

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

18th August 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The mysterious figure of Wisdom, who prepares a banquet, may be either an ancient deity or a cosmic being. If Wisdom is an ancient deity, the house would be a temple with seven pillars, and the banquet would be a sacrificial feast. If she is a cosmic being, her house would be the universe built on the foundation of seven heavenly bodies, and her banquet would consist of the life-giving forces that sustain all creations. Each perspective offers an interesting interpretation, though no one of them can make any conclusive claims. Wisdom feeds the desire for knowledge and insight; she encourages true worship; and she oversees the mysteries of the universe.

The psalm response is part of an acrostic, a poem whose structure follows the order of the alphabet. In the first part of the poem, the psalmist thanks God for having been delivered from distress and invites others to join in praising God. The attitude of the psalmist gives witness to others and develops into a pedagogical technique, teaching others to act in the same way.

The congregation is encouraged to look to the Lord so that they too may rejoice in gratitude. The companions of the psalmist are here encouraged to attach themselves to God and, thereby, to enjoy the blessings that this ensures. The fate of the psalmist is placed before them as an example to follow.

The wisdom instruction continues. Christians are encouraged to live (walk) like the wise. They recognise the decisive point of the moment, and they seize it. Such wisdom is an indispensable trait, especially when the days are evil. The ignorance against which the author warns is the inability to draw prudent conclusions in practical situations. The way of the foolish is said to be under the sway of the spirit of drunkenness. By contrast, the way of the wise is directed by the intoxicating Spirit of God. Prompted by the Spirit, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Ephesians are told to thank God who is called Father. Living in this manner is the true way of wisdom.

The bread of life ends with a Eucharistic reinterpretation of the manna tradition. In unmistakable language Jesus declares that his flesh is food and his blood is drink. Lest this claim go unnoticed, he states it four times (vv.53-56). 'Flesh and blood' is a common way of characterising a human being. When applied to Jesus, it is a proclamation of the Incarnation. It also calls to mind the victim of sacrifice that is first slaughtered (flesh and blood) and then shared at a cultic meal (food and drink). The living God whom Jesus calls Father is the source of this life; Jesus already enjoys this life because of his intimate union with God; and believers already enjoy it because they feed on Jesus, who is the bread of life.

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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

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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	Adolph de Sousa	Krystyna Henderson
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Vincent Whyte
	Counters	Kas Luczak & G Shankar	Janine Stanley & Nancy Permadi

St Pius X Church Masses		
Aug Mon 19	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 20	8.00am	Mass (Week 20 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 21	9.00am	Mass (St Pius X Feast Day & School Mass)
Thu 22	8.00am	Mass (Week 20 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 23	8.00am	Mass (Week 20 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 24	8.00am	Mass (St Bartholomew Apostle Feast Day)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (21st Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 25	7.30am	Mass (21st Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (21st Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (21st 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

First Reconciliation
5.00pm Saturday 22 October 2024
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 8 October 2024

Any enquiries 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

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.

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 this Sunday at 3.00pm

Working Bee

It is proposed to hold a working bee in the grounds and gardens around the church and presbytery on the morning of Saturday 24 August starting at 9.00am to prune the roses and hibiscus, weed and fertilise gardens, remove bore water stains and undertake a number of other maintenance tasks around the grounds.

If you can help, please leave your name and phone number on the list in the foyer after mass and on the day bring along any gardening tools (eg forks, rakes, spades, etc) you have available.

All parishioners are encouraged to assist

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Second Collection

The Parish Account
Name: Manning Parish
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First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. 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. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'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.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

When Jesus speaks of being the bread of life from heaven, the people listening probably don't understand what he is talking about. At least we understand what he did at the Last Supper, and how his real presence comes to us in the form of bread and wine at Mass.

If you could ask Jesus to explain the sacrament of the Eucharist in terms that a teenager could relate to, what do you think Jesus would tell you?

What is it like for you to go to Mass? Do you find Mass to be a spiritual experience and an important form of community prayer in your life? Why or why not?

If you could give special training to priests on how to help the community celebrate Mass in a way that would involve and engage young people, what suggestions or advice would you give?

Next Sunday Readings

21ST Sunday in Ordinary time - 25 August 2024

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Use the words below to find out what Jesus said to his apostles.

Those who ___ my flesh
and _____ my _____
will have _____ life,
and I will _____ them
up on the last ____.



eternal
blood
day
drink
eat
raise