

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, 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.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



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Second Sunday of Easter Year B - 11 April 21
Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

- Parish Weekly Diary**
- Monday 12 April
Office Closed
 - Tuesday 13 April
Saint Martin I (OM)
6:00pm Manly
 - Wednesday 14 April
9:00am Rosary at Manly
9:30am Manly
 - Thursday 15 April
 - Friday 16 April
 - Saturday 17 April
5:00pm Manly
 - Sunday 18 April
Third Sunday of Easter
7:00am Gumdale
9:30am Manly
 - Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:30pm - 4:50pm
No bookings required.

Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life...

Most houses are well alarmed nowadays; the computerised alarm has become as basic an item as table and chairs. We also need to have good strong locks, at least in the cities and towns. We are more fearful about our security than we used to be, and this fear and anxiety has led us to take more precautions to protect ourselves. Fear of what others can do to us tends to close us in on ourselves, not just in the physical sense of getting stronger door-locks, but also in other senses. We tend to be somewhat withdrawn around people whom we perceive to be critical. We are slow to open up to someone we think will judge us. Fear of others can often hold us back and stunt our growth.

The disciples had locked themselves into a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. The turning point came when the risen Christ appeared to them behind their closed doors and told them not to fear. We can all find ourselves in the situation of those first disciples, locked in their hiding place. Like the disciples in today's Gospel, we can be tempted to give up on our faith journey. The will to self-preservation can prevent us from doing what we are capable of doing with the Lord's help. The wounds we carry from earlier, failed initiatives make us hesitate to try again. We let them get on with it, while we hold back and stay safe.

The gospel today implies that the Lord meets us wherever we are. He takes us seriously in all our fears and doubts. The Lord is prepared to stand with us on our own ground, whatever that ground is, and from there He will speak to us a word suited to our personal state of mind and heart. We don't have to get ourselves to some particular place in order for the Lord to engage with us. He takes Himself to where we are, wherever it is a place of fear or of doubt. We might pray this Easter season for the openness to receive the Lord's coming into the concrete circumstances of our own lives, so that we too might say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." We might also pray that, like the Lord, we would receive others where they are, rather than where we would like them to be.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

Welcome to St John Vianney's Catholic Parish!
Our parish is known for being friendly and welcoming, as well as for active participation at Mass through music and prayer. There is a place here for everyone; we hope that you will join us. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact the parish office .

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Parish Information

Quote of the Week

Life is too short to wake
up with regrets.
So love the people
who treat you right.
Forget about those who don't.
Believe everything happens
for a reason and if you get
a second chance, grab it
with both hands.

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St John Vianney's Catholic Parish Manly QLD

Mass Bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.

Sacramental Enquiries

sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au

Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's:

Mass bookings for **110** people can be made. 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 **40** 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Les Sellwood (Chair), Pam Chapman, Bruce Corrie, Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez, Maria Jones, Julia McLean and Laurent Fontaine

SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

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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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Dennis Patterson, 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, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Barbara Peet, Delia Chapman, Connie Robb

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mitchell Swee

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, James Retchless, Valerie Smith, Patrick Tranent, Reginald Thurlow, Anastasia Tripcony, Edward Vinson, Bill Warlow, Kevin Woodgate, Anthony Wright, Wilfred (Bill) Weise.

Next Sunday's Readings:

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Parish and Community Announcements

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome Stevie Constant through baptism. Please keep her and her families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.

Date Claimer

Sunday 25th April 2021 10.45 – 4pm Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, Order Founder and Author. Commencing with Mass at 11am, followed by a book launch of Fr Ken's most recent book "Mary Disciple and Mother" by Bishop Brian Finnigan. St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill, car park Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided. All welcome Info Paul 0417 104 460

NEW SIGN IN OPTION AVAILABLE AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S

We're using the new Check In Qld app to help keep you COVID safe the next time you visit. All you need to do is:



- download the app
 - www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld
- enter your details once
- open the app when you next visit us
- select 'Check in Now' and hover your smartphone over our QR code Done!

Using this digital check-in means your details are stored securely by the Queensland Government for fast COVID-19 contact tracing if needed.

COVID-19 Restrictions

The following information was received from Bishop Ken Howell regarding the restrictions that are currently in place due to COVID-19.

The Greater Brisbane lockdown will end at 12pm today (Thursday 1 April 2021). Please keep in mind that the out-break is not over and some restrictions remain in place across all of Queensland. For the next two weeks, from 12pm today to Thursday 15 April, all Queenslanders must carry a mask when they leave their homes. Masks are to be worn in indoor spaces and worn outdoors when social distancing is not possible.

Holy Week and Easter liturgies will continue with the following recommendations as we seek to be extra cautious during this time:

- Please remember to stay socially distanced while processing to receive the Eucharist.
- Capacity limits for Places of Worship will return to the same levels before the lockdown (unless otherwise notified, this includes funerals and weddings). The capacity limits for our churches are listed on previous page

Good News for kids – Children's Liturgy.

Welcome to Children's Liturgy



Our parish is aiming to start children's liturgy to explain the message of the Gospel and to stimulate involvement from the children so that they can relate to their own lives. The children's liturgy sessions are run by parish catechists and volunteers. They take place during the mass. The children are led out by catechists at the start of mass, and return during the Preparation of the Gifts. Each session is led by at least 2 Adult. Parents can also assist children to engage more fully in the Sunday Gospel by looking up the weekly readings prior to attending Sunday Mass. Children's Liturgy will take place about every first and third Sunday. The sessions go for no more than 20 – 25 minutes during the 9:30am Mass at Manly and that includes time for a themed activity. Our first children's liturgy is on **Sunday 2nd May**. All children are welcome to join in. If you are interested in this ministry, please email the Parish. It's a great way to get involved in the Parish.

Fr. Dantus.