

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Christ our Anchor

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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Classified as one of the Servant Songs, this passage resembles a personal lament. Despite all the suffering that he is forced to endure, the author is confident that God is on his side. This is a remarkable statement since suffering was generally thought to be deserved recompense for some transgression.

There is no suggestion that God will take the suffering away. Instead, God is present with the afflicted one, and the suffering itself is no cause for shame. In fact, suffering actually strengthens the one who laments. The righteous one knows that even in suffering, God is there as an advocate.

The psalm is an individual prayer of thanksgiving. The ancients believed that death was an elemental force that could take possession of people, undermining their lives and draining them of vitality. Any ailment was considered some form of death. After the psalmist's suffering is reported, the mood shifts from one of despair to one of grateful praise.

God is acclaimed as gracious, just and merciful. These covenant qualities are the very qualities that inspired the psalmist's confidence and devotion. The psalmist illustrates God's power in three ways: the soul or life force is freed from death; eyes are freed from tears; feet are freed from stumbling. It is no wonder that the psalmist breaks out in a song of thanksgiving.

The author of the Letter to James addresses a misunderstanding regarding the nature of true faith. He insists that genuine faith is not simply orthodox doctrine. It must be practical, expressed in action and authentic worship. The people involved are referred to as brothers and sisters, indicating that the conflict is taking place within the community. Some members are in dire need of food and clothing, and others simply tell them to 'Go in peace'. This is not the lively faith called for by Jesus who spent himself for all people even unto death. James' opponents want to separate faith and works. James insists that faith that does not manifest itself in action is dead.

In the gospel, Jesus asks what people are saying about him. Some believe he is John the Baptist; others that he is Elijah; still others that he is one of the other prophets – all religious figures who have already died. Speaking in the name of the others, Peter proclaims that he is the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one of God. Hearing this, Jesus elaborates on the character of his messiahship. He will be a messiah like the Son of Man, the enigmatic figure who will come on the clouds at the end of this age. To this he adds that he will suffer and die, an aspect not part of the ancient messianic traditions. Peter's rebuke exemplifies this. Jesus persists, adding that his followers will also suffer. This is indeed a hard saying.

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## SCHEDULES

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

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Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Susanna Hooper	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Sandra McLheney
Counters		Colleen & Pat Lowry	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
Sept Mon 16	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 17	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 20	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 21	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (25th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 22	7.30am	Mass (25th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (25th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (25th 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](http://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**

### Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays  
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### Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
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 For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

**Rev Fr Thomas Pandara-Parambil**  
 3 May 1945 - 3 September 2024

**Vigil Mass**  
 7.00pm Thursday 19 September 2024  
 Viewing from 5.30pm before Mass  
 at St Pius X Church  
 23 Paterson Street, Cottesloe WA 6152

**Requiem Mass**  
 1.30pm Friday 20 September 2024  
 St Mary's Cathedral  
 Victoria Square Perth WA 6000

**Burial**  
 3.30pm Friday 20 September 2024  
 at Karrakatta Cemetery  
 Railway Road, Karrakatta WA 6010

A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall after the Vigil Mass. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share  
 All are welcome

### 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.

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

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

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## First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. (R.)

## Second Reading

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

## Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his

disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In the second reading, James says it's not enough to pray for homeless and hungry and poor people. We need to give them food to eat and clothes and blankets to keep them warm.

Do you think James means this literally? Do you think this means that even teenagers need to find ways to make the world a better place for people who don't have the same advantages we have? Why or why not?

What opportunities are available for young people to serve the needs of the poor? How can you help? How can you make a difference?

In the Gospel Peter goes from the top to the bottom in no time. He scores high when he answers that Jesus is the Messiah, but then is reprimanded by Jesus when he doesn't want to hear of death and suffering. It's like a roller coaster ride for poor Peter.

Have you ever had one of those roller-coaster days – up one minute, down the next? Describe what it was like. Do you think Peter could relate to that day? Can you relate to Peter's?

Obviously Jesus loves Peter, even when he messes up. He congratulates Peter when he does well, and he criticises him when he does poorly. Peter is praised when successful, and forgiven when unsuccessful. How is Peter's relationship with Jesus like your relationship with your parents? How is it different?

Jesus speaks of following him and taking up the cross. He means that we will have to endure the suffering and the difficult times if we are to be his followers. Have you endured some hard times? Who has endured those hard times with you? When have you supported someone else going through hard times? Do you think this is what Jesus is talking about? Why or why not?

How is taking up the cross and following Jesus (mentioned in the Gospel reading) connected to putting your faith into practice (mentioned in the second reading)? How is Jesus' message similar to James' message?

## Next Sunday Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary time - 22 Sept 2024

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20



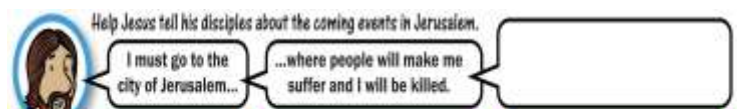
Second Reading: James: 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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I must go to the city of Jerusalem... ...where people will make me suffer and I will be killed.



Draw Jesus entering the city on the donkey      Draw Jesus suffering on the cross      Write what Jesus tells the disciples next