

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

7th July 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Paul situates his apostleship within the paradox of the cross of Jesus. He knows that it is foolish to allow himself to become proud of any spiritual favours he has received. Lest this might happen, he is stricken with a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan. What this affliction might have been is not clear. Paul prayed to be relieved of his affliction, but was told: 'Power is made perfect in weakness'. Thus Paul came to know that real power is to be found in vulnerability, for stripped of power one is more likely to turn to God. Now, when Paul endures insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints, he is strong with the power of Christ.

Jesus returns to his hometown (literally his father's house) and he is identified as the son of his mother. It is precisely because he originated from these people that he is rejected by them. The fact that Jesus spoke in the synagogue was not extraordinary, since adult men took their turns explaining the Scriptures. What upset the crowd was the content of his message. Their astonishment did not give birth to faith; it grew out of skepticism and developed into rejection. Their questions sprang from resentment, not awe. Who did he think he was? Without realising it, they were asking the right question, but for the wrong reason. Had they really wanted to know, his identity might have been revealed to them. It seems that those who knew Jesus the best understood him the least.

The call and commission of the prophet Ezekiel are recounted in today's first reading. Ezekiel does not assume the role of prophet to himself. It is God who sends him, to the people that God selects, with the message that God determines. God has chosen a mere human (son of man) to accomplish God's designs. This experience of God is not a reassuring one for Ezekiel. He is told that the Israelites, to whom he is being sent, are a rebellious people, hard of face and obstinate of heart. Still, whether they resist the prophet or heed him, they will know that there has been a prophet among them, because of the dire consequences their rebelliousness will bring upon them.

The sentiments of the psalmist are clearly stated at the outset. Lifting up one's eyes is a gesture of humble longing. God dwells in the heavens and reigns from there as a king governs from the throne. The psalmist attends to God as a diligent household servant attends to the hands of the master and mistress. The people who have turned to God for help are overwhelmed by the disdain they suffer. They still turn to God with confidence, trusting that this sovereign God who reigns over all will snatch them from their predicament and be openhanded in bestowing the favours that they need.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

St Vinnies is doing their winter appeal this weekend. Ian Lane will be saying a few words about the Appeal

You will notice envelopes in the pews.
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The role of Safeguarding Officers is to ensure the safety of children, young people and the vulnerable in the Catholic Church

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Weekend of 6/7 July

Weekend of 13/14 July

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| Special Ministers | Sat 6.00pm | Krystyna Henderson | Krystyna Henderson |
| | Sun 7.30am | John Miles | John Miles |
| | Sun 9.00am | Lina DaSilva | Lina DaSilva |
| Readers | Sat 6.00pm | Edwin Carvalho | Carlos Sivalingam |
| | Sun 7.30am | Pauline Joseph | Les Price |
| | Sun 9.00am | Shirley Whitfield | Vincent Whyte |
| Counters | | Terry & Meagan Scanlan | D & B Molony |

St Pius X Church Masses

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| July Mon 8 | 8.00am | Communion Service |
| Tue 9 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 14 in Ordinary Time) |
| Wed 10 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 14 in Ordinary Time) |
| Thu 11 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 14 in Ordinary Time) |
| Fri 12 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 14 in Ordinary Time) |
| Sat 13 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 14 in Ordinary Time) |
| | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass (15th Sunday in Ordinary time) |
| Sun 14 | 7.30am | Mass (15th Sunday in Ordinary time) |
| | 9.00am | Mass (15th Sunday in Ordinary time) |
| | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (15th Sunday in Ordinary time) |



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
All proceeds go to the Parish
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
All parishioners are most welcome
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy

A beautiful, prayerful sung devotion held at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Dean Road Bateman on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30pm. The next devotion will be held on Wednesday 10th July 2024 commencing at 7.30pm. Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039.

A Big Thank you



Reg who has been our gardener for almost 10 years has decided it is time for him to retire. Thank you so very much Reg for everything you have done for the Parish.

We are now looking for a replacement and if you would like to volunteer your services please contact Fr Anthony

Safeguarding



All Church workers paid and unpaid and all Church volunteers must complete a Personal Declaration Form and attend a Safeguarding Level 1 - Induction. (This includes counters, readers, committee members etc). You may collect a Personal Declaration Form from the foyer and place the completed form in the blue box in the foyer at your earliest convenience.

A face-to-face Safeguarding Level 1 – Induction session for all Church workers and volunteers will take place at Manning Parish on Sunday 7 July from 12:30pm –1:30pm.

Please register your attendance on the sign in sheet in the foyer.

The Safeguarding Level 1 Induction is now also a Self-Placed Online Learning Module that can be completed at any time. Safeguarding Training and Registration – Safeguarding Office (perthcatholic.org.au)

This initiative provides greater flexibility in completing the Safeguarding Induction and an easier user-friendly experience.



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 - 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

Weekend of Prayer for the Archdiocesan Assembly

The Perth Catholic community is being invited to dedicate the weekend of Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 July to prayer for the upcoming Archdiocesan Assembly.

Vicar General, the Very Rev Fr Vincent Glynn said parishes, agencies and communities across the Archdiocese are invited to pray the Archdiocesan Assembly prayer at all Masses. This prayer has been sent out to all parishes and communities.

The first-ever Archdiocesan Assembly for Perth will be held on Saturday 13 July 2024.

[Click Here](#) for more information about the Archdiocesan Assembly.

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone

When Jesus comes back home, his neighbours remember Jesus the kid, and refuse to believe in the talents and gifts of Jesus the adult and prophet.

How would it be if you grew up, became famous at your craft or skill, and returned home to discover that everyone who knew you as a child had a hard time respecting you as an accomplished expert in your field? What would you do? How would you react?

How would it be if one of your friends who never seemed particularly gifted in any one area grew up, left town, and became famous for her or his talent and insight and opinions? How would you respond to her or his sudden popularity?

How might you feel about this friend?

When Jesus returns to visit his hometown, people are not very supportive. They have a hard time accepting that the child they knew is now a famous prophet, healer and speaker. Jesus is so distressed by their lack of confidence in his ability and their lack of trust that he cannot even perform the miracles he wants to.

Why not? What do you think?

How does the support of your friends and family affect your own performance level and ability?

Next Sunday Readings

15h Sunday in Ordinary time - 14 July 2024

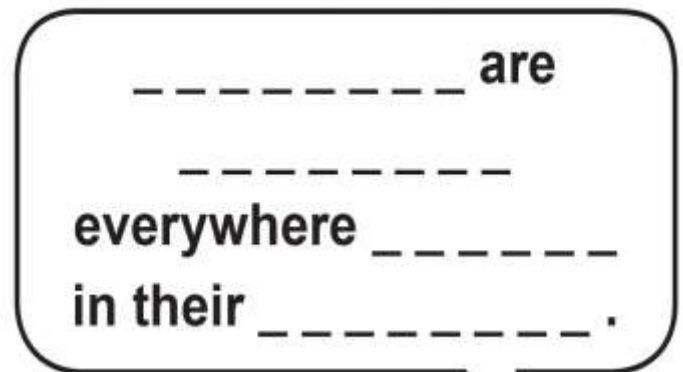
First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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Complete Jesus' teaching by using the words below.



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