BULLETIN St Pius X Church 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 13th August 2023



Manning Parish Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Elijah's experience occurred on the mountain of God. Though in one tradition this mountain is Sinai (see Ex 19:1-6), this tradition identifies it as Horeb (see Dt 4:10 -15a). Such a theophany was accompanied by spectacular phenomena. Perhaps the Israelites described it in this way to show that their God, not the god of the Canaanites, governed the powers of nature. Elijah witnessed the phenomena, but did not experience God within it. It was only when he heard a tiny whispering voice that he was gripped with the realisation of God's presence. No divine words were delivered. The voice itself was the experience. This suggests that the insignificant events of life can be the stage upon which God is revealed.

The psalm presumes a community waiting for a prophetic oracle that will announce peace (v.9). The people's confidence in God rests in the conviction that they are God's own people. There is great expectancy here. The people have done what they can to get God's attention. The next move is God's. Lovingkindness, truth, justice and peace (v.11) are characteristics of the covenantal relationship. When they meet and embrace each other, salvation is complete, truth springs up from the earth, and justice comes down from heaven. All of creation, from earth to sky, shares in

the benefits of the salvation by God.

Paul speaks of his ardent attachment to his Jewish compatriots. Though he devoted himself to the conversion of the Gentiles, he never ceased loving the people from whom he came. Distressed that they did not accept Jesus as messiah, he is willing to be considered cursed (anáthema) and cut off from Christ for their sake. Paul was not the first leader to be willing to forfeit his future with God for the sake of his own people. Moses made the same offer (see Ex 32:32). Paul lists seven prerogatives that his people enjoy as the chosen people of God. Interestingly, the greatest boast is that the Christ, the anointed one of God, came from their line.

In the gospel account, Jesus addresses the terror that the disciples experienced in seeing him walking toward them on the water with a typical divine response: Do not be afraid! To this he adds the theophanic exclamation: It is I; I am (ego eimi)! By walking on water, Jesus assumes the role of the creator-god who alone governs chaotic waters. Peter's faith is not strong enough to overcome his fear of such waters, and so he sinks. Thus he is a model of both faith and lack of faith. Ultimately, it was faith that won out, for Peter is saved when he cries out to Jesus. Those in the boat then pay Jesus homage, identifying him as the Son of God. The entire event was a manifestation of the extraordinary power that resided in Jesus.

Special Morning Tea



Next Sunday we are having a Morning Tea hosted by Mignonne Goes, to celebrate the Feast of St Pius X.

Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00am Mass.

All are welcome.



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> Office Hours Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

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

Normal 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 **No Baptism during Lent Other Time** Negotiable with Father Patrick

Sacrament of Marriage

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| | Sun 7.30am | Volunteer | Volunteer |
| | Sun 9.00am | Sandra McLlheney | Sandra McLlheney |
| Readers | Sat 6.00pm | Adolph de Sousa | Susanna Hooper |
| | Sun 7.30am | Jim Kelly | Les Price |
| | Sun 9.00am | Maria Fernandes | Vincent Whyte |
| Counters | | M Prentice, H & F Tay | Colleen & Pat Lowry |

Parish Calendar

| Aug Mon 14 | 8.00am | Communion Service - Church |
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| Tue 15 | 8.00am | Mass (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1) Church |
| Wed 16 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 19 in Ordinary Time 1) Church |
| Thu 17 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 19 in Ordinary Time 1) Church |
| Fri 18 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 19 in Ordinary Time 1) Church |
| Sat 19 | 8.00am | Mass (Week 19 in Ordinary Time 1) Church |
| | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass (20th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church |
| Sun 20 | 7.30 am | Sunday Mass (20th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church |
| | 9.00am | Sunday Mass (20th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church |
| | 11.00am | Sunday Chinese Mass (20th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church |

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



Sacraments of Healing

Entering into Communion with God and the Church

Wednesdays 23 Aug - 13 September 7.30pm - 8.30pm (4 sessions) with Dr Carmel Suart Applecross Parish Canning Hwy & Ardross Street, Applecross Suggested Donation \$20

The experiences of sin, suffering, illness and death are fundamental to every human life. There are two sacraments of healing in Catholic sacramental life. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This course will discover the Biblical origins and the historical development of these sacraments as well as invite participants to recognise the need for healing and forgiveness in their own lives.

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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

Help Wanted

It is proposed to prune the roses in the church grounds on the morning of Wednesday 23 August commencing at 8.30am.

The assistance of one volunteer to help in this task would be appreciated.

If you can help please phone Reg on 65558326



Divine Mercy Sunday Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every

3rd Sunday of the

month at 3 pm.

Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.

2023 Sacraments Schedules

First Reconciliation 10.30am-12.30pm Saturday 28 October 2023 Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023 Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm 12 October 2023

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

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First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

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

- (R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
- Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
- 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

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Reflection for Young People By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Peter takes a big risk. Trusting Jesus, he steps out onto the lake in the middle of a storm. But when the wind frightens him, he begins to sink. Jesus is disappointed that Peter's faith isn't greater.

When did you ever take a big risk because you trusted someone? Did it work out, or did you get into trouble?

Is it wrong to have doubts and fears when you take a big risk, even when you trust the person you are with? Or is that just a healthy, practical, safe way to live?

Do you think Jesus is being a bit harsh with Peter? After all, Peter did get out of the boat and walk on the water! Or do you think Jesus is justified in his comment, because Peter is already doing the impossible?

A boat is often used as a symbol of the church. In this story it is easy to understand the symbolism of Jesus coming across the stormy waters and winds of modern times in order to help the church stay afloat.

What do you think are the biggest problems for the church today? What is causing the worst storm?

Are you afraid we will all sink? Do you think we will be rescued? Do you think most concerned people will jump off the boat and weather the storm of life alone or on some other type of craft? What do you think will happen?



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> Next Sunday Readings Weekend 19/20 August 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



