### BULLETIN

### St Pius X Church

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021



## Manning Parish

#### **Catholic Archdiocese of Perth**

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### Gospel Reflection by the late Fr John Thornhill sm



The Church's liturgy is our great teacher. As it weeks pass it reviews the great issues of our existence, and the Word of God points the way forward. In today's world. marriage is in crisis, and the break-up of families leaves many young people seriously deprived in their formative years. Without the guidance of Christ we would be at a loss to find the truth that should guide us. In today's reading from Mark, Jesus is asked whether divorce was permissible. In the time of Jesus, although divorce was permitted (see Deut 24: 1-4) the proper grounds for divorce were debated. Jesus bypasses this debate, and speaks of what marriage is in the plan of the Creator - 'in the beginning'. Citing today's first reading from Genesis, he makes the startling assertion that true marriage is more than an arrangement entered into by two human persons; it involves God – 'What God has united, man must not divide'.

One of Pope John Paul II's contributions to the Church's life was his series of addresses on human love and sexuality, given at his weekly audiences (1979-1984). Explaining how it is that Jesus can make such an assertion, he interprets today's reading from Genesis. This seemingly simple text speaks with great depth and subtlety of what it means to be human. The solitude of Adam, finds no companion in the animal kingdom - because, made in the image of God, Adam has in him a depth that they will never fill. It is only in the sharing of human companionship that this mysterious depth in the human person can be filled. The Creator provides for Adam the perfect companion: 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh'. Paradoxically, this companionship becomes life-giving in self-donation, and destructive in selfish exploitation. The true beauty of human sexuality shines out as this self-donation finds expression in the body language which is part of God's creation; Jesus quotes the Genesis text, 'the two become one'. The body language of sexuality is not only the expression of authentic self-donation, but also the source of new human lives - marriage is a sharing in the work of the Creator. Though the account of Jesus welcoming the 'little children' is a separate incident, it follows on well from the discussion of marriage, reminding us of the children who are so often forgotten in the discussion of marriage relationships today. Marriage breakdown is a very complex pastoral problem. But the great ideal Jesus puts before us must never be forgotten.

We begin reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, a treatise written to give heart to Jewish converts, who were tempted to lapse into a mood of anticlimax and nostalgia, in a world that seemed little changed after the Resurrection. message is straightforward; the things of old Israel were only shadows; now - by faith - we possess all that these shadows promised. Today's passage is a fine description of the Paschal Mystery that should be central to Christian faith. Jesus is 'crowned with glory and splendour' after he has shared life with us. His death has been a source of life for all mankind after sharing our 'imperfect' world and its 'suffering' he has given us a share in his 'glory' and 'holiness'. He is forever our 'leader' and our 'brother'.

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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**

Monday 8.00am Communion Service Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass (Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Welcoming & Naming
First Sunday at 9.00am Mass
Baptism outside Mass
Second Saturday at 10.30am
No Baptism during Mass in Lent
Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass
Other Time
Negotiable with Father Patrick

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

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



### SPX Safeguarding Officers

To ensure the safety of children, young people and the vulnerable in the Catholic Church

6pm Vigil Mass – Ryan Gonsalves 0423 708 777 7:30am Mass – Jeevan Joseph 0434 038 353 9am Mass – Barbara Thompson 0408 955 859

11am Chinese Mass Gregory Lo 0435 383 417, Augustine Lai 0402 185 248, Juliana Tseng 0438 864 689

Email: safeguarding@manningparish.org.au



#### St Pius X Primary School

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### Melissa Vranjes

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ROSTER		Weekend 2/3 Oct	Weekend of 9/10 Oct
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Jean Pavey	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Deb Hegarty	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Elicia Eng
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha, T Scanlan	D & B Molony

Parish Calendar				
Oct Mon 4	8.00am	Communion Service (St Francis of Assisi) Church		
Tue 5	8.00am	Mass (Week 27 in Ordinary time) Church		
Wed 6	8.00am	Mass (Week 27 in Ordinary time) Church		
Thu 7	8.00am	Mass (Our Lady of the Rosary) Church		
Fri 8	8.00am	Mass (Week 27 in Ordinary time) Church		
Sat 9	8.00am	Mass (Week 27 in Ordinary time) Church		
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church		
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church		
Sun 10	7.30am	Sunday Mass (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church		
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church		
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church		

### **Line Dancing Classes**

Mondays 10am - 12noon Wednesdays 10am - 12noon \$5 per session

All proceeds go to Manning Parish
This is a community building initiative to
keep you fit and active with the help of
Francis & 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



### **MORNING TEA**

Morning tea will be held this Sunday 3rd October after the 9.00am Mass.

Hosted by Mignonne and Lyn

All are welcome

### 2022 Columban Calendar



If you wish to place an order for the 2022 calendar, please write your name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

Cost: \$9.00

Payment is required when the calendars arrive.

### 2021 Sacraments

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office for an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments

### First Reconciliation

Saturday, 30 October 2021

### **Finance Committee**

We require the services of two volunteers to join our Finance Committee.

Experience in book keeping, quarterly reports, BAS, etc. is required.

If you would like to volunteer your services, please call our Chairperson, Basil Conti on 0407 380 809

### St Pius X School

The School are currently interviewing for positions in Kindy 2023.

If you have a child that is due to commence Kindy in this year please contact the school office 9416 5600 to arrange an interview.



#### Rosary

For our Lady of Fatima
The Rosary will be
recited every Friday
during the month of
October at 7.00 pm in
the Church.
All are welcome





### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Safeguarding Office is offering Church Worker (volunteers) Training at the Manning Parish Hall on Saturday 16 October 10-12noon. The online registration form has already been updated with this information. Any parishioner who plays any role in the parish or any parishioner who are interested to know more, is to register online

at http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-churchworkers/

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### First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127. R. v.5

- (R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.
- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
- Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! (R.)

### Second Reading

Hebrew 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

### Gospel Acclamation

cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

### Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus is enjoying the presence of the children coming to him for hugs and blessings. He makes it clear that we must imitate children and become like them in order to enter the Reign of God.

Obviously Jesus is calling us to not be childish but to be childlike. How do you see the difference between being childish and being childlike? What exactly are we being called to?

Not all characteristics of children are good for older people to imitate, but many are. What are some children's habits we should not try to pick up? What are some ways of children that we should try to remember and imitate?

Do you ever babysit younger children? If so, what is your favourite part and your least favourite part of that responsibility? If you have never babysat before, what parts do you think you might look forward to, and which parts would you not look forward to?

### **Next Sunday Readings**

10 October 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11 Second Reading: Hebrew 4:12-13 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

### CHILDREN'S CORNER



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