BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



There is humour and also great insight in Paul's words today. Remember, this community is living about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul has been teaching them that Jesus will soon return and some have taken his words so seriously that they have given up work. At Corinth, people wonder whether they should marry or not, because they are so convinced that Jesus is returning to them any day. In Thessalonica, they have 'downed tools!' Such is the conviction and expectation of these communities. They live as if today is their last day. Wow! What would I do if today was my last day? What would you do?

In the Gospel, Jesus has now reached the end of his journey and is in Jerusalem, within its magnificent Temple. Here, other questions are raised.

What do we do when things go wrong? How do we find faith in God when life collapses around us? These are questions all Christians face and today's gospel gives us a brief insight into the pain and struggle of Luke's small community who had such faith and hope in Jesus, but life did not appear to be blessed. God wasn't intervening to save them from conflict within families and persecution from governments. Luke tries to reassure his community that such discord and trouble is part of a living Christianity and can be expected. Faith in Jesus doesn't take us

out of the world, or permit us to live as some sort of aliens in the world. We are part of a struggling humanity.

Jesus lived at a time when the Jerusalem temple existed and had recently been greatly renovated and made even grander by King Herod the Great. But by the time the Gospel is written, the magnificent Temple was utterly destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. Many Jews saw this event as the 'end of the world' and took this destruction as a sign that God was coming soon. Luke cautions against such false ideas. The end has not yet come and Luke's community must learn to live in an extended time of waiting. Through Jesus' words, Luke teaches his community that in this time of waiting there will be hardship and struggle; these are not incompatible with Christian faith and are not to be taken as signs that God is absent. Endurance is required.

The concerns of Luke's community and Paul's seem very distant to the concerns of our own time. We need to exercise some historical imagination to try to get a sense of real people, living with their real questions and struggling with faith. There are no simple answers to most of the really important questions of life. Our faith was never meant to be an easy escape from really living. We cannot, like the Thessalonians, drop our tools, give up work and just wait for Jesus; but nor can we settle for simplistic answers when difficult times come. A robust faith will engage the world and wrestle with the questions life poses. But in all this, faith in Jesus should make a difference. Paul advises the Thessalonians, 'imitate me'. Living faith should be visible. G K Chesterton once said. 'Christianity hasn't been tried and found wanting - but it has been found hard, and it hasn't been tried!' It was the living witness of the early believers that attracted others to join them, even in the midst of misunderstanding and persecution from the surrounding society. Each of us should be able to say as Paul did - 'imitate me'. What a challenge!

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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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Sacrament of Marriage

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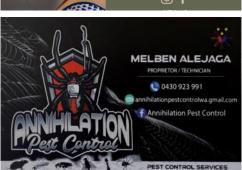
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	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Br Rod Ellyard	Maria Fernandes
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	H & F Tay, M Prentice

Parish Calendar				
Nov Mon 14	8.00am	Communion Service (Week 33, Ordinary Time) Church		
Tue 15	8.00am	Mass (Week 33, Ordinary Time) Church		
Wed 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 33, Ordinary Time) Church		
Thu 17	8.00am	Mass (St Elizabeth of Hungary) Church		
Fri 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 33, Ordinary Time) Church		
Sat 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 33, Ordinary Time) Church		
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Jesus King of the Universe Year C) Church		
Sun 20	7.30am	Mass (Jesus King of the Universe Year C) Church		
	9.00am	Mass (Jesus King of the Universe Year C)		
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Jesus King of the Universe Year C) Church		



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers - Online

ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are invited to attend an online safeguarding induction

The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 2 pm Wednesday, 07 December 2022 at 2 pm Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7 pm

To register please Phone 9221 7762 or visit:

http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/ training-calendar-church-workers/





Tai Chi Group

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Counting Roster for 2023

A new roster for 2023 is being prepared and we desperately need volunteers to assist in this role. If you would like to assist, please put your name and contact details on the form provided in the foyer.

Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday.

Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING WORLD YOUTH DAY FESTIVAL

Sunday 20 November 2022

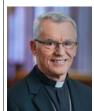
We invite you to join us, to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and World Youth Day 2023 launch. We will commence with a Youth Rally and procession from Langley Park to St Mary's Cathedral, followed by a Youth Mass and Festival on the Cathedral grounds to celebrate the young people of our Church!

This is a FREE EVENT that will have Expo Stands, Fun Games, Activities, and much more! Bring a picnic rug and enjoy the live music by the acoustic garden or in front of the main stage with our many performances and buy some dinner with Food Trucks onsite.

Event Details:

- 3.00pm YOUTH RALLY // Langley Park, Perth Foreshore - Process to St Mary's Cathedral
- 5.00pm YOUTH MASS // St Mary's Cathedral
- 6.00pm YOUTH FESTIVAL // Live Music, Food Trucks, Stalls, Fun and Games for the whole Family!





This Christmas let's "Roll up our sleeves and put our faith into practice" to help our brothers and sisters in need.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LlfeLink is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend.

If you did not collect the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass last weekend, please collect one as you leave the Church today or use one of the special giving envelopes which have been provided on the pews today.

We urge you to give generously to help the work of our Archdiocesan agencies which reach out to care for our brothers and sisters struggling in the community.

Please mail your Gift in the REPLY-PAID envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the parishat any time over the coming weeks.

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

- Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
- Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
 Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
- 3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and

friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Every so often, some famous person or group comes along to predict the exact day of the end of the world. Everyone gets excited, lots of news coverage is aired, and a lot of conversation is stirred up. Why not? It's an exciting possibility. People like talking about it: What might it be like? How will we know if it's coming? Is it possible to read the signs? Will it happen while we are still alive?

Do such questions and conversations bore you or interest you? Do they cause you any concern? How so?

Have you heard any specific predictions lately about the end of the world? Do you put much stock in such predictions? Why or why not?

Very often, when people get nervous about 'the end of the world', it's because there is a lot of fear of death and final judgment. But actually, the odds are not very high that tomorrow will be the last day of the world. The odds, however, are very high that tomorrow will be the last day of someone's life. That's because many people die every day. We never know when it will be our turn. When it happens to someone we love, it is tragic, and often sudden and shocking even though we know that, sooner or later, it happens to us all.

Instead of worrying about living the last day of the world, why not begin to appreciate life and those we love as if every day could be our last? (or their last?)

How is your life different when you try to do that? How would your life be different if everyone tried to do that?

Next Sunday Readings

20 November 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20 Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus tried to reassure his disciples that although some bad things were about to happen, God's love and mercy would ultimately prevail. Draw Jesus as he speaks to his disciples.

They will arrest you and persecute you; you will be hated because of my name.

But not a

of my name.

But not a
hair of your
head will
perish. By your
endurance you
will gain your
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