

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

21<sup>st</sup> July 2024



Christ our Anchor

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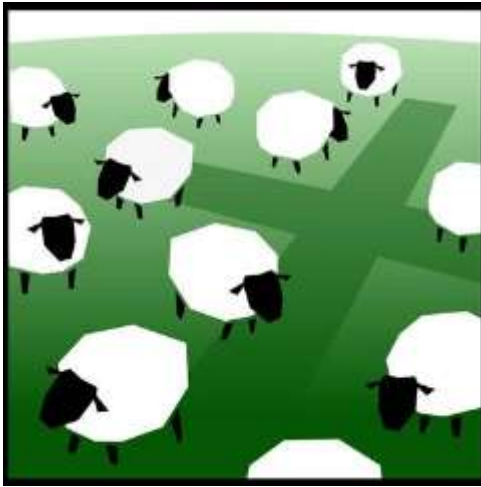
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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



psalmist has been under the loving guidance of the Lord and will remain there forever.

The epistle speaks of the union, accomplished in Christ, between two different groups of people. Previously the Ephesians had been far off from faith; now, through the blood of Christ, they have been joined to other believers. Christ is their peace; in Christ they are now one people. The 'dividing wall of enmity' might refer to the barrier that kept non-Jewish people out of designated precincts of the temple. It could refer to cultic regulations which forbade association with people who did not belong to the community. Or it could be an allusion to the entire law which set the Israelites apart from all others. Through the blood of the cross, Christ has broken down this wall of division.

The gospel paints a picture of success. Either the ministry of the apostles was quite effective, or Jesus' fame had spread abroad, or both, for the people came in such numbers that the missionaries withdrew from the crowds. The desert was not only a place of escape, it reminded the people of the formative period of their past, when in the desert God entered into covenant with them. A return to the desert was often a time of recommitment. Their departure did not deter the crowds; they followed them. Jesus was moved by the plight of the people, whom he saw as sheep without a shepherd. He knew that they followed him so eagerly because they were bereft of strong and dependable leadership. And so he began to teach them.

The reading from Jeremiah begins with an indictment of the monarchy and an oracle of judgment and ends with an oracle of salvation promising a renewal of the royal house of David. Jeremiah contrasts the notions of scattering and gathering in his development of the shepherd theme, a familiar theme that highlighted the responsibility the leaders had for guiding and safeguarding the people. The leaders had not only neglected the people of God, they actually misled them, causing them to be scattered (exile). However, God will gather them together and bring them back home where they will live in peace. God will then raise up a new royal shepherd, a righteous leader who will govern the nation wisely and justly.

The responsorial psalm is one of the most familiar and best loved psalms of the entire psalter. It paints vivid pictures of a carefree existence, peaceful rest, and abundant fruitfulness. God is characterised as a shepherd who attends to both the physical and the spiritual needs of each individual sheep. With a shepherd's rod and staff, God wards off whatever threatens the flock. God is also a host who prepares a lavish banquet for guests. This banquet affords nourishment as well as public witness to God's high regard for the psalmist, who will continue to enjoy God's favour in God's house. The

### Morning Tea

A volunteer is required to host the morning tea for the first Sunday in August, after the 9.00am Mass.

If you could assist, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer.

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<b>Special Ministers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Krystyna Henderson
	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Lina DaSilva
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Mary Overton
	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Corrie Barnes	Giselle Shankar
	<b>Counters</b>	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan	Colleen & Pat Lowry

St Pius X Church Masses		
July Mon 22	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 23	8.00am	Mass (Week 16 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 24	8.00am	Mass (Week 16 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 25	8.00am	Mass (Week 16 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 26	8.00am	Mass (Week 16 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 16 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (17th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 28	7.30am	Mass (17th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (17th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (17th 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](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**

### 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 this Sunday**

### Invitation to an Evening of Prayer

Since June 1981 it is reported that Our Blessed Mother has been appearing daily to visionaries in Medjugorje with messages for the world.

We warmly invite you to join us at our Medjugorje evening of prayer in thanksgiving to God for these daily apparitions of Our Lady.

### Boundaries: Living in the Freedom of the Children of God

**Newman Siena Centre (CLT)**  
 33 Williamstown Rd, Doubleview  
 1 August – 5 September  
 10.00am - 11.30am (6 Sessions Thurs mornings) with Ms Natalie Thomas  
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Our evening consists of Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Rosary, Confession, Benediction concluding with Holy Mass. Light refreshments available. Rosary beads and medals which have received Our Lady's Blessing during Her apparitions to visionaries in Medjugorje given free on this evening. Also free DVD's plus newsletters.

Friday 26th July - 7.00pm  
 St Bernadette's Church.  
 49 Jugan St. Glendalough.  
 Contact [medjugorjewa1981@gmail.com](mailto:medjugorjewa1981@gmail.com)  
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### Pilgrimage to Vietnam

19th - 30th November 2024

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(People of all faiths are welcome).

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 22. R. v.2*

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 2:13-18*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Mark 6:30-34*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could

guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus is so popular, he can't get away from the crowds. He tries to take the Apostles away in a boat for a little break, but the people find out where they are going, and they arrive ahead of the boat. Still, Jesus pities them and gives in to the crowd. He shifts his focus from resting to preaching. He begins to teach them with the words they long to hear.

Who is someone you would follow with that kind of determination? Is there an athlete, a rock star, or some other performer or celebrity that you would want to see that much? Would you ever take another route to meet up with him or her, just to get a front-row seat? Why or why not?

Would you like to be that famous? Would you like to draw such huge crowds that wherever you go, you have to take a pillow and do your sleeping in the car, boat, plane, or train? Would you like to be so popular that whenever you arrive anywhere, a crowd of fans is waiting to see you and hear from you? Why or why not?

The Apostles had just arrived back from a long journey and were telling Jesus about it. He urges them to get the rest they need.

The teenage years can be a very busy time. Often lots of school, church, and community activities fill a young person's schedule. Is your life hectic? Do you get the rest you need? Do you get sick sometimes (or often) because you don't take care of yourself? Or do you eat nutritious meals, exercise, and get enough sleep? What do you think of the pace of your life?

## Next Sunday Readings

**17th Sunday in Ordinary time - 28 July 2024**

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus took pity on the crowds of people who followed after him - they were like sheep who had lost their shepherd. Draw Jesus, the Good Shepherd tending to his sheep.

