

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



think of prayer as our 'talking' to God, but this is only the first step in a lifetime's relationship. As you know, if someone spends all the time talking to you, after a while you tune out, for the person doesn't seem interested in hearing your story. Prayer also means spending quiet time listening to God within our hearts. If we practise becoming still, giving time over to God, then we can gradually discern God's quiet voice amidst all the other distractions and voices that arise within. This is when real prayer starts, for when we listen with our hearts then we can really allow God to shape our lives.

The scribe asks about a commandment, presumably so that he can then obey this commandment. The root of the word 'obey' is to listen, so before we actually do anything about loving God and neighbour, when we listen, we are already obeying.

The Letter to the Hebrews continues the imagery from last Sunday of Jesus as the great High Priest. The one great act of the High Priest, that only he could perform, was the sacrifice for the sins of the people on the Day of Atonement. Because of his great dignity he was not expected to officiate on other occasions, but he probably led the sacrifices during special festivals. In this role he is the great intercessor before God on behalf of the people, and there were special purity laws associated with this position to ensure his holiness by not being contaminated in any way. In addition to these public rituals as representative of the people, the High Priest also had to offer a daily animal sacrifice for himself, for his own purification from sin. The practices associated with the high Priest are used as an image to teach about Jesus. Now that Jesus has been raised and returned to God, he is beyond any form of contamination and so must be perfectly holy. His death is likened to a sacrifice for sin, but since he offered his own life, and not animals, this is considered a once and for all sacrifice – unlike the need of the regular priests to offer sacrifices twice daily.

Today's Gospels draws upon the great prayer of Israel, known as 'The Shema' from the Hebrew word to hear, or to listen. The words sum up Israel's faith – God is one – and Israel's moral code – love God with all your heart and your neighbour. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

The second commandment about love of neighbour is found in Leviticus. (19:17-18)

These two commands about love of God and neighbour are of more value than Israel's cultic practices which can be mere outward show. This has been a constant message of Israel's prophets and the scribe commends Jesus' answer to his question.

The first word Jesus answers to the scribe's question sums up an essential attitude within all religions – listen. Only by spending time in listening will we ever really know God's presence in our lives. Without listening it is impossible to love for we will never discover what, or who it is we are to love. It can sound very easy, but learning to really listen takes a lifetime. It is the essence of any genuine relationship – to really listen to the other. The mystics in our Christian tradition often write of knowing God in silence, which is an intense form of listening. As children we are taught to pray with words and can

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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

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Edwin Carvalho	Ian Sydney-Smith
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Caitlin Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Ron Fris
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
Nov Mon 1	8.00am	Mass (All Saints Day) Church
	9.00am	School Mass (All Saints Day) Church
Tue 2	8.00am	Mass (All Souls Day) Church
	7.00pm	Mass (All Souls Day) Church
Wed 3	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 4	8.00am	Mass (St Charles Borromeo) Church
Fri 5	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary time) Church
Sat 6	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary time) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sun 7	7.30am	Sunday Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church



All Souls Day

November is a special time to pray for the dead. We will have the November Book of Remembrance out near the Baptismal Font for you to write down those you wish to pray for and remember in the Month of November.

There will be two masses on Tuesday 2 November - the usual 8.00am Morning mass and a 7.00pm mass for those who are working.



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

PLENARY COUNCIL

The opening session of the Plenary Council concluded on October 10 after an intense week of prayer, discussion and discernment.

The Council for Catholic Women Perth warmly invites you to hear Perth's women members share their experience of the first assembly of the Plenary Council.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to contribute to this dialogue. Men and women are all welcome.

Venue : James Nestor Hall ,Catholic Education Office 50 Ruislip St West Leederville

Thursday 18 November, 5.30pm - 8.30pm
(Light refreshments served 5.30pm - 6pm)

RSVP: Tuesday 16 November by email kerrymacfarlane2@gmail.com or mobile 0400 886 835



MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held next Sunday 7th November after the 9.00am Mass.

Hosted by Shirley, Emma and Hellen

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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 neighbours, 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?

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Next Sunday Readings

7 November 2021 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

First Reading: 1 King 17:10-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44