

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B

25th February 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him

The first reading, frequently called 'The Sacrifice of Isaac', would be better named 'The Testing of Abraham', for the text states that 'God put Abraham to the test' and Isaac is never really sacrificed. The very name Abraham, which means 'father of a multitude' (cf. Gen 7:15), designates his destiny. By offering his son as a sacrifice, his very identity is put to the test. Is Abraham willing to jeopardise his own personal meaning and relinquish hope for a future? His actions demonstrate that his devotion (fear of God) is beyond reproach. He relinquished his natural claim on the child of promise, and he is blessed with a promise of more children than he can count.

The constancy of his faith enabled the psalmist to speak of his ordeal. Before he could open his heart in thanksgiving, he had to deal with the apparent contradiction that suffering often presents. Is it really a sign of God's displeasure? Must it always be seen as a consequence of sinful behaviour? The psalmist clearly asserts that misfortune and culpability are not to be equated. The relationship between the psalmist and God is strikingly characterised in the metaphors 'servant' and its parallel 'son of your handmaid'. The psalm moves from faithfulness in the face of distress, through release from servitude by God, to public celebration of thanksgiving for this deliverance.

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones, who will condemn them, and who will justify them? Paul argues that the sovereign God is on our side and so regardless of what can be mustered against us, it is nothing in comparison to God's power and compassion. If God was willing to make the supreme sacrifice of handing over this beloved son for our sake, surely God will not deny us whatever other trivial things we might need. After all that God has done for us and given to us, would God condemn us? It seems unlikely. Having sacrificed himself for the sake of others, Jesus now sits at God's right hand, pleading on our behalf.

The transfiguration of Jesus knits together traditions of Israel's past, insights into Jesus' identity, and a glimpse into eschatological fulfillment. The seventh day could be an allusion to the Sabbath, the day set aside for encounter with God. Both Moses and Elijah (representing the law and the prophets) are associated with mountains (cf., Exod 19; 1 Kgs 19), and both underwent a kind of transformation (cf., Exod 34:29-35; 2 Kgs 2:11). The voice from heaven identifies Jesus as the beloved Son, reminiscent of Isaac, who was also a beloved son (cf. Gen 22:2). The three tents recall the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews built temporary dwellings during their sojourn in the wilderness. That feast eventually took on messianic undertones (cf. Zech 14:16-19). The transfiguration is, then, a prefigurement of such fulfillment.

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Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Janine Banks	Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer if needed	Volunteer if needed
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Susanna Hooper	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Sandra McLlheney
	Counters	Elizabeth Noronha & Terry Scanlan	Colleen & Pat Lowry


St Pius X Church Masses		
Feb Tue 27	8.00am	Mass (Second week of Lent) Church
Wed 28	8.00am	Mass (Second week of Lent) Church
Thu 29	8.00am	Mass (Second week of Lent) Church
Mar Fri 1	8.00am	Mass (Second week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 2	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Third Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
Sun 3	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Third Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Third Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (Third Sunday of Lent Year B) Church

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>
Or phone 9221 7762 to book



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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

Columbarium

Expression of interest


If you are considering reserving a niche(s) in St Pius X Manning Parish Columbarium, please do so prior to April 2024 as prices are about to increase.

This is an opportunity to consider reserving a niche(s) for you and your loved ones..



Second Sunday of Lent

24/25 February



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines.


Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

“I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream.

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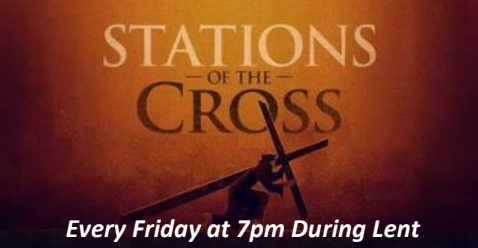


Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in March are Beryl Dennis & Shirley Mulcahy.

Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00 am Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME

If you can assist, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 7pm During Lent

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 17:5

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

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us

to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Have you ever experienced a place or situation that was breathtaking, incredible, glorious and awesome? something that filled you with joy and life and zeal? What was it like? Where was it? What made it so special? Were you alone or with others? Were you able to explain it to someone who was not there? Why or why not?

Why do you think Jesus wanted Peter, James and John to experience him as a glistening, dazzling, transfigured vision? How do you think that affected their faith? How would it have affected your faith? How does it affect your faith just reading about it?

Peter did not want to leave that mountaintop experience. He wanted to build some booths and just 'camp out' there for a while. Why was it better for Jesus and Peter and the others to come down from the mountain? Why is it important for us to enjoy and remember our 'peak' experiences, but leave them behind and come back to our everyday life?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 2/3 March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

CHILDREN'S CORNER



God wants us to listen to Jesus. What are some things that Jesus tells us?