### BULLETIN

### St Pius X Church

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024



### Manning Parish

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### **Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA**



the The murmuring in wilderness highlights more than Israelite discouragement in the face of hunger. The very real need for food put their faith to the test. The community grumbled to Moses and Aaron. Although God's leadership is being challenged, it is God's appointed leaders who are being blamed. The people prefer their former situation of oppression in Egypt with food, over their present freedom without food. Not even the phenomenal character of the exodus events prompted them to develop a faith that would be unshakable amid the obstacles that they were now facing. Despite this, God heard their rebellious grumbling and responded with provisions. Once again God demonstrates divine power and a preference for the Israelites.

The essence of Israel's historical recital found in the responsorial psalm is the proclamation of the glorious deeds of the Lord. The verses here concentrate on the incident of the manna and the entrance into the land. The manna tradition shows that, because the God of Israel was able to govern the heavens as well as direct the fortunes of the people themselves, this God must enjoy supreme authority over the cosmos. The recital of these wonders reminds the people of who they have become because of what they have

experienced. It also challenges them to live in the present as a people faithful to who they are, so that they can hand down their noble identity to the next generation.

Paul provides the Ephesians a wisdom teaching. There are only two ways of living: the way of the wise or righteous and the way of the foolish or wicked. There is no middle path. Paul contrasts the Ephesians' former life with the one to which they have now committed themselves. This new way of living demands a radical change. They must put away their old selves and put on new selves. The new age has come with Christ and the Ephesians must be recreated if they are to be part of this new age. In accord with the wisdom admonitions that they have heard, they are called to choose the path that will fashion them in God's own righteousness and holiness.

Jesus' discourse on the bread of life follows a traditional method of rabbinic interpretation. Scripture is quoted, and then an analysis is given. When Jesus states that the work of God is faith in himself, the crowds demand a sign to verify this bold claim. In response, Jesus reinterprets the story of manna in the wilderness, insisting that he is the bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Jesus leads them away from a superficial search for physical satisfaction to a desire for the deeper things of God. The people realise that Jesus is claiming to be the one sent by God in whom they must believe. Here the bread of life is a wisdom theme and refers to faith, not Eucharist.

### 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

### Fr Anthony Vu

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#### **Office Hours**

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)

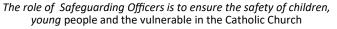
#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Saturdays at 10.30am Or any time by appointment with Fr Anthony

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

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6pm Vigil Mass - Harry Rai 7:30am Mass - Marie Chaperon- 9313 4585 9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065 11am Chinese Mass

Gregory Lo 0435 383 417, Andrew Tai 0435 950 532, Juliana Tseng 0438 864 689 Email: safeguarding@manningparish.org.au



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### **Melissa Vranjes**

Principal

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### COUNSELLING

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ROSTER		Weekend of 3/4 August	Weekend of 10/11 August
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Janine Banks	Janine Banks
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Marian Phillips
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Rosa Denobrega
Counters		Terry & Meagan Scanlan	H & F Tay

St Pius X Church Masses				
Aug Mon 5	8.00am	Communion Service		
Tue 6	8.00am	Mass (Week 18 in Ordinary Time)		
Wed 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 18 in Ordinary Time)		
Thu 8	9.00am	Mass (St Mary of the Cross & School Mass)		
Fri 9	8.00am	Mass (Week 18 in Ordinary Time)		
Sat 10	8.00am	Mass (Week 18 in Ordinary Time)		
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (19th Sunday in Ordinary time)		
Sun 11	7.30am	Mass (19th Sunday in Ordinary time)		
	9.00am	Mass (19th Sunday in Ordinary time)		
	1100am	Chinese Mass (19th Sunday in Ordinary time)		



Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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### 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 14th August 2024 commencing at 7.30pm.

Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039



### Seniors Lunch

### 6 August 2024, 12 Noon - 2.00pm

Our Seniors Lunch will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 6 August. If you wish to attend, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer of the Church



### 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

### Morning Tea



Our hosts for morning tea in August are Jakie Rainsford & Jeramie Carrick. Please join us this 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.

## Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes

18-day pilgrimage 3rd September 2024 with Fr Maria Raju

This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8990.

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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 - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

#### Confirmation

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

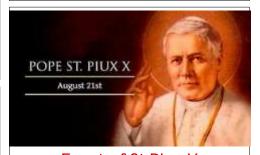
### **First Holy Communion**

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



### Feast of St Pius X

We are having a social evening to celebrate the Feast of St Pius X on Saturday 17 August after the 6.00 pm Mass

Please join in the celebration. All are welcome to attend

If you would like to assist with the catering, please bring a plate and make a note on the list provided in the foyer of the Church

### First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

- The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
- He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven.
   He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
- Mere men ate the bread of angels.
   He sent them abundance of food.
   He brought them to his holy land,
   to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

### Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is

working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

### Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The people ask Jesus for a sign, like the mannabread that Moses and their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus tells the crowd that he himself is the 'bread of life'.

How strong is your faith? Do you feel connected to Jesus and believe he is present to you? Or do you wish you could have more miraculous signs – perhaps like bread falling to you from the sky?

Jesus recognises that the people are more concerned with perishable food to fill their stomachs. He urges them to be concerned with the food that will not perish, with food that is eternal and that feeds the soul, not just the body.

No one will deny that food for the body is necessary. But most of us never think about eternal food for the soul. What feeds our souls? What feeds yours? What helps your faith? What or who gives life to your relationship with Jesus? What or who helps you believe? How are you a person who brings 'food for the soul' to others?

Teenagers seem to be preoccupied with the latest fashion statement, the kinds of pants and shirts that are in style, the music that is currently topping the charts, and even the words and phrases that are popular in teen language. These are all fads that come and go, certainly like the 'perishable food' Jesus talks about. What would Jesus say about teenagers and their love for these things? What do you think about them?

### **Next Sunday Readings**

19th Sunday in Ordinary time - 11 August 2024

First Reading: 1 Kg 19:4-8 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30–5:2 Gospel: John 6:41-51

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Help the people in the boat find their way to Jesus on the other side of the lake.

