

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

First Sunday of Advent - Year A

27th November 2022



Christ our Anchor

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of some forms of Judaism. Two groups survived – the Pharisees, who put more emphasis on the Jewish Law (Torah) than Temple sacrifices, and the followers of Jesus. This is the Jewish world in the final decades of the first century when Matthew's Gospel takes its written form – possible around the years 80-85CE.

As you might expect, these two groups within Judaism now needed to redefine their identity without the Temple and both groups claimed to be the true Israel. This struggle between the heirs of the Pharisees, the Rabbis who focus on Torah, and the third generation of Jesus' followers, gives Matthew's gospel its particular focus. From a common birth in Judaism, two groups were now emerging at the end of the first century – what we now call Rabbinic Judaism, and Christianity. Both groups cherished their heritage in the Scriptures of Israel and the Law, but conflict emerged around the issue of who had the right to interpret the Law of Moses. The Jews looked to the rabbis and their traditions, while Christians believed that Jesus, God's anointed one and Son, had an authority even greater than Moses. Another aspect of Matthew's world is that this community was opening out to the non-Jews, the Gentiles – again seen as the fulfilment of the prophecies that in the last days all nations would come to worship God. For Matthew, the last days had arrived in the person of Jesus.

So how could Matthew portray Jesus in a way that reflected and cherished his community's Jewish origins, while at the same time argue against the Synagogue leaders of his time? One way was to project back into the time of Jesus the type of conflict about the teachings of Moses that Matthew's community was currently facing

Even in the struggles with emerging Rabbinic Judaism, and within the Roman Empire, Matthew's 'good news' is that Jesus is 'God with us' – Emmanuel. This is the name announced at his birth, and the final promise Jesus leaves his disciples, 'I am with you always.'

The Liturgical year has turned full circle and we begin the new year with the first Sunday of Advent. This year we will read from the Gospel of Matthew which was written sometime in the 80s, approximately fifty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Each of the four Gospels provides us with a portrait of Jesus, and a glimpse into the life and concerns of one very early Christian community. To really hear the 'good news' Matthew offers, it will be helpful to step inside Matthew's community, to get a sense of the colours and textures used in his portrait.

The first thing to note is that it is a Jewish world where believers in Jesus are just one particular form of Judaism in the first century alongside other Jewish parties – the Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, the Essenes, and the ordinary 'people of the land'. What is remarkable about this particular group of Jews is their belief that the long-awaited hopes of their people have begun to be realised in Jesus of Nazareth. For this group Jesus is the one the prophets promised, God's anointed one (in Hebrew this is the Messiah, in Greek it is the Christos). In the year 70CE a cataclysmic event happened for the Jewish world. Following a four year revolt, the Roman legions laid siege to Jerusalem, eventually capturing it and destroying the Temple. This event was the end of the Jewish sacrificial system and also the end

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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)

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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

Gregory Lo 0435 383 417, Andrew Tai 0435 950 532 ,

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Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Volunteer
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Antonia Chandra
	Counters	Sharon & Ryan Moore	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi

Parish Calendar		
Nov Mon 28	8.00am	Communion Service (First week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Tue 29	8.00am	Mass (First week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Wed 30	8.00am	Mass (First week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Dec Thu 1	8.00am	Mass (First week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Fri 2	8.00am	Mass (First week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Sat 3	8.00am	Mass (St Francis Xavier) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Second Sunday of Advent - Year A) Church
Sun 4	7.30am	Mass (Second Sunday of Advent - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (Second Sunday of Advent - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Second Sunday of Advent - Year A) Church

Centre for Faith Enrichment

2022 End of Year Mass

Tuesday, 6 December at 10 am
St Catherine's Centre Chapel
31 Williamstown Road, Doubleview

Following the Mass, there will be some refreshments at the Newman Siena Centre (walking distance from the Convent) in the undercroft area next to the car park.

RSVP your attendance by Friday, 25 November by emailing cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or calling our new number, 9278 0261

Parking directly next to the chapel or at Hale School carpark next to the Newman Siena Centre.



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 & 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



Catholic Mission's Christmas Concert

"Leaning towards the Light"
Saturday, 10 December at 6.45 pm

Chapel of St Thomas Aquinas, Aquinas College, 58 Mount Henry Road, Salter Point
For tickets visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CDTHE> (Adults \$40, Concessions \$25).
Livestreamed at <https://cm.org.au/Perth2022>.

For further information email Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au or phone 6234 1760.



Christmas Schedule

Saturday 24 December 2022

No 8.00am morning Mass
6.00pm Christmas Family Mass
9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday 25 December 2022

9.00am Christmas Morning Mass
11.00am Christmas Mass in Chinese

Safeguarding

Induction for All Church Workers - Online

ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are invited to attend an online safeguarding induction

The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Wednesday, 07 December 2022 at 2 pm
Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7 pm

To register please Phone 9221 7762 or visit:

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With Thanksgiving Holy Mass Celebrated By Fr Sean Fernandez
Fellowship and light supper

St John & Paul's Church
Pinetree Gully Road
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Seniors Christmas Lunch

A THREE COURSE MEAL WITH DRINKS
Entree
Turkey, Ham and Vegies
Plum Pudding with Custard & Ice-cream

on Thursday 15 December 2022
from 12 to 2pm

If you would like to attend please put your name and phone number on the form provided in the church foyer.
Thanks - Social Committee

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Heaven is surely the place without war and tools of destruction. Why can't earth also be such a place? Why can't swords and spears and tools of war and violence be turned into ploughshares and pruning hooks and tools for growing things and cultivating life? It would be the best way to get ready for Jesus.

Name some personality traits that could be thought of as 'swords and spears', such as gossiping or using sarcasm and put-downs. Are there 'swords and spears' in your personality?

How can you cultivate spiritual life and growth in your own personality? The world seems to be getting more violent. We see it all the time on television.

Why is the world such a violent place?

What do you think are the contributing factors to the attitude that violence is an acceptable way to respond to conflict?

How can a group of young people concerned about violence affect their neighbourhood or school?

Next Sunday Readings

4th December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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