

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

5<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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### New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



Today's reading repeats the message of last Sunday that Jesus is the beloved Son. 'This is my Son, the Beloved.' These were the words that propelled Jesus into his ministry, and now, as Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, these words return to confirm his relationship with God.

I think we are dealing here with a very real, historical but inner experience in the life of Jesus – one he probably experienced a number of times. His early ministry had its focus in Galilee where many received him and his message. But Jerusalem is the religious centre of Judaism. The Temple is in Jerusalem. The entire sacrificial system of Judaism is focused on Jerusalem where the high Priestly families and the extended family of Herod live. In Matthew 16 Jesus begins to teach that he must go to Jerusalem (16:21) and this will bring him into conflict with the Jewish leadership groups. Even knowing this, Jesus makes the choice to journey south to Jerusalem.

No doubt before this decision was made he would have spent time in prayer, wondering if this was the path to take, wondering if direct confrontation with the Jewish leaders was really necessary. These times of prayer, even anguish and seeking direction, would have been a struggle to really discern what God was wanting of him. Centuries of credal faith in Jesus' divinity, can obscure our faith in his humanity. Making decisions where we seriously consider what God may want of

us is never easy; the Temptation scene of last week depicted such a struggle in Jesus' life. Today's reading depicts the sense of God's confirming presence.

Knowing he is heading to Jerusalem, God does not promise to protect Jesus, or spare him the struggle his mission will demand. The words heard during the Transfiguration are words of relationship – 'this is my beloved son'. Knowing oneself to be loved and held by God is enough. This is the only certainty that carries Jesus onward. Sometimes this is all any of us can cling to for support through difficult times.

Moses and Elijah are two of Israel's great prophets who experienced the close presence of God at a time in their lives when they were called to take a difficult path. Moses was to lead the children of Israel through the wilderness to the land of Canaan. Elijah was called to denounce the current King and anoint another and this will cause great turmoil. Both men were afraid and wanted to escape from their tasks; and both encountered God on a mountain at a time when they needed great strength to continue their mission. To enter fully into this Gospel you might read the stories of Moses and Elijah and their encounter with God (Exod 33:12-23; 1 Kings 19:1-18). In its symbols of the high mountain, clouds, light, Moses and Elijah, the evangelist presents this as a time when Jesus seeks and receives assurance from God.

The letter to Timothy encourages believers to be strong in the face of hardship and difficulties and, like Jesus, to trust in God, and the gift of God's love (grace) that we have received. The words can sound easy, but discipleship does have a cost. The scenes of the Temptation and Transfiguration give us some glimpses into what it cost Jesus – and ultimately it cost his life.

During the week you might consider your own 'transfiguring' or 'transforming' moments – those times in your life when you have faced new directions. You might recall the struggle and consoling sense of God's presence at those times.

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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

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Edith Handojo	Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	Jessie Lonergan	Jessie Lonergan
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Lina DaSilva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Ian Sydney-Smith
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Br Rod Ellyard
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	M Prentice, H & F Tay

Parish Calendar		
Mar Mon 6	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 7	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
Wed 8	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
Thu 9	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
Fri 10	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Lent) Church
Sat 11	8.00am	No Mass (suspended temporarily)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
Sun 12	7.30am	Mass (3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent



## 2023 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.

### Confirmation

**6.00pm Saturday, 27 May 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 29 April 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm  
10 May 2023**

### First Holy Communion

**9am Sunday, 11 June 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 6 May 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm  
25 May 2023**

### First Reconciliation

**10.30am-12.30pm**

**Saturday, 28 October 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm  
12 October 2023**



## Line Dancing Classes

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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



## Second Sunday of Lent

4 & 5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.



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## Seniors Gathering

Our Seniors Lunch will recommence in April 2023 from 12 to 2pm

Date will be advised when renovation is completed.

## First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right And fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## Next Sunday Readings

12 March 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Abram and Sarai had to leave the land of their parents and travel to an unknown destination, trusting only God's sense of direction. How would you feel if you had to go on an unknown journey? What would you be most afraid of? What would you be sure to bring? What could convince you to make such an unknown journey?

God told Abram and Sarai that their names would be made great, and that they would be a blessing. God actually tells that to all of us. When does it seem easiest to believe that about yourself? When does it seem most difficult to believe it?



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