

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

11th August 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Elijah goes into the desert hoping that he will die. He has had enough. The office of prophet is too heavy to bear. He has been no more successful in turning the people away from their sinful lives than were his ancestors before him. He prays that God will take his life. His prayer is not heard, because his mission is not yet completed. In the strength of the mysterious food and water he receives from an angel, he walks forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God. Both the number forty and the journey to the mountain recall the Moses tradition. What began in desperation ends with the prophet once again actively involved in the affairs of God.

The psalm response is part of an acrostic, a poem whose structure follows the order of the alphabet. This form (the entire alphabet) always signifies the same thing, namely, completeness. This psalm is less a prayer than an instruction on the theory of retribution: the righteous will be blessed and the wicked will be punished. The psalm begins with praise of God and moves to expressions of gratitude. The congregation is encouraged to look to the Lord so that they too may rejoice in gratitude. The life of the psalmist is placed before them as an example to follow. The

prayer ends with an admonition. It is now time for the congregation to experience God's goodness for themselves.

The reading from Ephesians contains two very unusual exhortations: do not grieve the Spirit, and be imitators of God. The Christians are told not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God by unseemly behaviour, since they have been sealed by that Spirit. There is a presumption that the seal sets the Christians apart as belonging to the Spirit and guarantees that they have been transformed into people who live according to that Spirit. The language denotes a personal relationship. The people are further admonished to be imitators of God just as children are imitators of their parents. As Christ offered himself for them out of love, so out of love, they must be willing to live lives of self-sacrifice.

The murmuring of Jesus' Jewish opponents, prompted by his claim to be bread from heaven, is reminiscent of the murmuring of the Israelites in the wilderness, to which God responded with manna from heaven. The exchange between Jesus and his opponents was a kind of social sparring meant to enhance the status of one as it diminished the status of the other. In a clever turn of phrase, Jesus declares that only those drawn by God will be drawn to the one who was sent by God. Jesus makes two self-revelatory proclamations: I am the bread of life; I am the living bread from heaven. Unlike the manna that provided sustenance for a short time, Jesus is the source of life eternal.

Feast Of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 15.8.24 - 9.00am

Please note there will be no 8.00am Mass
but 9.00am instead.

It will also be a School Mass.

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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Marian Phillips	Adolph de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Volunteer
	Sun 9.00am	Rosa Denobrega	Maria Fernandes
	Counters	H & F Tay	Kas Luczak, G Shankar

St Pius X Church Masses		
Aug Mon 12	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 13	8.00am	Mass (Week 19 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 14	8.00am	Mass (Week 19 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 15	8.00am	Mass (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary & School Mass at 9am)
Fri 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 19 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 17	8.00am	Mass (Week 19 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (20th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 18	7.30am	Mass (20th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (20th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (20th 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.

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

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 0419 910 039

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 at 3.00pm

48Hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday

6pm THURSDAY 5th Sept to 6pm SATURDAY 7th September 2024 6PM

Presentation of the scroll of names will be made at the St Joachims Catholic Church, Shepperton Road, Victoria Park, The Rosary will be said at 10.30am followed by Mass at 11am on 7th September 2024. The Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev Justin Bianchini, Bishop Emeritus of Geraldton

All information can be found at www.legionofmarywa.org or by emailing comitiumofperth@gmail.com

First Holy Communion

Sunday 25.8.24

9.00am

Please pray for our children who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 25th August at 9.00am Mass. May they be blessed with a deeper understanding of the Eucharist they receive.

We would also like to thank their parents and teachers who are preparing them for their special day.



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.

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

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Elijah is exhausted and ready to give up. He asks God to take his life.

Have you ever felt that way? If so, what were the stresses and pressures that led you to that point? How did you get through it? If not, do you know anyone who has felt that way? Can you imagine being in that situation? What would you do? Elijah doesn't want to take care of himself. He just wants to die. But an angel tells him to take care of his bodily needs or he won't have the strength he needs for the journey ahead.

Do you take good care of yourself? If so, how? If not, why not? Do your parents ever encourage you to take better care of yourself? What do they tell you? Does it make sense? Do you follow their advice? Why or why not?

God has big plans for Elijah, who already has done so much work telling people about God. And God is there for Elijah, helping him out when he doesn't know what to do or where to go.

Do you think God has big plans for you? Why or why not? What might God's plans be for you? What are your plans? Do you think your plans will ever get in the way of God's plans? Do you think God's plans could ever get in the way of your plans? Why or why not? How can someone figure out what plans God has in mind for their life?

Next Sunday Readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary time - 18 August 2024

Proverb 9:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

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Where do we eat his bread?



He gave us his life.
Where did he give us his life?



He gives us love. How do we
feel Jesus' love in our lives?

