

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Response: *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

**In your minds be the same as Christ Jesus.**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

**He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**Next Week's Readings:**

*First Reading:* Is 5:1-7 *Second Reading:* Phil 4:6-9 *Gospel:* Mt 21:33-43

**September 27, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." (Philippians 2:3) Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put into our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends, and those who make you angry.

(Accessed on September 2, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)



**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 27 September 2020**

**Build wisely....**

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the pay check, but he needed to retire. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a favour. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "My gift to you!" The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back. Build wisely!

What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come. God has given every human being freedom of choice. This does not mean that we have the right to do whatever we please. We can live in true freedom if we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, who gives us the virtue of prudence. This virtue helps us to recognize what is good in every situation and to make correct choices. The Holy Spirit gives us the gifts of wisdom and understanding to help us make the right choices in life in relationship to God and others. The gift of counsel helps us to reflect on making correct choices in life. As Christians, our overall direction in life is determined by our commitment to God, and we must remember to ask Him to direct our lives. What is clear from this weekend's Gospel and from the First Reading is that God is primarily concerned with our present relationship to Him.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

**PASTOR:**

Fr Dantus Thottathil MCBS  
(email: [thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au))

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Fr Prem Rethnamony

*Parish Secretary:* Kate Sellwood

*Parish Office:*

Cnr Ernest and Kooralgin Sts, Manly, 4179

*Postal Address:*

PO Box 5174 Manly QLD 4179

*Office hours:*

8:30am - 2:00pm—Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri

*Office Ph.:* 3131 2610 (Birkdale 3822-2139)

*Presbytery Ph.:* 3396 0742

*Email:* [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

*Website:* [www.manlycatholicparish.org.au](http://www.manlycatholicparish.org.au)

*Facebook:* St John Vianney's Catholic Parish  
Manly QLD

## Parish Information

### Quote of the Day:

**Life doesn't allow  
for us to**

**go back and fix  
what we have  
done wrong in the  
past,**

**but it does allow for  
us to**

**live each day**

**better than our last.**

### Mass Times

**Wednesday 30/09**                      **Sunday 4/10**  
**9:00am**                                      **7:00am**

Rosary and Mass at Manly              Mass at Gumdale

**Saturday 3/10 5:00pm**                      **9:30am**

Vigil Mass at Manly                      Mass at Manly

### Reconciliation:

By appointment only.

### SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

**Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:**

Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739

**STOPLINE Contact: [A0B@stopline.com.au](mailto:A0B@stopline.com.au)**

*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.*

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

### COVID-19 UPDATE

From the Archdiocese: 'The Chief Medical Officer has expressed confidence in organisations with COVID Safe plans and at this stage parishes following the [Industry Plan for Places of Worship](#) can continue to hold acts of worship with no additional operating restrictions.' Bishop Ken Howell

Our Parish operates under the COVID safe plan and we can continue to celebrate mass following these guidelines.

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

Mass bookings for **55** 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](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)

**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, Mitchell Sweet, Barbara Peet

**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:** Gertrude Anderson, John Brian, Judith Brennan, Kathleen Carter, Peter Carter, David Cootes, Edna Dillon, Val Fagan, Bernard Foster, Alan Gill, Cecily Graham, Frank Grainger, Luigi Gregori, Luzette Hageraats, Gilda Hankins, Victoria Hardy, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Harrison, Annie Horswill, Keith Joseph Imeson, Andrew Jones, Michael Kearney, Mary Laracy, Diane Larkins, Lance Lawes, Pat Little, Margaret Murphy, Margaret, McIntosh, Peter McIndoe, Lisa Orford (Argent), Jessie Platt, Clem Raine, John Ryan, Florence Schmid, Paul Skillender, Leo Smith, Ray Tranter, Josephine van Daalen, Bob Ward, Madge Wiese.

## Announcements

**Mass Bookings:** Mass bookings for the first weekend in October are now available. From Monday 28 September bookings will become available for the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of October and the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, these bookings will appear grouped under one heading as two different session times. All bookings that are made from now on have been limited to one seat per booking, this is to allow for a simplified contact tracing system to be put into place. If you are a family or booking multiple seats you will be required to book one seat for each person attending, using their details. In the event that you have made a booking and can no longer attend mass we ask that you please cancel your booking, this can be done using the booking confirmation you receive via email, the option to cancel is located at the bottom. If you have any questions please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Tuesday Night Mass:** From Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, we will be recommencing mass on a Tuesday evening at 6:00pm. No bookings are required for this mass.

**Thank You:** We would like to thank Joshua Walsh for his many years on the Manly Pastoral Council. We would also like to thank Mark Cranny and Marina Snyman for their many years on the Manly Finance Committee.

**Expressions of Interest Required:** We are currently seeking expressions of interest from anyone who wishes to join our Parish Finance Committee. If you are interested in joining the Finance Committee. Please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au). Thank you.

**2021 Columban Art Calendar:** If anyone is interested in purchasing the 2021 Columban Art Calendar, please write your details on the expressions of interest sheet at the back of the church. The cost of calendars will be calculated based on the number of calendars ordered due to shipping costs to receive the calendars. Expressions of interest will close on Monday 28 September to allow for the order to be placed.

**Ordering of Annuals for 2021:** On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, we will be placing an order for the Daily Mass Book 2021, and other annuals from Liturgy Brisbane. Please see the flyer on the notice board for further information about what is available. If you wish to order any of these or require more information please contact the parish office on 31312610 or email: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au) before 2:00pm on Friday 2 October 2020.

### Call For Volunteers

The parish is in need of volunteers for weekend masses. If you would like to help with the following duties and are not already a volunteer in our parish please go to the following link to register as a volunteer: <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in contact with you. If you are already a volunteer within our parish and would like to assist please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au). Full training is provided to all volunteers.

### Sacristan duties, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality, Counters and Choir and musicians

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

Please note that some of these duties are currently not undertaken due to COVID-19 restrictions. We would like to thank you in anticipation.