

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1st September 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



who fear the Lord. If one is to live in the presence of God, one must choose the way of God. Those who live with others in righteousness will know peace and security.

The reading from the Letter to James includes three discrete themes. It praises God's goodness and generosity, God's changelessness, and God's recreative power. It also insists that the word of truth that first gave the Christians re-birth remains in them as a force of ongoing transformation. Finally, the concreteness of true religion is outlined.

Admonished to preserve themselves from the practices of the world that might militate against Christian values, believers are counselled to intervene on behalf of the community's most vulnerable – the widows and orphans who have no legal status in a patriarchal society. Doing this, the word of truth will take concrete form in their lives.

The gospel reading recounts an incident of conflict over ritual cleansing between Jesus and some of his opponents. Hand washing probably originated as a regulation observed by the priests when they were offering sacrifice. General hand washing was not mandated by the law itself, but was a custom included in the oral law, 'the tradition of the elders'. This public criticism was an attempt to shame Jesus so that he would be minimised before others and, having lost his reputation, would cease being a threat to those who opposed him. Jesus' rebuttal is swift and incisive. He explicitly draws a comparison between those whom Isaiah condemns and the scribes and Pharisees who condemn the disciples. Uncleaness or impurity are not determined by anything external. Defilement originates from the innermost recesses of the heart.

The address of Moses opens with the exhortation to hear. The word is a solemn summons that assembles the people for consultation, worship or war. Here it stresses the significance of the proclamation of the law. The blessing of possession of the land is contingent on obedience to God's commandments. Israel's compliance to the law will also serve as a witness to the other nations of the extraordinary character of these statutes and decrees. The nations will recognise the wisdom in this law, and conclude that only a great people would merit a God who was so close to them and so concerned for their welfare.

The psalm addresses the question of religious fitness for standing in the presence of God. The requirements for such access are communal in nature, based on righteousness or justice. Those who stand in the presence of God do not take advantage of others. Walking on the path of righteousness calls to mind the wisdom theme of choosing the way of wisdom over the way of foolishness. The righteous person disdains the reprobate who has rejected God, but honours those

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SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

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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
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Antonia Chandra	Tony Pitchford
	Counters	D & B Molony	Elizabeth Noronha & Terry Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
Sept Mon 2	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 3	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 4	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 5	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 6	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 8	7.30am	Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (23rd 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 Reconciliation

5.00pm Saturday 19 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

Columban Calendars 2025

If you wish to place an order for a copy of the Columban Calendar 2025 at a cost of \$10 each please put your name and number of calendars required, on the form provided in the foyer

They will be available for payment and collection from the weekend of 21 Sept

We encourage all parishioners to purchase a calendar to have in their homes

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 this Sunday 1st Sept after the 9.00 am Mass

All are welcome

WBC24 Family Conference and Special Event with Dr. John Bergsma - Just 2 Weeks Away!

Evangelisation Australia and Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) Perth invite you to the WBC24 Family Conference, a transformative retreat for individuals and families of all ages. Taking place from 12-14 September 2024, this three-day event is centered on the theme "Beloved: We love, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). The conference offers a grace-filled program featuring daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and the Liturgy of the Hours

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus emphasises the purity that is in our hearts and the purity reflected by our actions. The people criticising him emphasise the appearance of purity and the cleansing rituals required by Law in order to avoid becoming 'ritually unclean'.

How much time, money, and energy is invested in cosmetics, hair products, fashionable clothing, and the like – just so we have the appearance of being popular and successful? Can any of these products actually make someone a better person? How so? What would Jesus say about our addiction to these products?

As a society and a culture, do you think we are more interested in actual success or in the appearance of success? What is your definition of success?

How much energy or effort goes into making ourselves better people? What opportunities are there for people to address what's on the inside of a person? What steps do you take (or can you take) to improve yourself from the inside out?

Next Sunday Readings

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time - 8 September 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Second Reading: James: 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

CHILDREN'S CORNER

