



## Fifth Sunday of Easter Yr A 10<sup>th</sup> 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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# JESUS

THE WAY,  
THE TRUTH,  
AND  
THE LIFE



### **Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life...**

One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the living God. Our experience of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. On this Fifth Sunday of Easter we reflect on Jesus as our way, truth

and life and we receive the fullness of life in and through Him. Jesus assures us of a place in His kingdom: "Let not your hearts be troubled...there are many rooms in my father's house...so that where I am you may be too." This is a clear indication that by virtue of baptism we are truly children of God. This is why He considers us worthy of being where He is going to be.

Jesus reveals the Father to us. He is the life that is not mere existence but sharing in the very life of God and communicating that life. Thus anyone who wants to know who God is and what He is like, must know Jesus. He has revealed the Father to us in His very being and life. He not only taught about a loving and forgiving Father, He lived His own life in a loving and forgiving way. He practiced what He preached. He taught in a very simple, down-to-earth way. To know Jesus means to have a personal, deep, warm relationship with Him. To follow the Way of Jesus is not to go anywhere. It is to become a special kind of person, whose whole being reflects the Truth and Life that Jesus reveals to us. It is to be a follower who is totally identified with the vision and the values of Jesus. It is to walk in Truth and Life.

Let us pray today that we may let the Lord form us by His words and example. Let our hearts accept whatever rejection or difficulties of life we are called to face to follow Jesus. May our hearts be on fire with love of the Lord.

This weekend, we give thanks to God for all mothers on this Mother's Day weekend. We acknowledge the care and love of mothers and pray that they receive joy, health and peace.

Blessings,  
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

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### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

**Without crossing the  
worst situations, no  
one  
can touch the best  
corners of life.  
Dare to face  
anything in life...**

**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 Gavriila, 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

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

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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.

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**First Reading:** Acts 6:1-7

**They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19 **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

That God may be close to all who work to heal us: nurses, doctors, carers, chaplains, hospital cleaners and porters, nursing home staff, GPs, pharmacists, scientists and everyone involved in the fight against coronavirus. **Lord, hear us.**

For world leaders, to act courageously in relieving the suffering of people world-wide. **Lord, hear us.**

Let us pray in heartfelt thanksgiving to God, for all Mums on this Mother's Day weekend. That God bless them for their unconditional love and care. **Lord hear us.**

For those who have passed into eternal life especially all dear-departed mothers, who have gone to their eternal rest and remain in cherished memory. That they now are enjoying the heavenly and eternal banquet feast of the Kingdom. **Lord hear us**

### **Announcements:**

- The parish office will only be open on **Wednesdays and Fridays between 9am and 12:30pm**. *In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr Dantus on 3396 0742.* During this time, we are providing the newsletter and other weekly resources to parishioners via email. If you wish to receive the newsletter via email. Please email your details (email address and phone number) to: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)
- **Please note that fencing has been installed on the parish boundary for security reasons. Parishioners are welcome to enter the parish through two gates located in the fence.**
- As you know, with the suspension of public Masses, collections are not taking place, which places some strain on our parish finances through considerably reduced income. 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:  
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