

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

2nd Sunday of Advent - Year C

8th December 2024



Christ our Anchor

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preference for those who are poor and marginalised in society, the homeless and the foreigner, the displaced and the refugee. The prayer for deliverance is straightforward: Restore us now as you restored us in the past. The people are confident that they will be heard.

Paul's affection for the Philippians is evident. It is more than merely human sentiment, as noble as that might be. It is identified with the affection that Christ has toward them. It is really the love of Christ expressing itself through him. Paul acknowledges that the spread and fruition of the word is really God's doing. Paul is merely the instrument that God has used to plant the seed. The eschatological character of this passage becomes clear when Paul identifies the time of full flowering as the day of Christ Jesus. Paul prays that their love for each will increase; and that they will be pure and blameless for the coming day of Christ.

Two movements appear in this dramatic depiction of reversal of fortune. The grieving city of Jerusalem is told to replace its mourning garb with garments that bespeak splendour and rejoicing. The city whose name means 'foundation of peace', is given a new name: 'the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship'. Jerusalem is also told to stand on the heights and watch the resplendent return of its previously captured citizens. No reason is given for God's remarkable magnanimity. It is simply extended to Jerusalem and to its children. It is God's mercy that prompted the reversals, and the reversals witness this mercy to the rest of the world.

Believers trust that God will surely act on their behalf, because God has done so before. The great blessing of Israel's past was the return from exile. The response of the returnees was amazement. The graciousness of God, seen in this deliverance, speaks volumes to the other nations. It throws into bold relief God's saving power. This is a God who shows

The account of the ministry of John the Baptist is steeped in imagery that suggests new life. Some form of baptism was one of three requirements for becoming a Jew (along with circumcision and sacrifice). It was an ascetic act that at times signified turning away from evil, and at other times represented cleansing from sin, which was the divine answer to repentance. In either case, it carried an eschatological importance, marking the entrance into a new form of living. The baptism of John called for repentance (metánoia), a conversion or change of heart. This conversion was for the forgiveness of sin. Clearly the eschatological significance of John's baptism was salvation, not judgment. John is the herald of the coming of the Lord. Just as the exodus and return from exile involved a desert crossing, so the eschatological renewal proclaimed by John begins in the desert.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1.00 pm

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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with Fr Anthony

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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

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Saint Paul is so thankful for his friends who are his 'partners' in spreading the Gospel.

Who are your partners in life? Do you have a best friend or a group of friends that partner you and one another through life's ups and downs? Describe such a friend. Are you thankful for this special friendship? How do you show your thankfulness?

Are you a thankful person in general? Do you write a lot of thank you notes? Do you always remember to say thank you when you are given something? Do you often consider all the things you have to be thankful for? How can you improve in this area?

What do you think it means to be a partner in spreading the Gospel? What would Gospel-spreading partners do?

