

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



fruitfulness is a sign that God has been faithful to the covenant promises that were made.

Paul instructs the Corinthians on how to live courageously until they see the Lord face-to-face (vv.6 & 8). During this life believers are at home in the body, but away from the Lord. In the next life, they will be away from the body and at home with the Lord. While in the body, believers walk by faith and not by sight. Paul ends his exhortation with a sobering thought. At the end of this life, all will stand before Christ to be judged according to whether or not they did in fact live lives of faith after his example. Those who did not live such lives will not be able to be fully at home with the Lord.

The fable about a cedar tree describes a reversal that will be performed by God. What was once insignificant and vulnerable will be exalted. The shoot taken from the crown of the tree will be planted on a high and lofty mountain, a site that is traditionally regarded as the place where God dwells. There it will flourish, produce branches, yield fruit, provide shelter for every kind of winged animal. The image describes one of the most basic tenets of Israel's faith: God chooses the weak of the world to confound the strong. The splendour of the tree declares that God reverses the fortunes of the lofty and of the lowly, of the vigorous and of the withered.

Singing praises is a way of thanking God. Hymns of thanksgiving normally include reasons for gratitude. Kindness and faithfulness are part of the vocabulary of covenant. Prayer until dawn suggests a night vigil. The rewards of righteousness are graphically sketched, using nature imagery. 'Planted in the house of the Lord' is probably a reference to temple devotion. Just as trees were planted near water, their source of life, so the righteous are planted in the presence of God, their source of life. Such remarkable lives bear witness to the uprightness of God. Their

In many ways, parables are brain-teasers. Jesus states that the reign of God is like seed that takes root and grows and produces in secret places within human reality. In fact it is usually found in places where one would least expect to find it – among the poor and despised, in the hearts of those who suffer, in the lives of the persecuted. The potential of the reign of God is often contained in what appears to be inconsequential. Yet it thrives in its own mysterious ways. The parables of Jesus forced his hearers to stretch their imaginations and to make connections that they might not ordinarily make. The presumption was that those who followed Jesus were always willing or able to do this.



### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm.

**Please join us this Sunday**

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	Marilyn Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	Mary Webster	Mary Webster
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Barbara Thompson
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Sandra McLlheney
	<b>Counters</b>	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi	H & F Tay

St Pius X Church Masses		
June Mon 17	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 11 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 11 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 20	8.00am	Mass (Week 11 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 21	8.00am	Mass (Week 11 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 22	8.00am	Mass (Week 11 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (12th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 23	7.30am	Mass (12th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (12th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (12th Sunday in Ordinary time)



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## 2024 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - [manningparish.org.au/sacraments](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments) - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

### Confirmation

**Congratulations to all our candidates who were confirmed on Friday, 17 May**

### First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 25 August 2024  
**Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 6 August 2024**

### First Reconciliation

5.00pm Saturday 22 October 2024  
**Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 8 October 2024**

**If you have not been to Commitment Mass for the Sacraments please see Fr Anthony Vu**



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## First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

## Reflection for Young People

By Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.

## Next Sunday Readings

12th Sunday in Ordinary time - 23 June 2024

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

# CHILDREN'S CORNER



## What is God's Kingdom like?

Jesus described the Kingdom of God as being like a mustard seed - the smallest of seeds! - but once planted, it grows into the biggest of shrubs. What do you imagine the Kingdom of God to be like? Write or draw your answers