

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



promise of God's loving presence. Because suffering is often seen as the result of alienation from God, assurance of God's nearness can alleviate the distress that such a misperception might cause.

This epistle addresses some of the responsibilities of husbands in a traditional patriarchal marriage. Although the passage opens with a recommendation for mutual subordination, the reading itself counsels wives who are told to be submissive, not husbands. The teaching is somewhat circular. First, marriage is seen as a metaphor for the relationship between Christ and the church. Next, this relationship becomes an analogy for marriage. Christ loved the church enough to give his life for it. This is the degree of spousal commitment envisioned for husbands. A second metaphor is used. In the Genesis account, the two are described as constituting one flesh. Husbands are identified with their wives, just as Christ is identified with the church. Marriage now characterises the mysterious union of Christ and the church.

In today's gospel, Jesus' words or deeds are met with disbelief by some of his own disciples. They were scandalised by what he said. Rather than soften the hardness of his message, Jesus responds to their challenge with one of his own. If they were troubled by the thought of him descending from heaven, what would they think about him ascending back to where he had been originally? Jesus further insists that the flesh (the human way of living) cannot give life, which the spirit can. Faith in Jesus does not come easily or naturally. It is a grace given by God. While some of Jesus' followers have turned away, others have been convinced of the trustworthiness of his claims.

Joshua's address to the assembly is a prophetic declaration: Thus says the Lord. He places before the people a choice: Whom will they serve? Three options are given. They can continue to serve ancestral gods and remain true to their past identity. They can opt for the gods of the people in whose land they dwell and hope to reap the blessings that accompany the land. Or they can worship the Lord, who is tied neither to their cultural past nor to their geographic present. They must make a choice from among all of the gods to whom they can commit themselves. Joshua's statement of choice is decisive: We will serve the Lord.

The responsorial psalm is the third part of the acrostic poem. The contrast between the just and the wicked is clearly drawn. God looks favourably toward the righteous; the fortunes of the wicked will be just the reverse. The psalmist knows that the theory of retribution is more a statement of faith in God's justice than an accurate description of the circumstances of life. Good people do indeed suffer, but they turn to God in their pain and misery. Whether they are rescued from their affliction or not, they stand under the

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

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	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McIlheney	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Antonia Chandra
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St Pius X Church Masses		
Aug Mon 26	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 21 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 28	8.00am	Mass (Week 21 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 29	8.00am	Mass (Week 21 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 30	8.00am	Mass (Week 21 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 31	8.00am	Mass (Week 21 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (22nd Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sept Sun 1	7.30am	Mass (22nd Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (22nd Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (22nd 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
Congratulations to our children who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday at the 9.00am Mass

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

St Pius X Feast Day

21 August 2024
 The Feast of St Pius X was celebrated last Saturday after the 6.00pm Mass.
 This annual event was very well attended and enjoyed by all.
 Thank you to everyone who attended contributed to the meal, cleaned and helped out in the kitchen.
 We look forward to celebrating this annual event each year.
 Christine - Social Committee

Senior Luncheon

Seniors Lunch
3 Sept 2024, 12 Noon - 2.00pm
 Our Seniors Lunch will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 3 September.
 If you wish to attend please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer of the Church

Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in September are Margaret, Beryl and Shirley.
 Please join us next Sunday 1 September after the 9.00 am Mass.
 All are welcome.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

In thanksgiving to God and Our Blessed Mother for the daily apparitions of Our Blessed Mother in Medjugorje, The Medjugorje evening of prayer warmly invites you, your family and friends on Friday evening 30th Aug. 7.00pm at St Bernadette's Church. 49 Jugan St. Glendalough. Evening includes;- Reconciliation. Rosary. Benediction. Holy Mass.
 Free distribution of Rosary Beads which received Our Lady's Blessing during Her apparition in Medjugorje. Evening concludes with light refreshments.
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First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. 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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

When Joshua tells the tribes of Israelites that he and his family have chosen to serve the one true God, he is able to speak on behalf of his wife and children. In his culture children and women are property. Whatever the husband and father says, the wife and children have to agree with.

Do you disagree with any of the opinions that your parents have? Do you and your parents have the same preferences in the area of religious beliefs and practices? Or do you have different styles of faith and prayer? If there are differences, how are they dealt with at home?

Do you think that life would be simpler, better and easier if all children were required to agree with their parents and go along with whatever they say? Why or why not?

When children disagree with parents, what are some respectful and courteous ways to communicate with parents and discuss important issues? How can children and parents get along and deal with huge differences that can separate them and cause negative feelings?

Next Sunday Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time - 1 September 2024

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Second Reading: James: 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Simon Peter said that Jesus' words give eternal life. What are some other things that Jesus gives us? Write or draw your answers.

