

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

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

28<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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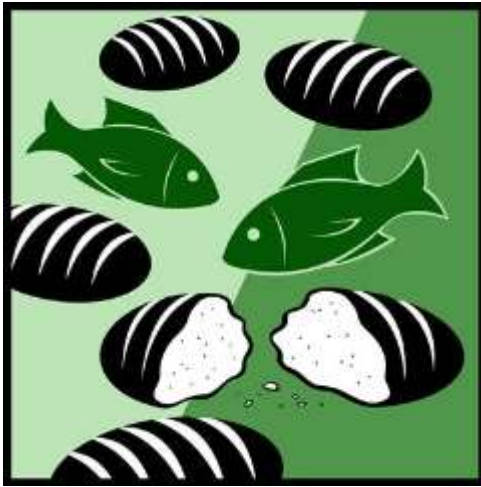
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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



In an episode in the life of the prophet Elisha, a man who brings grain comes from a place that is named for and probably devoted to Baal, the Canaanite god of fertility. Presumably he intends it to be offered to the god worshipped at that shrine. The prophet directs that the bread and grain be given to the people who were suffering from famine. Those who ministered at the shrine objected, but Elisha insisted, and his insistence overrode their objection. This is clear evidence of the authority that the 'man of God' wielded, and that the others recognised. One hundred men were fed by a mere twenty loaves. The miracle reveals the bounteous generosity of God.

The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise. The psalmist invites all of God's works to give thanks, proclaims the Lord's universal providence, and extols divine righteousness. The works of the Lord include everything that God has made as well as everything that God has done. The faithful of the Lord are those who are bound to God in covenant loyalty. They are summoned to praise God in reverence and awe. A vivid image is used to depict both the dependence of all living creatures and the generosity of God. All of life stands needy and trusting before God in whose hands is the sustenance upon

which life depends, and God is open-handed in satisfying this need.

Paul exhorts the converts to live according to social virtues that characterise the Christian life. His imprisonment demonstrates the price that he himself is willing to pay for his convictions. All the virtues are relational attitudes that foster community harmony. This harmony is grounded in their belonging to the one body of Christ, their being filled with and fashioned by one Spirit of God, and their being moved by the one hope of their call to salvation. Their life is Trinitarian; they have all been called by God to salvation in Christ through the Spirit. This unity is expressed in their allegiance to one Lord, their commitment to one faith, and their celebration of one baptism.

The power of Jesus had a mesmerising effect on the crowds. They followed him from place to place. However, they did this less out of faith than out of the hope that they might witness the performance of some marvel. Jesus took the barley loaves (note the link with the Feast of Unleavened Bread), gave thanks (eucharisté), distributed them, and then did the same with the fish. The Eucharistic allusions here are obvious. Once again the crowds were overwhelmed by Jesus. They had followed him to the other side of the lake in order to witness his exceptional power. They were not disappointed. However, they now recognise him as more than a wonder-worker. He is the long-awaited prophet like Moses (cf. Deut 15:18), the one who would usher in the messianic age.

### Morning Tea

Volunteers are required to host the morning tea for the first Sunday in October and December, after the 9.00am Mass.

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

### SPX Safeguarding Officers

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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	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	Volunteer
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Sandra McLlheney
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Mary Overton	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	Shirley Whitfield	John Collins
	<b>Counters</b>	Colleen & Pat Lowry	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
July Mon 29	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 30	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 31	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time)
Aug Thu 1	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 2	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 3	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (18th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 4	7.30am	Mass (18th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (18th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (18th 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

### Discovering the Mass: A Journey through Liturgy and Sacrament

Wednesdays, 14 Aug – 11 Sep  
 10:00am – 11:30am (5 sessions)  
 with Dr Carmel Suart Cost: \$40  
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This course invites all those interested to discover and deepen their understanding of the Catholic Mass.

Starting with an overview of the history of the Mass, the course will explore why we do what we do during the Mass, and reflect on how the sacrament of the Eucharist - described by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as "the source and summit" of the Christian life (1324-1327) can be lived in a way that shapes our daily lives.

### Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in August are Jakie Rainsford & Jeramie Carrick. Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00 am Mass.

All are welcome.

Volunteers are needed. If you can assist please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer.

### Senior Luncheon

### Seniors Lunch

**6 August 2024 12 Noon - 2.00pm**  
 Our Parish Seniors Lunch will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 6 August  
 If you wish to attend, please enter your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer of the Church

### Pilgrimage to Vietnam

19th - 30th November 2024

Please join Mgr Michael Keating on an enriching journey of culture and faith in the land of the martyrs of Vietnam. Explore Saigon, Hanoi, Danang, Hue, etc. Experience the deep Catholic faith of the Vietnamese people.

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(People of all faiths are welcome).

## First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

## Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Who has the courage to bring forth those five barley loaves and two fish? A young person! It is a young person who makes the decision to share personal food with a crowd of people. That young person gives us an example of how we should be. That one young person makes a difference.

Have you ever been in that situation? Have you ever done something that served as an example to adults as well as to other young people? If so, what did you do? What happened?

So often we want to make a difference, but we feel as if we cannot. 'I am only one person. How can I make a difference?' is what we often ask ourselves. But most major changes in the world happen because one or two people have the courage to try something new.

Have you ever tried something new? Have you ever had a dream about doing something different or starting a movement that might bring about a major change in people's behaviour or attitude? If so, what is it? If not, what do you wish you could accomplish?

If you had been the only person in a hungry crowd who would admit to having brought any food along, would you have offered it to Jesus so it might be shared with more than five thousand people? Why or why not?

Lots of times we try something new and it fails. At that point we have two choices. We can either give up or we can try again in a way that applies our learning from the first failed attempt. Sooner or later we will make a discovery: we will discover the right way to do something new, or we will discover that we've put enough time and energy into a difficult quest and it's time to change gears and focus on something else.

Have you ever failed at some attempt, then learned enough to try and try again until you finally succeeded? If so, what happened? Have you ever failed at some attempt, tried again a few times, and finally decided that it was time to stop trying and to move on with something else? If so, what happened?

## Next Sunday Readings

18th Sunday in Ordinary time - 4 August 2024

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus fed the large crowd with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Draw some of the people whom Jesus fed.

