

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

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

29<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Christ our Anchor

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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The effects of the law are all relational, enhancing human life itself. The law imbues the soul with new vitality; it gives wisdom; it is constant and just; it establishes an enduring attitude of awe; it is a path to righteousness.

Although the reading from the Letter of James resembles a prophetic pronouncement of doom, it is really a wisdom teaching. It describes the consequences of living in a way that does not conform to the path of righteousness. Preoccupied with their own comfort, the wealthy ignore the needs of others. They are busy accruing money rather than sharing it with the poor, and this selfish attitude will be a testimony against them. They foolishly enjoy their wealth and comfort, oblivious of the fact that they are being fattened for the day of slaughter, the impending day of judgment. The author does not really denounce wealth. Rather, he condemns injustice and inhumanity that frequently accompany it.

The gospel is a collection of pronouncements of Jesus on the topics of acceptance, hospitality and scandal. Like Joshua in the first reading, John challenges someone who is not a member of the close knit group of disciples, but who presumes to perform the marvels that they have been commissioned to perform. Jesus responds that this man is not an enemy, nor do his exorcisms undermine Jesus' ministry. Jesus continues to justify works of mercy performed in his name. They are commendable and will be highly rewarded regardless of how insignificant they may appear to be. Jesus then warns against giving scandal. Those who cause Christians to sin will be severely punished.

The spirit of prophecy conferred on Moses is shared by others. This spirit is also bestowed on men who were absent from the group. Joshua is upset that these latter presume to prophesy. The primary role of Moses is prophet or spokesperson of God. In fact, Moses appears to be the fountainhead of prophesy. Though the principal site of revelation was the tent of meeting, which was located outside of the camp, two men who remained within the camp receive the spirit. Though Joshua criticises their prophesying, Moses does not hinder them. For Moses, the work of God takes precedence over the institutional ordering of the community.

The psalm exalts the glories of the law. It describes the blessings that acceptance of the law can impart in order to persuade people to embrace it as the will of God and to live in accord with it. The law belongs to the Lord. It is not just any religious law; it is uniquely Israel's, because in a very specific way it represents the will of the God of Israel.

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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

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## Fund raising for North Vietnam Typhoon Disaster

Friday 11 October 2024 at 7.00pm \$12.00 pp (supper included)

St Pius X Line Dancers are organising a fund raising event to raise funds for the North Vietnamese community, many of whom have lost their homes and all their worldly possessions as a result of a severe typhoon recently. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute

Contact Hellen or Francis Tay on 0414 340 947

## SPX Safeguarding Officers

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

6pm Vigil Mass - Harry Rai

7:30am Mass - Marie Chaperon- 9313 4585

9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

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### Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

## First Reading

*Numbers 11:25-29*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9*

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
Clean from grave sin. (R.)

## Second Reading

*James 5:1-6*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

## Gospel Acclamation

*See John 17:17*

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put

out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In both the first reading and the Gospel, the same situation occurs. Joshua and John are concerned because an outsider is doing the kinds of things they are supposed to be doing. Moses and Jesus reassure them: There is nothing to worry about. The more, the merrier. Do not be jealous or insecure.

When have you been jealous of someone else? When has someone's actions, talents, accomplishments or friendships worried you? When have you begun to feel concerned that someone else's success might make your success less important or impressive?

When has someone shut you out of their circle of friends? What was it like? How did you deal with it?

Have you ever tried to shut someone out of your circle of friends? Why? What was the problem? What happened?

Jesus says that whenever we give someone even just a cup of water in his name, we will have our reward.

What do you think it means to give something or to do something 'in Jesus' name'?

Have you ever decided to serve Jesus in that way? What was that like?

Have you had the opportunity to serve Jesus in that way but chose to put it off, or decided to do otherwise? What influenced your decision?

Do you think most teenagers would see serving Jesus as a worthy goal or priority? Why or why not? If not, what do you think of that opinion? How is serving Jesus any different from making the world a better place?

## Next Sunday Readings

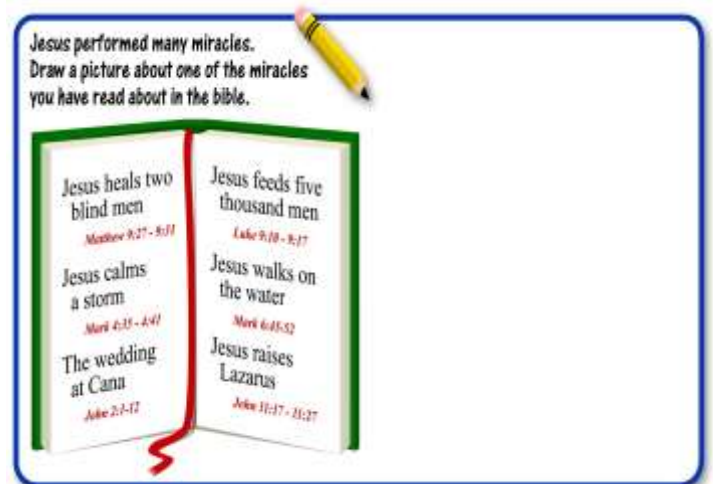
**27th Sunday in Ordinary time - 6 Oct 2024**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



ROSTER		Weekend of 28/29 Sept	Weekend of 5/6 October
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteer	Carmen De Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	J Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Norma Fernandes
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Barbara Thompson
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Ian Lane	Maria Fernandes
	<b>Counters</b>	H & F Tay	Kas Lucsak, G Shankar

St Pius X Church Masses		
Sept Mon 30	8.00am	Communion Service
Oct Tue 1	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 2	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 3	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 4	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 5	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 6	7.30am	Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (27th 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  
 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

## 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

## Morning Tea



Our hosts for morning tea in October are Marie Claire and Hedley Law.

Please join us next Sunday 6 October after the 9.00 am Mass.

All are welcome

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