

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

1st December 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The 'way' that the Lord shows is probably the law. It is in obedience that the will of God is to be found. The psalm clearly draws the connection between covenant and wisdom. An intimate relationship with God calls for a response from the covenant partners.

Paul prays for the spiritual growth and maturity of the Thessalonians. He does not pray that love increases, but that their capacity for growth be expanded so that they can fill it with love. Such love breaks out of any ethnocentric bounds and, like the love that Paul himself possesses, resembles the inclusive love of God. Paul implies that the coming of the endtime should be an incentive to righteous living. Such a way of life will ensure that his converts will be found blameless in holiness when they must appear in the light of God's glory at the time of the coming of Christ. His urgent exhortation encourages the Thessalonians to conduct themselves according to the ethical and moral standards of the Christian tradition.

Jesus speaks of cosmic disturbances and distress on earth that are coming. These upheavals are really signs that portend the advent of redemption. They are probably less predictions of actual historical events than they are metaphorical images portraying the end of one age and the birth of another. Apocalyptic imagery is frequently employed in describing the entrance of God onto the stage of world history. While a theophany of this kind is generally associated with divine judgment (cf. Ezek 32:7-8), in this case it precedes the coming of the Son of Man and a time of redemption. The fundamental exhortation is: Beware! Take Heed! Be Alert! Don't be caught by surprise! The exact time of the revelation is unknown. That is why believers must avoid any kind of behaviour that might jeopardise their watchfulness.

Jeremiah announces a future wherein God's promise of redemption will be fulfilled. Though Jeremiah is a southern prophet, the redemption that he announces is for all the people. A shoot, a sign of new life springing from previous life, will be raised up for the Davidic house. Jerusalem, the city whose name means 'foundation of peace', is here given a new name, 'the Lord our justice'. Thus the real foundation of the city's peace is justice, and the basis of this justice is the quality of its commitment to the Lord. The oracle itself sketches the character of the future covenantal relationship between God and the people.

The psalmist asks for insight into God's saving ways, presumably in order to walk according to those ways, to sing God's praises, and to offer thanks for God's goodness. The righteousness of God is attentive to both the sinners and the anawim or humble (vv.8-9). Sinners too will be taught that wickedness will be punished, while the humble will be assured that their righteousness will be blessed.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1.00 pm

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

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Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

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

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Have you ever tried to draw your family tree? How many uncles and aunts do you have? How many cousins do you have? How many grandparents do you remember knowing? Are any of them still alive? If so, what are they like? Do you have any older relatives that you really admire? What country or countries are your relatives from?

Luke and Matthew want us to know that Jesus was born in King David’s family. How would you feel if you found out that one of your ancestors was a king or queen?

What do you think your children and grandchildren might be like? Where do you think they might live? What country do you hope they will live in? What do you hope for all people living in the world by the time your children or grandchildren are grown?

Next Sunday Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent

8 December 2024 - Year C

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

CHILDREN'S CORNER



I can help my family by

I can help my friends by

I can help those in need by

| ROSTER | | Weekend of 30 Nov /1 December | Weekend 7/8 December |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Special Ministers | Sat 6.00pm | Edith Handojo | David Handojo |
| | Sun 7.30am | Marilyn Lamplugh | Marilyn Lamplugh |
| | Sun 9.00am | Sandra McLlheney | Sandra McLlheney |
| Readers | Sat 6.00pm | Carlos Sivalingam | Susanna Hooper |
| | Sun 7.30am | Les Price | Jeevan Joseph |
| | Sun 9.00am | John Collins | Tony Pitchford |
| | Counters | Janine Stanley & Nancy Permadi | D & B Molony |

| St Pius X Church Masses | | |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Dec Mon 2 | 8.00am | Communion Service |
| Tue 3 | 8.00am | Mass (1st week of Advent) |
| Wed 4 | 8.00am | Mass (1st week of Advent) |
| Thu 5 | 8.00am | Mass (1st week of Advent) |
| Fri 6 | 8.00am | Mass (1st week of Advent) |
| Sat 7 | 8.00am | Mass (1st week of Advent) |
| | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass (2nd Sunday of Advent) |
| Sun 8 | 7.30am | Mass (2nd Sunday of Advent) |
| | 9.00am | Mass (2nd Sunday of Advent) |
| | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (2nd Sunday of Advent) |



Christmas Schedule
Tuesday 24 December 2024
 No 8.00am morning Mass
 7.00pm Christmas Family Mass
 9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25 December 2024
 9.00am Christmas Morning Mass

Tuesday 31 December
New Year's Eve
 Holy Hour 7.00pm, Mass 8.00pm

Wednesday 1st January
New Year's Day
 Mass 9.00 am

Line Dancing Classes
 Mondays and Wednesdays
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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Tai Chi Group
 Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
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 For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal
 St Vinnies Christmas Appeal was launched last weekend by Ian Lane

2 large plastic buckets will be placed in the foyer of the church for people to place their donations and the baskets will be collected every Sunday morning until the appeal ends

We will be distributing the hampers on December 21

Please give generously to those in most need in our community

Parish Pastoral Council

Thank you to all who were nominated to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council which was renewed following the 2024 AGM. There are ten members with Adolph De Sousa as the Chairperson

The first meeting was held on the 8 November, and it was pleasing to note that 5 members of the previous Pastoral Council are on board with five new members, including Father Anthony

Christmas Nativity Play
(for Christmas Eve Family Mass)

If you would like your child to be a part of the nativity play during the Family Mass on Tuesday 24th Dec 7pm, please email Karen klmgosalves@yahoo.com.au
 Rehearsals will be held on the three weekends in December, beginning on Sunday 8 December after the 9.00am Mass

Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in December are Judith Molony, Barbara Mason and Gabriella Olszewski

Please join us this Sunday 1 December after the 9.00 am Mass
 All are welcome

A list of Pastoral Council members will be placed on the noticeboard in the foyer in the coming weeks should you wish to contact them regarding any church matter

Three members have already attended a workshop on Pope Francis' Vision for Parish life and are looking forward to providing parishioners with a community that is faith based realising that God is not only present within us but in each one of us

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