deepest truth about God that Jesus taught is that He is a caring God, compassionate and forgiving, a God who is on our side. "Don't be afraid. I am with you always." The only thing to fear is distancing ourselves from God, loss of trust our Creator. We follow Jesus, trusting that He is with us, not just for a moment, but for every moment of our lives. The mystery of God's call to us and of our response to Him is that He is always there for us. Nothing happens in our life without God's knowledge and it follows that God's care is unfailing. Today Jesus invites us to a life that is truly open and to a life follows His way to the Cross! Let us walk forward with faith and strive to live with joy and delight in the love of Jesus!

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 Antoinette Brennen, Lucy Crew, Agnes (Nancy) Davies, Rod Dickson, Kenneth Eadie, Des Effene, Thelma Ferguson, Hugh Fogarty, Peter Franceschini, Veronica Grainger, John Grech, Suzanne Hully, Ruby Jabore, Henry Johnson, Leonard Juratowitch, Alice Kinsella, Kathleen Knight, Jean Lee, Daniel Mahoney, John Marano, Keith Martin, Rita Mathams, Katherine Merse, George Nolan, Kathleen Nolan, Eric O'Connell, Leon Mary Pilkington, John Pook, Barbara Poole, James Retchless, Beryl Ring, Robert Sealey, Mary Smith, Lily Spratt, Engelbert Stoff, Sr Immaculate Stubberfield, John Sullivan, Harold Turpin.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Life isn't meant to be Easy,
it's meant to be Lived.
Sometimes Happy,
other times Rough.
But with every up and down
you learn lessons
that make you strong.

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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

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil..

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needs
and does not spurn servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-15*

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel: *Matthew 10:26-33*

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Prayers of the Faithful:

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.**

For the leaders of the world to search honestly for peace and justice for all people, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those who work in hospitals and nursing homes may be kept safe from every danger. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For each of us here to claim our discipleship in following Christ with lives of commitment, we pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

For our loved ones who are ill or dying, and for those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Announcements:

New System for Mass Bookings:

Mass bookings will now be made on a weekly basis using an online system called TryBooking. The link will be provided each week in the newsletter for the following week. If you are unable to book online please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 for assistance. Bookings can be made online at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BKAKX>

for Saturday 27 June and

<https://www.trybooking.com/BKAKZ>

for Sunday 28 June. If you have already contacted the office in regards to attending these masses a booking will be made for you for this week. Bookings will be made available from 2:30pm on a Friday for the next week and close on a Friday at 10:00am (the week of the mass).

Mass Celebrations: We are currently able to celebrate with 65 people in attendance with social distancing in place. 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 in the spaces indicated with green markers in the Church.

Mass Times

Wednesday 9:30am at St. John Vianney's Manly

Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly

Sunday 9:30am Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly.

Please Note: Attendance at these masses will be on a rostered basis due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please see note in the announcement section regarding mass bookings.