

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

14 November 2021



Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



As we near the end of the liturgical year the Gospel is stressing the importance of reading the signs. We do this in many aspects of ordinary life. We might watch the dollar to see if it is a good time to travel overseas. We keep an eye on the petrol gauge in our cars. We check the weather to know what to wear. Jesus uses the symbolism of his Jewish Scriptures to speak about the ending of this world and the coming of God's reign. He says, 'Read the signs.'

The imagery of the darkening of the sun and moon and the stars falling would be familiar to Jews at the time of Jesus. It was very standard symbolism for the ending of this age. In our scientific world, where we read in the papers about the collapse of giant stars, and black holes in the universe, when we hear this type of apocalyptic language, we might take Jesus' words literally, instead of understanding them within a 1st century cosmology. What these images describe is the ending of God's creative order. The same order that God created 'in the beginning' now comes to its conclusion.

According to Jewish theology at that time, this world was now under the dominion of an evil power, so much so that God's Spirit could not break through; God's will could not be done on earth. The many years of oppression by Greek and then Roman rulers led to this way of thinking. According to this theology, God would

need to intervene and bring this world, dominated by evil powers, to an end and then usher in a new creation, where God's Spirit could be freely poured out and God's will would prevail. This is what Jesus meant when he spoke about the Kingdom.

The Book of Daniel, a type of apocalyptic literature, describes the time when this world ends and God's reign begins. In his vision he speaks of one 'like a Son of Man' (7:13) being given dominion in God's new creation.

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Jesus, as a Jew of his time, would know this theological thinking and the Book of Daniel, and he too believes that God's reign is about to break into this world. His own ministry of healing and exorcism testifies to the presence already of God's power. What people can see in his own life is the first budding forth of the Kingdom, about to break into full bloom. The fig tree, with its first leaves is an image of a fruitfulness about to appear. So his teaching has a sense of urgency to it.

Two thousand years later we no longer have an expectation of the immediate end of the world – except in science fiction. But we can certainly live in expectation and awareness of God's presence in our lives. We can live each day alert to discovering God just around the corner. How will I meet God today? Will it be in the face of an upset child? The listening ear of a friend? The unwanted interruption to my plans? The quiet reflective moment in my day? God comes to us in so many various ways – if we can read the signs. The ancient world looked to cosmic signs to announce God's coming, but Jesus' parable of the lowly fig tree suggests we look to the ordinary and familiar.

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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

Saturdays at 10.30am

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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	Jean Pavey	Jim Kelly
	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Maria Fernandes
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Counters	Sharon & Ryan Moore	Colleen & Pat Lowry

Parish Calendar		
Nov Mon 15	8.00am	Communion Service (Week 33 in Ordinary Time) Church
Tue 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time) Church
Wed 17	8.00am	Mass (St Elizabeth of Hungary) Church
Thu 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time) Church
Fri 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time) Church
Sat 20	8.00am	Mass (Week 33 in Ordinary Time) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Christ the Universal King) Church
Sun 21	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Christ the Universal King) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Christ the Universal King) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Christ the Universal King) Church

Christmas Nativity Play (for Christmas Eve mass)



If you would like your child to be a part of the nativity play during the Children's Mass on Friday 24th Dec 7pm, please email Karen klmgonsalves@yahoo.com.au

There will be rehearsals held on the three weekends in December



Seniors Gathering Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16 December 2021
12 to 2pm

If you are interested please check your name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

Thanks, Social Committee

Old & New Readers

Please consider being a reader at Sunday Mass from January to June 2022. We are short of readers. Please put your name down on the list provided in the foyer.

If you have not read before, there will be training before you do it the first time.

New Counters Needed

Volunteers are needed to count the second collection on Sunday mornings.

Due to retirements new counters are needed. If you wish to volunteer please write your name and contact details on the form provided in the foyer.

It takes less than an hour to do the job

Parish AGM

Manning Parish will be holding its AGM on Saturday 20 November after the 6.00pm Vigil mass.

We need a few new committee members to replace the retiring members on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you, or you know of someone who is able to contribute as a member please use the Nomination Form provided in the foyer.

Thanks - Fr Patrick



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



VINNIES 2021 APPEAL

It is the time of the year when Vinnies are seeking support for their Christmas Appeal.

Baskets for goods donations will be left in the foyer of the church. Preferred items are toiletries, baby powder, laundry powder, tissue packs, long life milk, rice, canned food and soups, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, instant noodles, biscuits. All donations will end on the weekend of 11 & 12 December and be collected on 13 December by the Como SVDP conference. Thank you for supporting this appeal.

They are also asking for new members to join their Conference. They provide emergency assistance for needy people in South Perth, Como, Kensington, Manning, Waterford and Karawara. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mike Cosson on 0419 938 959.

Line Dancing Classes

Mondays 10am - 12noon
Wednesdays 10am - 12noon
\$5 per session

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2022 Columban Calendar



We have placed an order for the 2022 calendar for those who wrote their names in the list provided.

Cost: \$9.00

Payment is required when the calendars arrive.

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First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

Next Sunday Readings

21 November 2021

Christ the Universal King

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

There is often a lot of talk and frenzy about the end of the world coming. It especially happens with certain natural phenomenon such as comets, eclipses, and meteor showers. It's important to understand that Jesus insisted we cannot know the day or the hour, that we cannot predict when this will happen. Sometimes unusual events in the heavens are just natural phenomenon for us to enjoy, not to worry about.

Do you worry about the end of the world? If so, why? If not, why not?

When you hear talk about predictions of the end of time, how do you feel? What do you say? What do you think about?

Do you ever worry about dying? If so, why? If not, why not?

Are you interested in cosmic happenings – planet alignments, comets, stars and the like? How so?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When the fig tree starts to sprout new leaves, we know that summer is near and it is ready to bear fruit. Write down things you can do to make yourself ready for when Jesus returns.