Next Sunday Readings

3rd Sunday of Advent

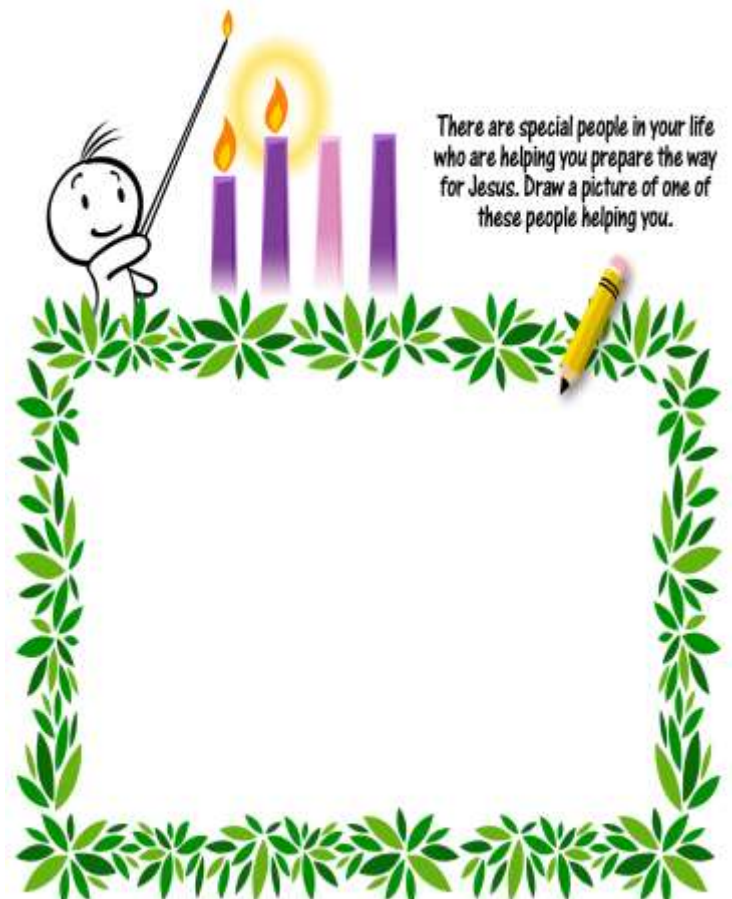
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First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

CHILDREN'S CORNER



ROSTER		Weekend of 7/8 December	Weekend 14/15 December
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	David Handojo	David Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	Marilyn Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Susanna Hooper	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Giselle Shankar
	Counters	D & B Molony	Elizabeth Noronha & Terry Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
Dec Mon 9	8.00am	Mass - Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 10	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Advent)
Wed 11	8.00am	Mass 2nd week of Advent)
Thu 12	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Advent)
Fri 13	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Advent)
Sat 14	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Advent))
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (3rd Sunday of Advent)
Sun 15	7.30am	Mass (3rd Sunday of Advent)
	9.00am	Mass (3rd Sunday of Advent)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (3rd Sunday of Advent)



Christmas Schedule
Tuesday 24 December 2024
 No 8.00am morning Mass
 7.00pm Christmas Family Mass
 9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25 December 2024
 9.00am Christmas Morning Mass

Tuesday 31 December
New Year's Eve
 Holy Hour 7.00pm Mass 8.00pm

Wednesday 1st January
New Year's Day
 Mass 9.00 am

Line Dancing Classes
 Mondays and Wednesdays
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session
 All proceeds go to the Parish
 Wednesday 18 December will be the last class for this and recommence on 8.1.2025
 Merry Christmas to all
 Francis & Hellen Tay

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

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal
 St Vinnies Christmas Appeal was launched recently by Ian Lane

2 large plastic buckets will be placed in the foyer of the church for people to place their donations and the baskets will be collected every Sunday morning until the appeal ends

We will be distributing the hampers on December 21

Please give generously to those in most need in our community

Seniors Christmas Lunch
 Thursday 12 December 2024
 from 12 noon - 2pm

All seniors are invited to attend

If you would like to attend, please put your name/s and other necessary details on the form provided in the church foyer

Christmas Nativity Play
(for Christmas Eve Family Mass)

If you would like your child to be a part of the nativity play during the Family Mass on Tuesday 24th Dec 7pm please email Karen klmgonsalves@yahoo.com.au Rehearsals will be held on the three weekends in December, beginning on Sunday 8 December after the 9.00am Mass

SPX Parish Office
 The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23rd December - Monday 6 January 2025
 We wish all our Parishioners a safe and Blessed Christmas

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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

Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm

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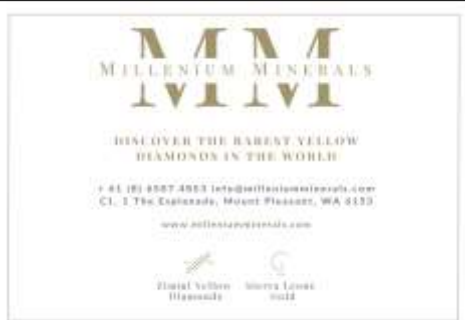


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