

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



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.

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.

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Weekday Masses

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Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Lina DaSilva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Jim Kelly
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Corrie Barnes
	Counters	D & B Molony	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
July Mon 15	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 17	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 20	8.00am	Mass (Week 15 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 21	7.30am	Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary time)



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

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
 All are welcome; no age limits

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

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 next Sunday**

Love Gardening

We are looking for a volunteer who has spare time on their hands and loves spending time in the Garden to help look after our lovely gardens here at St Pius X Parish
 If you are interested please see Fr Anthony after Mass or contact him via his email.

Boundaries: Living in the Freedom of the Children of God

Can I love and say 'no'? How do I deal with difficult people as a Christian? How can I have healthy relationships when I have been hurt in the past? Inspired by the life of Christ, Scripture, the lives of the saints and the work of Christian psychologists Dr Henry Cloud and Dr John Townsend, participants will learn what a healthy boundary is, why boundaries are key to living as the image of God and having healthy, God-centred authentic relationships and living with the freedom of the Children of God to flourish and help others flourish

Newman Siena Centre (CLT) 33 Williamstown Rd, Doubleview
 1 August – 5 September - 10.00am - 11.30am
 6 Sessions, Thurs mornings with Ms Natalie Thomas
 COST: \$45

Morning Tea

Volunteers are needed to do the Morning Tea for the months of September, October and December.
 If you can assist please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer.

First Reading

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.'

And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Reflection for Young People By Greg Sunter

This account of the sending out of the twelve disciples appears in all three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and so originates from the Gospel of Mark. It is a commissioning of the disciples to spread the ministry of Jesus – teaching, healing and casting out demons. It seems rather harsh conditions under which Jesus sends out his disciples. They are to carry nothing but a staff – a walking stick – and to trust completely to the hospitality that they will encounter. For the disciples going out on their mission, it is a challenge to their faith and their trust that God will provide for them. The act of sending out the disciples can also be seen as a challenge to the towns and people that the disciples visited. A challenge for them to fulfil their duty of hospitality – of welcoming the stranger and caring for those in need. By travelling without a 'fallback position' the disciples are utterly at the mercy of those they encounter but there is an implicit demand on the other to extend hospitality to the one who seeks it.

How would the disciples be greeted in our world today if they arrived in a country or town with no food, no possessions and calling on the hospitality of the place in which they had arrived? Does this sound familiar? There are refugees and asylum seekers who arrive on our borders and seek the hospitality of our country. They are fleeing inhospitality – often starvation, war, persecution, poverty – and they ask for welcome and hospitality. Unfortunately, in the culture of fear and intolerance that has developed, they are not met with welcome and hospitality; they are met with obstacles, rejection and ill treatment.

Next Sunday Readings

16h Sunday in Ordinary time - 21 July 2024

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Peter and John are on their way to spread God's message to others. Help them find their way through the maze where they will find people who will welcome them and listen to their message. Keep an eye out for those who look unwilling to listen!

