

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



activity in history. What began as a hymn of thanksgiving is now a doxology of praise of God's mighty accomplishments. The very last verse introduces a royal theme. The God who has been the defence of the psalmist has also secured victory for the king.

Three aspects of the extraordinary high priesthood of Jesus are celebrated in the second reading: its permanence, the holiness of Jesus the high priest, and the legitimacy of the high priesthood. This passage underscores the excellence of Jesus' high office by contrasting its divine character with the very human character of the Levitical priesthood. The permanent nature of Jesus's high priesthood enables him to intercede for others, as the high priests did, but without interruption. Four adjectives describe the holiness of Jesus – holy, innocent, undefiled, and separated from what is sinful. They recall the attributes that constitute Levitical purity. Finally, Jesus' high priesthood is legitimated by identifying Jesus with Melchizedek, whose priesthood was established by a divine oath (cf. Heb 7:20; Ps 110:4).

By the time of Jesus, 613 commandments had grown up surrounding the official biblical law. While all were considered delivered by God to Moses, some were more important than others. The scribe should have understood this. Jesus does not single out any particular law, but endorses the summons that constitutes the Shema, the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion (cf. Deut 6:5). Jesus was asked to identify one commandment, and he offers two. The second is a citation from the Book of Leviticus (19:18). By bringing these admonitions together as he does, Jesus shows that, though not identical, they are interrelated. No one dared challenge Jesus again. What else was there to ask? What other answer could be given?

The first reading contains what many consider the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion. It is a profession of faith in the one God to whom belongs Israel's exclusive and undivided commitment. This God is the patron deity of Israel, the one who drew the people out of Egyptian bondage, led them through the perils of the wilderness, and brought them into the land of promise. This profession of faith is found within a summons to obedience. This obedience cannot be simply external conformity to law. It must be total commitment to God, and all of their interior faculties must be involved in this commitment – the heart, the soul and the strength.

The psalm of praise for deliverance contains an array of metaphors characterising God. They include: rock, fortress, deliverer, shield, horn of salvation, stronghold. Although they each have their respective meanings, they all embody some aspect of deliverance. The victory cry 'The Lord lives!' is a cultic formula that extols God's dynamic activity. Because the psalm speaks of the psalmist's need for defence and deliverance, the reference is certainly to God's saving

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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)

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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

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus tells us that loving God completely, loving our neighbors, and loving ourselves are our highest commandments.

How are all the other commandments based on these?

Is it ever all right (not sinful) to do something wrong, if no one will ever know about it and no one will ever be hurt by it? How does committing a sin—even a secret sin that is never caught—hurt you?

Every time you make a selfish decision, you teach yourself to be selfish. Every time you lie, you teach yourself to be dishonest. Every time you make a considerate decision, you teach yourself to be caring. Every time you make a moral choice, you teach yourself to have integrity. Every time you do the right thing, you feel more confident, you like yourself more, and you respect yourself more.

If everyone understood these concepts, how would it change the world?

Is it possible to know and understand these concepts, but to ignore them? What kind of decision would it be to ignore them? Why would someone do that?

Whom do you respect? Why do you respect him or her?

Do you respect yourself? Why or why not?

Jesus and this scribe seem to like each other. They affirm each other's words. It's hard to tell who's the teacher and who's the learner.

Do you know a teacher who has a similar relationship with you? What is that relationship like?

Next Sunday Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary time - 10 Nov 2024

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

CHILDREN'S CORNER



ROSTER		Weekend of 2/3 November	Weekend of 9/10 November
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Maria Edith Handojo	Maria Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Mary Webster	Mary Webster
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Edwin Carvalho	Ian Sydney-Smith
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Rosa Denobrega
	Counters	Colleen & Pat Lowry	H & F Tay

St Pius X Church Masses		
Nov Mon 4	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 5	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 6	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 8	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 9	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 10	7.30am	Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary time)



2024 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 - so that we can organise the preparation for them

Any enquiries, please see Fr Anthony Vu

Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
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All parishioners are most welcome
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in November are Oscar and Colleen Lewis and Faye Keeffe
Please join us this Sunday 3 November after the 9.00 am Mass
All are welcome

Little Sisters of the Poor

Little Sisters of the Poor will be collecting donations at all Masses on the weekend of 2nd/3rd November
Please support them by giving generously

Seniors Gathering

Tuesday 5 November 2024
11.00am - 2.00pm
If you wish to join in this social event, fun and lunch, please print your name, contact and total number attending
Bring a few dollars for the Sweep Stakes Prizes to be won for the Best Hat competition

Columban Calendars 2025

If you placed an order they will be available for payment and collection this weekend in the foyer of the church

Volunteers required

We are in the throes of preparing rosters for 2025.
Those on existing rosters will remain, however new volunteers are required for all ministries
If you would like to volunteer please put your name and contact number on the relevant form provided in the foyer



Catholic Mission & the Centre for Liturgy invites us all to the 2024 Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery. Titled

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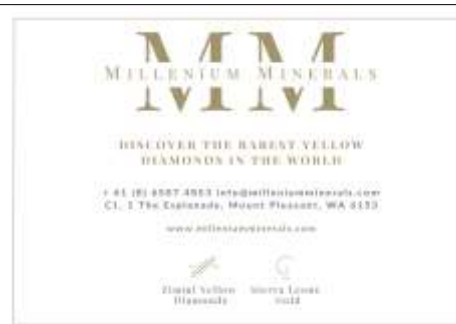


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