

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

3rd September 2023



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Jeremiah's words of complaint are some of his most pathos-filled sentiments. They begin with a searing accusation that God misled him when he was called to deliver God's word. Jeremiah allowed himself to be misled, but only because he was inexperienced and naive. He is caught between fidelity to his vocation as a prophet and his own natural inclinations. He did not seek this calling. In fact, he resisted it. He is now forced to bear a threefold burden. He must deliver a message of doom to his own people; he is mocked by those to whom he has been sent; and he receives no comfort from God. Jeremiah is indeed a man of sorrows.

The psalm contains expressions of longing, a short hymn of praise, and words of confidence. Arid land is used to portray the intensity of the psalmist's longing. It makes this longing concrete and suggests that the need for an experience of God is as natural and basic to a human being as water is basic and essential for life itself. Arid life without God is contrasted with a

sumptuous life with God. As important as such joys might be, the psalmist insists that the authentic covenant bond of lovingkindness (*hesed*) is more precious than life itself. The psalmist's trust in being heard by God is actually rooted in this covenantal bond.

Paul appeals to the mercies of God as the basis of his admonition to the Christians of Rome. They are to offer themselves as a living sacrifice in spiritual service, an offering that is no less demanding, no less total than bloody holocaust. Paul further exhorts them: Do not conform to this age. Through faith in Jesus Christ, they have entered into the eschatological age of fulfilment. They have been saved through the blood of Christ and, filled with the Spirit of God, they are being transformed into Christ. Therefore, they must put aside the standards of this world in order to take on the standards of Christ and of the reign of God. This is the transformation and renewal of which Paul speaks.

Jesus predicts his fate and then discusses the need for the disciples to bear their own suffering. Too often the opposition of Jewish leaders has led Christians to hold an attitude of anti-Judaism. Instead we should recognise that Jesus was rejected for religious as well as for political reasons. The unrest that he caused was a political threat to Rome, and his bold claims greatly troubled the religious leaders. Peter objects to Jesus' words and Jesus accuses him of acting as an obstacle (*skándalon*) to the unfolding of God's will. Turning to the other disciples, Jesus insists that those who selfishly save themselves from the cross really lose in the arena of eschatological judgment, while those who unselfishly offer themselves are saved from this judgment.

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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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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Krystyna Henderson
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	John Collins
	Counters	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi	D & B Molony

Parish Calendar		
Sept Mon 4	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 5	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 6	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Thu 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Fri 8	8.00am	Mass (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
Sat 9	8.00am	Mass (Week 22 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 10	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church

2023 Sacraments Schedules

First Reconciliation
10.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 28 October 2023
Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
12 October 2023



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Aid to the Church in Need is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur'an. ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal or scan the QR code



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 2024

If you wish to place an order for a copy of the Columban Calendar 2024 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 23 September 2023 onwards.

This year we have ordered more calendars as we did not have sufficient last year and we encourage all parishioners to purchase a calendar to have in their homes.



In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For any questions or itinerary and application form, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or Ph 02 89124818

48Hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday

6.00pm Tuesday 5th September 2023 to 6.00pm Thursday 7th September 2023



Presentation of the scroll of names will be made at the 12.10 pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 8th September 2023

To be a part of the bouquet, please write your name against the time of your choice on the form provided in the foyer.

All information can be found at www.legionofmarywa.org or by emailing the secretary at comitiumwa.secretary@gmail.com

Welcome back Fr Pat

We hope you have had a fulfilling time caring for your sister and you are now happy to be back home safely.

Fr Stephen we would like to thank you for leading our Parish in the absence of Fr Pat. Much appreciated by all.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

The world is full of peer pressure. It doesn't go away when you grow out of your teenage years.

How are TV commercials and ad campaigns forms of peer pressure? What do they try to persuade us to do? How successful are they?

How are movies that contain a lot of violence or sexual activity forms of peer pressure? What do they persuade us to do? How successful are they?

How are the church and the Gospel message forms of peer pressure? How does the faith community try to persuade us to live? How successful is that effort? Why?

Being a disciple of Jesus' is not easy, because the world is filled with all kinds of temptations and negative messages, right alongside the support and the positive messages.

What are some negative messages in the real world that are hard to avoid? What's the secret to ignoring negative messages?

What are some positive messages in the real world? How can you support the positive messages? What would make them even more effective?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 9/10 September 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Manning Parish Youth

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Draw Jesus carrying his cross

Draw the empty tomb on Easter Sunday