



# St John Vianney's Catholic Parish

embracing the worshipping communities of  
Manly & Gumdale



## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### LETTING GOD'S WORD TAKE DEEP ROOT IN THE HEART....

There is a story called, "Two Wolves." It goes like this: A grandfather is teaching his grandson about life. A fight is going on inside me, he said to the boy. It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. He continued, the other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too. The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, which wolf will win? The grandfather simply replied, the one you feed. Today's Gospel parable reminds us that we are a mixture of good and evil and, hence, instead of judging others we are called to try to lead exemplary Christian lives and leave the judgment to God.

Each one of us is a combination of wheat and weeds. In us there are elements of good and elements that are deeply opposed to it. St. Paul recognised that struggle within himself. So we need to learn how to be tolerant and accepting of our own weaknesses. God told Paul that it was precisely through his weaknesses that He could reveal His glory. "My power is made perfect in weakness". The coming of the Kingdom then is not going to be a neat and tidy process. And experience again and again confirms that fact, whenever we try to bring out change and reforms in any community.

Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of His word which He has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. On that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart? Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions?

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil

### Quote of the Day:

Life is like  
making tea.  
boil your ego;  
evaporate your  
worries;  
dilute your sorrow;  
filter your mistakes;  
and get a taste of  
happiness!

**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 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, 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.

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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

**Sunday 7:00am** Mass at St Jude's in Gumdale

**Sunday 9:30am** Mass at St. John Vianney's Manly

For booking details please see 'COVID-19 restrictions' on the back side of this newsletter.

**First Reading:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:26-27

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-30

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.

**Announcements**

**Planned giving Envelopes:**

The envelopes arrived at the Parish office this week and will be prepared for your pick up during mass times or at the Parish office starting next week Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**

The parents information evening will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The sacrament of Confirmation will be held in 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.

**Sacrament of Eucharist:**

The sacrament of Eucharist will be held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**Support Our Parish:**

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

**COVID-19 restrictions**

**Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's:**

We are currently able to celebrate with **40** people in attendance with social distancing in place.

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

NOTE: Bookings close at 10:00am on the Friday before the mass you wish to attend.

If you require assistance for bookings, please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email us at [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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](mailto:Imac11@optusnet.com.au)

**COVID-19 Mass Celebrations guidelines:**

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 marked with green tape (x) in the Church.