BULLETIN St Pius X Church 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 8th September 2024



Manning Parish Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



In this oracle of salvation, the prophet depicts two ways in which the renewal promised by God is manifested: those who suffer physical maladies will be healed of their infirmities; and the barren wilderness will be filled with the promise of new life. The prophet is told to announce salvation to those who have been broken by the hardships of life, those who are weak and filled with fear. The salvation that is promised will not be limited to human beings. All of creation will be renewed. Just as deprivation and infirmity were considered signs of evil in the world, so this restoration was perceived as a sign of the transformation that only God can effect.

The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise of the Lord (Hallelujah in Hebrew). It lists examples of God's indescribable graciousness. As special patronal deity, God granted special protection to the children of Jacob, particularly during their sojourn in the wilderness. God's graciousness to the vulnerable is also extolled. God was particularly concerned for aliens who lacked certain legal rights as well as women and children who did not benefit from patriarchal privilege. The final verse praises God as sovereign and eternal ruler in Jerusalem. A God who cares for needy people such as these certainly should be praised.

The author of the Letter of James insists: Show no partiality! The setting is the assembly of the believers, a gathering of men for the purpose of teaching and study. The author sketches a picture of unacceptable discrimination. Preference is given to one dressed in fine clothing, while the one shabbily dressed is treated contemptuously. The first is given a place of honour; the second is told to stand or to sit at the feet of the others. This is not merely social snobbery; it is in direct violation of principles of the reign of God. The final admonition clearly defines God's preferential option for the poor, those who value God rather than money.

Though Jesus is depicted as a miracle worker like others, each detail in the account points to a feature exclusive to Jesus. When he lays hands on people, he is also overturning the purity prohibition against touching what is unclean and contaminating oneself in doing so. His use of saliva reflects the belief that it contained some of his own personal power. He looks up to heaven and groans, but it is considered by many to be a form of prayer. The healing may have been surrounded by familiar miracle elements, but the miracle itself is accomplished by Jesus' command: Be opened!

At the heart of Jesus' ministry is his teaching about the reign of God. Here he unstops the man's ears so that now he can hear and be open to the message of this reign.

St Pius X Annual General Meeting Thank you to all those who attended our Annual General Meeting last Saturday, after the 6pm Mass. Light refreshments were served after the meeting



SPX Safeguarding Officers

The role of Safeguarding Officers is to ensure the safety of children, young people and the vulnerable in the Catholic Church

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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 (Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

Saturdays at 10.30am Or any time by appointment with Fr Anthony

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with Fr Anthony At least 6 Months before wedding Marriage Preparation Course Enrolment Website: www.cmfs.org.au Email: enquiries@cmfs.org.au



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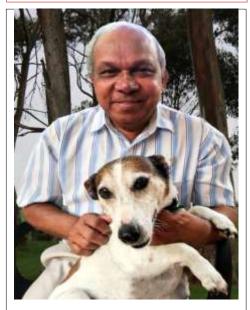
ROSTER		Weekend of 7/8 Sept	Weekend of 14/15 Sept
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	John Collins
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha & Terry Scanlan	Colleen & Pat Lowry

St Pius X Church Masses

Sept Mon 9	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 10	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 11	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 12	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 13	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 14	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 15	7.30am	Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	1100am	Chinese Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time)

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



In loving memory of a faithful servant of God **Augustine Thomas Pandaraparambil** 3 May 1945 to 3 September 2024 Ordained priest 4 February 1978 Missionary in Fiji Assistant Kalgoorlie/Boulder Parish Priest of Corrigin/Kulin, Merredin Maddington & Manning Marriage Tribunal (A defender of the bond) Funeral will be announced asap



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

Seminar Authentic Christian Masculinity & Understanding Natural Family Planning Through Philosophy and Science.

The Bateman Parish Pastoral Council will be conducting a 2 – part seminar on Saturday 14 September 10am – 12noon in the parish hall at 100 Dean Road Bateman. Kenneth Phua gives Scriptural evidence for God's call to men to live authentic masculine lives. Mandie Bowen will explain how Natural Family Planning co-operates with the Creator's design for marriage and family life.

Light refreshments will follow.

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy.

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Dean Road Bateman, on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm. The next devotion will be held on Wednesday 11th September 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm. Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039



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 Tuesday 22 October 2024 Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 8 October 2024

Any enquiries, please see Fr Anthony Vu

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 next Sunday at 3.00pm

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First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

- It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
- It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
- The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

People are amazed that Jesus can cure deafness. They are probably also amazed that Jesus would even be interested in giving any attention to a person who cannot hear. In his culture it was a popular belief that if you were deaf or blind or disabled in any way, it was because of a sin – your own sin or the sin of your parents. Anyone with such a condition was considered a social outcast, but Jesus is modelling a new type of behaviour. He reaches out to anyone and everyone – even the ones most people are afraid to touch or talk to.

What makes someone a social outcast in your school? (Please do not name any names, but discuss the traits or criteria that might be used to decide why a person might be given such a status.)

Who decides who the social outcasts are? Is there complete agreement, or do different people have different ideas of who is acceptable and who is not acceptable? Does everyone know their own status? Is everyone aware that they are cast as acceptable or not acceptable? If so, how do they know?

What would Jesus say about the social games that are played out by young people in their schools and in their circles of friends? What advice would Jesus give you? Are you willing to follow it? Why or why not?

Do you have any friends or relatives who are deaf? Do you know any sign language? If you yourself are deaf, what is it like not hearing in a world built for those who can hear?

Next Sunday Readings

24th Sunday in Ordinary time - 15 September 2024 First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9 Second Reading: James: 2:14-18 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35





Jesus did many good things, such as healing people and helping those in need. What are some good things you can do for others?