



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 5th July 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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St John Vianney's, Manly & St Jude's, Gumdale

Knowing God personally....

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." Dear friends, in today's Gospel Jesus tells us "Take my yoke upon you...and I will give you rest." We need to hear these words often these days. Life can certainly be burdensome at times. We all know this is true. However, as Christians we know the one to whom we can always turn, the Lord Jesus. He says to each of us, "come to me".

The yoke of Christ can be seen as the sum of our Christian responsibilities and duties. To take the yoke of Christ, therefore is to put ourselves in a relationship with Christ as His servants and subjects, and to conduct ourselves accordingly.

However, to take the yoke of Christ is to associate and identify ourselves with Him: our destiny with His destiny, our vision with His vision and our mission with His mission. Thus we are invited to understand from this context that we are not wearing the yoke alone and by our power but together with Christ and by the strength that comes from Him. It is to know that Jesus is not just a teacher who gives us instructions but also a friend who helps us to do it.

We should never forget that we are yoked with Christ. He needs our feet to take Him where He is needed; our hands to bring His healing touch; our voices to speak His truth; our hearts to express His compassion and love. This is how the yoke becomes easy and the burden light.

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, 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 Albert Blackwood, Leonard Bourke, Frank & Eugene Clair, Raymond Connor, Oswald Copley, Isabella Devlin, James Dwan, Nancy Gleeson, Anne Henderson, Mervyn Iselin, Anne Keegan, Elizabeth Kinley, Sr Rose Lanigan, Rita Lloyd-Jones, Maureen Malone, Lesley McGregor, Mildred (Matie) Mattinson, Irene Milsom, Terry Morrison, Harold Nelson, John O'Donnell, Br Hilary (Chris) Peterson, John Ryan, Shirley Sibley, Merle Skinner, Baby Darcy Smith, Joseph Sorpassa, Monica Southern, Vittorio Stangherlin, Jack Still, Valma Tranter, Margaret Turpin, Mary Weis.

Quote of the Day:

Happy are those who take life day by day, Complain very little, and are thankful for the little things in life.

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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; A0B@stipline.com.au

First Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-10*

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Second Reading: *Romans 8:9, 11-13*

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel: *Matthew 11:25-30*

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Prayers of the Faithful:

That we will promote peace and justice as a nation, we pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who suffer from COVID-19 today may experience peace and new strength. We pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That God's word may give those who suffer the strength to endure these times. We pray to the Lord:

Lord hear our prayer.

That we will work to eliminate the roots of violence in the world, such as racism and the unjust distribution of wealth, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear our prayer.

For our dearly departed that they may enjoy the reward promised to the righteous, we pray to the Lord:

Lord hear our prayer.

Announcements:

NEW OFFICE OPENING HOURS: The parish office will now be open on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS from 8:30am – 2:00pm.

Phone System: Our phone line has been fixed and our phone is no longer diverted. For all parish enquiries please contact 3131 2610. If you require the assistance of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, please contact 0401 235 739.

Mass Bookings: Mass bookings will now be made on a weekly basis using an online system called TryBooking. Bookings for mass attendance are essential due to Queensland Government COVID-19 restrictions. To book please visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/siv?embed=1> which has a list of masses that are currently available for booking. Bookings close at 10:00am on the Friday before the mass you wish to attend. If you have any issues with booking or require assistance please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email us at manly@bne.catholic.net.au

Mass at St. Jude's: From the 12th of July mass will be offered at 7 am on Sundays. Attendance is limited to 20 people due to COVID 19 restrictions. Helen McNamara will take care of bookings via phone 0403 193 625 or e-mail: lmac11@optusnet.com.au

Mass Celebrations at St. John Vianney's: We are currently able to celebrate with 40 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.

Support Our Parish: Account Name: Manly Parish BSB: 064786 Account Number: 006716002. Thank for you for support of the parish.

Mass Times

Wednesday 9:00am Rosary and Mass 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.