

# The Presentation of the Lord Yr A 2nd Feb 2020



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH

*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, Manly & St Jude's, Gumdale



**Whatever we are waiting for usually shows up sooner or later:**

A major part of our lives is spent waiting. We wait for a baby to be born, for our children to grow up and be independent, for retirement; indeed, we spend a lot of time waiting. Besides that we also have to wait for people who are late, we wait for the bus or train and whatever. But there is something interesting about waiting. Most of the time, whatever we are waiting for shows up sooner or later. Simeon and Anna had waited for a long time, and finally their hope was fulfilled.

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically about God's promise to send a redeemer. Anna was a woman of great hope. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us feel hopeless if we do not have our hope rightly placed. Anna's hope in God and His promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope.

All those who, like Simeon and Anna, persevere in piety and in the service of God, no matter how insignificant their lives seem in

people's eyes, are instruments the Holy Spirit uses to make Christ known to others. In His plan of redemption, God uses these simple souls to do much good for all mankind. In other words, the Holy Spirit employs ordinary men and women with simple faith as His instruments to bear witness to Christ, His ideals and teachings, just as He used Simeon and Anna. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to us when we are receptive and eager to receive Him.

Let us be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us to recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with us and in others. We need the assistance of the Holy Spirit to see the presence of Jesus in ourselves and in others. What do you hope for? The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way. The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

### Quote of the Day

*Always pray to have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith.*

**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 Gavrilas, 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, Fr Frank Jones, Leslee O'Connell, Sally Maletz, Katherine Pickering, Helena Duimpies, Stacie Stonier.

**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:** Martin Ball, Russell Barton, Robert (Bob) Bishop, Murray Bradley, Fran Brennan, Flynn Brown, George Campbell, Molly Campbell, Sr Denise Candy, Eileen Cook, Leonard Cunnington, Maria Cybulski, Ernie Erzetic, Mary Forbes, John Edward Harrison, Robert Hooper, Jamie Kaden, Ivan Katic, Fletcher McCormack, Blanche Mahoney, Peter Martin, Kai Mathie, Franklin Pankhurst, Geoffrey Peake, John Pease, Jill Fleming, Valerie Smith, Warren Smith, Mary Thornthwaite, Frederick Ward, Kathleen Wellington.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Alan Francis

**Pastor: Fr Dantus Thottathil MCBS Associate Pastor: Fr Prem Rethnamony**

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Steve Pratt (Chairman), Joshua Walsh (Secretary), Bruce Corrie, Ray Devoy, Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez, Maria Jones and Les Sellwood.

**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@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au)**

**Entrance Anthiphon:**

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: **Malachi 3:1-4**

**The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.**

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps 23:7-10.**

**Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

**O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! R.**

**Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. R.**

**O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! R.**

**Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. R.**

Second Reading: **Hebrews 2:14-18**

**He had to be made like us in all things.**

Gospel Acclamation: **LK 2:32**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people, Israel.

**Alleluia**

Gospel: **Luke 22:22-40**

**My eyes have seen your saving power.**

The Prayers of the Faithful:

That the Church proclaim the presence of Christ by holy actions and faithful service of all humanity.

**Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

That leaders of nations may be light shining in darkness and govern justly with care for all.

**Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

That those who seem to be lost in the darkness of sin might see the light and glory of Christ and repent.

**Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

That each of us may prepare ourselves to recognise Christ the light in our midst through enduring fidelity to God's ways.

**Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer.**

**Call for Volunteers**

Fr Dantus would like to establish a choir accompanied by musicians at all Manly masses. If any parishioners have these skills and would like to be part of this ministry could you please contact the Parish office on 3131 2020. Just a reminder all volunteers are required to have a Blue Card. Forms are available at the office and help to complete them is always available.

**St John Vianney's School P&F** are organising a 'Welcome Night' for the school and the parish parishioners. This celebration will be a Family Disco/BBQ and will be held in the school grounds on Friday 7th February from 5.30-8pm. Cost is \$10 per family and is payable via Qkr App which is available on any Apple and Android devices. More information is listed in the foyer of the church.

"The Monthly Coffee and Cake meetup for all in our local Parishes is being held on Monday 3 February at the Manly Hotel Sails Restaurant at 10.00 a.m. Organised by the local **Branch of Knights of the Southern Cross** to foster friendships and understanding. All members of the Parish are invited to join in a social happy coffee & cake hour in pleasant surroundings. See you there."

**Little King's Movement** will be held this weekend.

The Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities. There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each Year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical and all members are welcome and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement. If at this time you are unable to help financially you may be able to give of your time or talent's, if so please contact the Movement.

**Have you ever wanted to experience the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus up close?**

**The Iona Passion Play** is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter, the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 60 years this year we will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). **Auditions will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February from 12pm-12:30pm** in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Please visit our website [www.passionplay.org.au](http://www.passionplay.org.au) for further information or contact us

Counters Group: E

**Next Week's Roster: 9th Feb 2020 5th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME Yr A Is 58:7-10; 1Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16**

Sacristans	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Screen	Hospitality
5:00pm Ivana A	5:00pm Denise D	5:00pm Jamie B Val S	5:00pm Connor M	5:00pm Tarah McG	5:00pm Liz W
9:30am June M	9:30am June M Helen C	9:30am Margaret H June M	9:30am Anthony E	9:30am Volunteer required	9:30am Marina S
7:00am <b>St Jude's</b> Joan C	7:00am <b>St Jude's</b> Arnold R	7:00am <b>St Jude's</b> Bernie C, Mark R			

**St John Vianney's Manly Mass Times**  
 Tuesday - 6:00pm Mass  
 Wednesday - 9:10am Rosary  
 9:30am Mass (Morning tea served after Mass)  
 Saturday - 4:30 Reconciliation  
 5:00pm Mass  
 Sunday - 9:30am Mass  
**St Jude's Gumdale Sunday - 7am Mass**

**St Mary MacKillop Birkdale Mass Times**  
 Thursday - 5:30pm Reconciliation  
 6:00pm Mass  
 Friday - 9:30am Mass  
 Saturday - 6:15pm Mass  
 Sunday - 8:00am Mass  
**Carmelite Monastery 7:00am Monday to Saturday**

*If you are interested in participating in the parish choir or playing an instrument please contact the Parish office on 3131 2610 or email: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)*