



St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of
Manly & Gumdale



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 30th August 2020

Our responsibility towards God....

This weekend's Gospel deals with our relationship to each other and highlights one of the tricky responsibilities that we have towards others, namely fraternal correction. I remember reading this story somewhere, in a little church in a small village, an altar boy serving the priest at Sunday Mass accidentally dropped the cruet of wine. The priest was not happy and shouted, leave the altar and don't come back. That boy became Marshall Tito, the Communist leader. In the cathedral of a large city in another place, another altar boy serving the bishop at Sunday Mass also accidentally dropped the cruet of wine. With a warm twinkle in his eyes, the bishop gently whispered, "Someday you will be a priest." Do you know who that boy was? Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. How do we deal with others who have caused problems for us? Jesus has the answer in today's Gospel: with straight talk, due process, but most of all, with grace and humility.

As Christians we are responsible and to a certain extent accountable for the welfare of those under our care, be it children, parents, elders, or even friends. In each occupation, there is a responsibility and full accountability is required of the individuals. As Christians we are not individuals but members of the Body of Christ that is the Church. The readings of today tell us of God's command of spiritual responsibility and accountability that each one of us have towards our neighbours. It speaks of our opportunity towards our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in error. They challenge us to care for our brothers and sisters and protect them in their physical and spiritual needs. This week, let us take some time to reflect on our responsibility towards God. Let us reflect on how we will account to God for the actions of those around us, be it our parents, our brothers or sisters, our children, our relatives, our neighbours and all of those whose life we touch.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Congratulations

I would like to extend my Congratulations to the 60 children who confirmed their Baptism through the Sacrament of Confirmation between Tuesday to Friday. Also, I congratulate the boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion last weekend and those making their First Communion this weekend, in total 49 children. You have taken an important step in your journey of faith by readying yourselves to be fully initiated into the Body of Christ. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide each of you according to the path that God has set out for your life.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all those who helped prepare the children for these special days. In particular, thank you to our parish sacramental coordinator Paola for coordinating these two events at this difficult time. Thanks also to Kate Sellwood for her administrative support. And of course an enormous amount of credit needed to be given to our teachers for preparing the candidates so well, thanks to the SJV Primary school teachers for the great work and wonderful contribution in preparing the children for this significant step in their faith journey. I thank the parents and sponsors for your dedication in preparing the children and sharing your faith. Your efforts are much appreciated by the whole community of St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Krystyna Kelly, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Dennis Patterson, Carmen Phairs, Irene Gavrila, 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, 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: Gertrude Anderson, John Brian, Judith Brennan, Kathleen Carter, Peter Carter, David Cootes, Edna Dillon, Val Fagan, Bernard Foster, Alan Gill, Cecily Graham, Frank Grainger, Luigi Gregori, Luzette Hageraats, Gilda Hankins, Victoria Hardy, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Harrison, Annie Horswill, Keith Joseph Imeson, Andrew Jones, Michael Kearney, Mary Laracy, Diane Larkins, Lance Lawes, Pat Little, Margaret Murphy, Margaret, McIntosh, Peter McIndoe, Lisa Orford (Argent), Jessie Platt, Clem Raine, John Ryan, Florence Schmid, Paul Skillender, Leo Smith, Ray Tranter, Josephine van Daalen, Bob Ward, Madge Wiese.

Quote of the Day:

Communication is like
Lifeline of any
Relation.
When you stop
Communicating,
You start losing your
Valuable Relations.

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Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer for Manly is:

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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.

Mass Times

Wednesday 9:00am Rosary and Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly (no bookings necessary)

Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly (40 people)

Sunday 7:00am Mass at St Jude's in Gumdale (20 people)

Sunday 9:30am Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly (40 people)

Reconciliation: By appointment only.

Please Support Our Parish

Account Name: Manly Parish

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Thank you for your support of the Parish.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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Announcements

Parish Secretary: Martina Latimer has decided to discontinue her work as our parish secretary for personal reasons. We would like to thank her for her work during her time with us. Kate Sellwood will continue as acting parish secretary.

Congratulations: To all the children who celebrated their confirmations this week. Please keep these children in your prayers.

The following children have celebrated their Confirmation this week: Thomas Armstrong, Harrison Breakspear, Hugo Britton, Billie Briggs, Aymon Bulinski, Alexander Burdett, Connor Casey, Lucia Coelingh Bennink, Charlie Crook, Hannah Cross, Lachlan De Ryck, Boston Deane, Mitchell Denny, Andrew Doyle, Liam Doyle, Taylor Dundon, Cassandra Excell, Charlotte Fabriek, Lara Fernandez, Ruby Finch, Elena Gallacher, Georgia Gatezia, Lily Glenn, Henry Goffey, Mary-Kate Grianna, Ruan Grianna, Amelia Gueth, Milla Harding, Noah Harding, Mia Harris, Heidi Harrison, Eleanor Haskins, Grace Hill, Emily Hobbs, Chloe Hodge, Gideon Jeffries, Daniel Jobi, Willow Jones-Hoby, Cian Kirwan, Charlie Larkin, Katie McCarthy, Arthur Mesa Santos, Charlie Morton, Anna Muszkieta, Caoimhe O'Herlihy, Oliver Owens, Lexi Paljakka, Matilda Proctor, Thomas Qureshi, Lillian Ritchie, Thomas Robertson-Hoy, Ashton Serrano, Corey Snell, Ian Snyman, Georgia Spragge, Ronan Taggart, Ethan Tasi, Sienna Travers, Eva Usback, Elijah Walsh

Congratulations: To all the children making their **First Holy Communion this weekend**. Please keep these children in your prayers.

The following children will make their First Holy Communion this weekend: Lela Adams, Tahlia Beroukas, Charlotte Casey, Olivia Emery, Penny Fabriek, Felix Harrison, Zara Harrison, Darcy Haskins, Isabelle Jarman, Olivia Jarman, Elizabeth Larkin Andelkovic, Jaden Le Dieu, Stella McMullen, Isabella Micale, Joshua Minton, Nate Mohr, Aoibhe O'Herlihy, Molli Pink, Charlotte Pitt, Andrew Pook, Cayd Radley, Michael Szilagyi, Tess Van Maanen, Baxter Wilson, Olivia Wilson



Thank You: We could like to thank Paola and all the teachers for all the work they have done for this year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation a success.



Happy Father's Day: We would like to wish all the Father's in our parish. May you all have a very special day.

Holy Land Collection 2020: The Holy Land Collection for 2020 will take place on Sunday 13 September 2020. As a parish we are asking that you place any donations for this collection in an envelope labelled Holy Land Collection as place it into the parish collection box located in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

COVID-19 UPDATE

From the Archdiocese: 'The Chief Medical Officer has expressed confidence in organisations with COVID Safe plans and at this stage parishes following the [Industry Plan for Places of Worship](#) can continue to hold acts of worship with no additional operating restrictions.' Bishop Ken Howell

Our Parish operates under the COVID safe plan and we can continue to celebrate mass following these guidelines.

Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's: Mass bookings for 40 people can be made until end-September.

To book please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.

If you require assistance for bookings, please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email us at manly@bne.catholic.net.au

Mass Celebrations at St. Jude's:

We are currently able to celebrate with 20 people in attendance with social distancing in place.

To book please contact: Helen McNamara via phone 0403 193 625 or e-mail: Imac11@optusnet.com.au