# BULLETIN

### St Pius X Church

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B 22nd September 2024

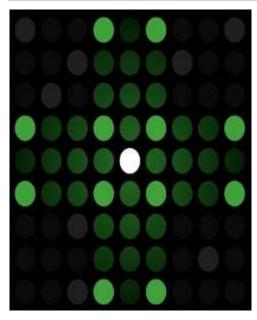


# Manning Parish

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### **Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA**



The ungodly conspire to assault the righteous. This honourable person stands in opposition to the wrongdoings of the wicked, denouncing them for their sin and accusing them of not being faithful to their upbringing. Plagued by this criticism, the wicked put the righteous one to the test to see if God will save the person of virtue from the onslaughts that are being planned. The mistreatment planned is extreme, even fatal. The righteous one, described as gentle and patient, is now an innocent victim of the evildoers' resentment. The reading ends on a note of apprehension. Will the righteous one succumb to the persecution of the wicked? Will God in fact intervene on behalf of this just person?

The psalm is a prayer to God for deliverance in time of need. The petition indicates that God's name, as part of the very essence of God, possesses divine power. The fact that 'name' in a parallel relationship with 'might', further emphasises the character of God's name.

The affliction is caused by enemies described as haughty and ruthless. Regardless of how bleak the situation, the psalmist is filled with confidence. God is already present as a helper; those who rise up against the psalmist will be subdued. In the end, the psalmist promises to offer a sacrifice thanksgiving to honour the name of God.

The focus of the instruction in the Letter of James shifts from the vision of peace to the reality of conflicts within the community. There is no peace because the people do not choose the path that leads to peace and the path that they do leads to frustration. The choose community has failed to travel along the path of wisdom. James wants to know the cause of these conflicts, not so that he can reprimand them, but that he might instruct them. The frustration pointlessness that they have chosen is laid bare. The Christians have no one to blame but themselves for the lack of harmony in their personal and communal

Away from the crowds, Jesus identifies himself as the mysterious Son of Man and predicts his passion, death resurrection. The disciples did not grasp the meaning of Jesus' words, and they engaged in a heated discussion about status within the community. Jesus had iust admitted his ultimate vulnerability. and they were quarrelling about rank. Jesus seized the moment to teach an important lesson: following his own example, those who would be first must be willing to be last. In the world of Jesus' time, neither servants nor children had any legal rights or social status. Jesus turns the social ranking system upside down. Those who hold the highest positions within the community must be willing to take the lowest place and be the servants of all. He offers himself as an example of one who empties himself for the sake of others.

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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**

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### 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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Autism
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Intellectual Disability

### COUNSELLING

Anxiety & Depression Grief & Loss Work/Life Stress Couples Neurodiversity

ROSTER	Weekend of 21/22 Sept		Weekend of 28/29 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	Carlos Sivalingam	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Corrie Barnes
Counters		Terry & Meagan Scanlan	H & F Tay

St Pius X Church Masses				
Sept Mon 23	8.00am	Communion Service		
Tue 24	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time)		
Wed 25	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time)		
Thu 26	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time)		
Fri 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time)		
Sat 28	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time)		
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time)		
Sun 29	7.30am	Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time)		
	9.00am	Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time)		
	1100am	Chinese Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time)		



Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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### 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

# Call for nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council (following the AGM on 31 August 2024)

The role of the Pastoral Council is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. It shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

Following the 2024 AGM and the need to be inclusive of other committees in the Parish an invitation was extended to other committees to participate in the Parish Pastoral Council meetings.

As the Parish Pastoral Council is in the process of renewal and transition, it was decided at the AGM on Saturday 31 August 2024, that existing members step down so it can be dissolved to allow other parishioners who may wish to serve the Parish and become a part of the Pastoral Council.

Existing members from the dissolved Pastoral Council are most welcome to reapply or be renominated for a position. All applications and nominations from other parishioners are strongly encouraged and welcomed. The closing date for applications and nominations is **22nd October 2024.** Nomination and application forms can be collected from the back of the church.

Father Anthony is looking forward to working with, and being assisted by, parishioners who are willing to support him in creating a community of Faith.



### 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

# Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

In thanksgiving to God for Our Blessed Mother's daily apparitions in Medjugorje the Medjugorje evening of prayer warmly invites you, your family and friends

#### Friday 27th Sept. 7.00pm

St Bernadette's Church 49 Jugan St. Glendalough.

The Evening will include Confession. Rosary. Benediction. Holy Mass. At the conclusion of the evening all items will be offered free of charge. Light refreshments will be served in the church hall.

### Parish Bank Details First Collection

### **The Presbytery Account**

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The Parish Account

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Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after — we have his word for it.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

- O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.
   O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
- For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.
   They have no regard for God. (R.)
- But I have God for my help.
   The Lord upholds my life.
   I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

### Second Reading

James 3:16 - 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

# Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

### Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

You often see them at football or cricket or basketball games – the giant hands with the index finger pointing up, and the rest of the fingers curled together. They usually say 'number one'.

Jesus says if we focus on being number one, then we certainly are not number one. If we try to say we are the best, or the most important, or the greatest, then we truly are not. If we do our best to not brag but to serve everyone else's needs and to build up everyone else's confidence, that is the way to true stardom. How hard is it to be that way when the culture urges us to be number one? How would Jesus handle it if he were a teenager at your school this year? Can you follow his example? How? Why or why not?

Many teenagers report that they have more fun being members of social sporting teams than they do on a school or college team. They play more often, receive less criticism, and are under less pressure that way.

How is that preference related to the message of this Gospel?

If the goal is to always win and be the number one team, then most players fail, because there can only be one number one team in whatever sport, league or district you participate in; only one team can win. Everyone else loses. But if your goal is to learn, to put in the best possible effort, to improve and to have fun, then everyone can succeed; everyone wins. The score doesn't matter. No one loses.

How is this philosophy of sports related to the Gospel message?

Could this philosophy of sports ever work in the professional area? Why or why not? In the high school area? Why or why not? In the college area? Why or why not?

Where does money enter into the picture? How is money connected to the current philosophy of sports? What would Jesus say about this connection?

## **Next Sunday Readings**

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary time - 29 Sept 2024

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29 Second Reading: James: 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

