

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

10th September 2023



Christ our Anchor

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open, in contrast to the spirit of rebellion that governed their ancestors in the wilderness (see Ex 17:1-7; Dt 6:16). 'Today' the descendants of those rebellious wanderers are called upon to respond with open faith and willing obedience.

Paul never really repudiates the law. He argues that keeping the law is not required for faith, though faith is required for keeping the law. He tells the Christians of Rome that on the one hand they should owe nothing, while on the other hand they should owe everything, for love requires total self-giving. Paul does not dismiss the importance of fidelity to the commandments. Instead, he maintains that they are fulfilled in the act of loving. Though he only singles out four commandments, Paul insists that love covers all other commandments as well. Love of oneself is the standard that determines the way we treat each other. Following the teaching of Jesus, the love that Paul exhorts should be extended to all without exception.

The gospel describes a three-step process for establishing reconciliation within the community. Any member who remains adamant throughout this process is repudiated. The community should separate itself from them and treat them like those who disdain the gospel. The importance of the community is seen in the fact that it is the community, not merely its leader, that exercises disciplinary power. When Jesus declared that any agreement arrived at by two members of this band will be heard, he was not merely talking about prayer in general, but about prayer for guidance in coming to a decision that will affect community well being. Here Jesus promises to be present in his church if the members turn to him for guidance.

Today's first reading is a very personal message to Ezekiel himself. The prophet is called to keep watch over the entire house of Israel. The enemy that endangers the security of that house is the wickedness that threatens to undermine the nation. Ezekiel acts as sentinel when as a prophet he proclaims God's words of warning. God will hold him responsible if he does not protect the people by proclaiming the word to them. If he is faithful to his charge, he can rest assured that he has fulfilled his responsibility even if the people refuse to heed his message. They will be punished, but he will not be.

The responsorial psalm combines an invitation to praise, a plea for openness, and a divine word. The invitation is given three times: Come, let us sing joyfully (v.1); let us come into his presence (v.2); come, let us bow down (v.6). Three metaphors characterise God's care: the rock of their salvation (v.1), their creator (v.6), and their shepherd (v.6). Both the psalmist and God plead that the people be

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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

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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Sandra McLlheney
	Counters	D & B Molony	Sharon & Ryan Moore


Parish Calendar		
Sept Mon 11	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 12	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 13	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Thu 14	8.00am	Mass (Exaltation of the Holy Cross) Church
Fri 15	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 23 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 17	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church

2023 First Reconciliation
10.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 28 October 2023
Commitment Mass
Saturday 6.00pm Mass
16 September 2023
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
12 October 2023

 **Aid to the Church in Need**
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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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Fr Frans De Ridder, a priest prominent in marriage and family ministries in Asia over many years will share his experiences

Sunday 17 September from 3pm
Bateman Parish Hall.
Refreshments will be provided

RSVP to Max & Annie Mayes
0407 990 506 or just come along.

Catholic Faith Renewal Weekend Retreat

Fr Gino Henriques. "Set Our Hearts on Fire"
Friday, 27 October, 5.00pm to Sunday
29 October, 1.00pm.
Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Rd
Maida Vale WA 6057


Registration
5.00pm on Friday 27 October 2023 Cost per person live-in \$130.00
Includes shared accommodation and all sessions & meals. Non live-in \$70.00
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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


Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.00pm

Please join us next Sunday

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Next Sunday Readings
Weekend 16/17 September 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Ezekiel and Jesus both have good advice for dealing with people when wrong things are done.

How easy is it to confront a friend when you think you have been wronged or treated badly? Do you tend to ignore the wrong? Do you talk about it honestly? Or do you tend to hold a grudge?

Does the advice in today's readings relate to today's situations, or do you think we need to look at other alternatives when dealing with modern wrongs? How so?

Jesus assures us that whenever two or three pray together, Jesus is always there, and our prayers are always answered.

Do you think that prayers are always answered? Or do you think it depends on the type of prayer and what is asked for? Or do you think that prayers are always answered, but sometimes the answer is no? How do you think prayer works?

What kind of prayers do you most often pray? Do your prayers ask for something? Do you pray for strength and guidance? Do you ever pray with one or two others?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers

When someone does wrong things against me, I can be a peacemaker by....

When I do wrong things against someone, I can be a peacemaker by....

