

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Second Sunday of Lent Year C

13<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Christ our Anchor

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#### New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



Today we are made conscious of the polarities within which all of us live, and which Jesus also experienced. There are moments of transcendence in our lives; moments when we are conscious of being drawn into God's mystery, even though these moments may be fleeting. In such moments, we can be taken out of ourselves and our senses can be finely tuned into the awesome silence and beauty of nature. Like the disciples, we want to hold on to these moments, to prolong the experience, to 'build tents' and stay. The reality of our humanity demands that we move from such moments of transcendence back into the dailiness of life. We cannot stay on the mountain of light forever.

Jesus too knew such moments of transcendence and moments when the starkness of his life was very present. On the mountain, like Moses and Elijah, he has an encounter with God, symbolised in the light, the cloud, and the voice from heaven. But the reality of his death in Jerusalem is present even in this moment of glory, for the great prophets of Israel speak to Jesus of his exodus, which he was to complete in Jerusalem. Jesus' passing over to the Father cannot happen on this mountain in Galilee but must happen on the hill of Golgotha. Living out the truth of his identity as Son demands that Jesus go

down the mountain, leave behind the consoling presence of God, and take the road to Jerusalem.

There may be several reasons why Moses and Elijah are present in this highly theological scene. Moses was the giver of Israel's Law, and Elijah was one of the earliest prophets in Israel and was also a miracle worker. These two figures may therefore represent the Scriptures of Israel – the Law and the Prophets.

More significant is that both Moses and Elijah were 'mountain' men, who had a personal encounter with God on Mount Sinai. Following the Exodus, when it is time for the people to leave Mount Sinai, Moses asks God, 'Show me your glory.' But, while Moses was considered a friend of God, God replied, 'You cannot see my face, for not one shall see me and live. But see, here is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and when my glory passes by, I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed, then I shall take away my hand, and you shall see my back.' (Exodus 33:17-23)

Similarly, Elijah, while fleeing from the anger of King Ahab arrives at Sinai, deeply afraid and discouraged. God tells Elijah, 'Go and stand on the mountain, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Elijah then hears a mighty wind, then an earthquake and then a fire – but God was not there. Finally there was 'the sound of sheer silence,' and Elijah went out to meet God. (1 Kings 19:11-13) At times of struggle and change in the lives of Moses and Elijah, they encountered God on Mount Sinai and were encouraged to resume their leadership task. Here there is a similarity with Jesus' ministry.

In Luke 9, there is an important sequence of events. In the northern part of Galilee, at Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about him, who they think he might be. This leads to Peter's declaration that Jesus is the Messiah.

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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

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ROSTER		Weekend 12/13 March	Weekend of 19/20 March
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Antonia Chandra
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Terry & Meagan Scanlan	Sharon & Ryan Moore

Parish Calendar		
Mar Mon 14	8.00am	Communion Service (Second week of Lent) Church
Tue 15	8.00am	Mass (Second week of Lent) Church
Wed 16	8.00am	Mass (Second week of Lent) Church
Thu 17	8.00am	Mass (St Patrick) Church
Fri 18	8.00am	Mass (Second week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 19	8.00am	Mass (St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Third Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
Sun 20	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Third Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Third Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Third Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent



**Divine Mercy Hour**  
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.  
Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.



### 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 & 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

### International Day of The Unborn Child

Commemorate all unborn children at the Feast of the Annunciation Mass  
**St Mary's Cathedral**  
**Saturday 26th March 10am**  
This Mass will incorporate **The International Day of The Unborn Child**, established by Saint John Paul II to coincide with the celebration of the Annunciation.



## Second Sunday of Lent 12 & 13 March



Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State, in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

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Together we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.Caritas.org.au](http://lent.Caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## First Reading

*Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1*

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

## Second Reading

*Philippians 3:17 – 4:1*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

## Gospel Acclamation

*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

*Luke 9:28-36*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the

mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

## Reflection for Young People

Abraham and Sarah were old and childless, and they longed for children. Descendants, like stars, meant to them a permanent place in history, because their names would be carried on. Today, a 'star' is a celebrity, someone with a name that is well known. In fact, people often confuse 'stars' with 'heroes'. Just because a person is famous and well known does not mean that person is a good role model for people.

Who are your heroes? Are they 'stars'? What makes them heroic in your opinion?

When you stare up at the stars at night, what do you think of? life on other planets? alien creatures and UFOs? TV shows and movies based on space travel? astronomy? astrology? How do the stars affect your imagination?

## Next Sunday Readings

**20 March 2022**

Third Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



## Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

God spoke to the disciples and told them to listen to Jesus.

Write down two ways we can listen to Jesus.

What are two things Jesus is telling you?

