

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

11<sup>th</sup> December 2022



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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### New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



This year I moved into a newly renovated house and so had the joy of trying to establish a garden, of growing vegetables, and watching some of the more mature fruit trees change with the seasons. At present I see the figs and the pears beginning to take their shapes, even though they are a long way from ripe. Not only am I watching, but the birds too are periodically 'testing' this fruit – 'Is it ready yet'. The reading from James uses similar agricultural images to speak of the expectation that God is coming to us. In the early church this expectation was the certain sense that Jesus was soon to return to them in glory. We have lost this sense of urgency, but perhaps each Christmas we can enter into something of this expectation. If you are in a family, you can see the growing excitement of children as the decorations are put up and the tree is assembled. As children feel the excitement about presents and celebrating Christmas, can we adults look deeper and share something of this excitement for GOD IS ALWAYS COMING. Of course to notice this we will need to take some time out from the busy-ness of our lives and just for five or ten minutes enter into stillness and discover there the One who is always coming to us. As James says, 'Do not lose heart, for the Lord's coming will be soon.' As soon as we can stop and welcome God.

John is now in prison and wonders about the things he hears of Jesus. John had proclaimed that the reign of God was close; now, he wonders, could it be possible that this miracle worker from Nazareth is the one Israel has been waiting for; could it be that he is the Messiah? Jesus answers John's question by pointing to his actions as sure signs that the reign of God has arrived – the blind see, the lame walk. These demonstrate that the power of God is at work. Jesus then makes a contrast between the dramatic presence of John and the 'least in the kingdom'. John stood out from the crowd in his attire, his strange way of life and in his powerful message. John is praised by Jesus as the greatest of the prophets and yet for all his greatness John had not perceived the reign of God in Jesus, he'd missed the signs. This is why the 'least in the kingdom' can be called greater than John. Those within the horizon of God's reign see and experience what John could only long for.

We belong to the group of those called 'the least'. We are living after the death and resurrection of Jesus and have this advantage over John. The reign of God has begun, the Spirit has been given, and we are now participants in God's reign. However, like John we can miss the miracle of God's presence. The signs are more delicate in our time, and in the busyness of our lives we may not even notice them. Like the people mentioned in the gospel, we may need to step aside, to 'go out into the wilderness' in order to see. Here, the message of the first reading offers great hope, for the wilderness will not be barren; risking quiet time alone will be fruitful. Advent invites us to be more perceptive, and to take time out to see the presence of God with us. The psalm today says, 'Look! Your God is coming to save you.' Look within your own life, your family, your workplace, your neighbourhood and recognise the sure signs of God's presence.

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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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**ROSTER**

**Weekend 10/11 December**

**Weekend 17/18 December**

<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Barbara Thompson
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Volunteer
<b>Counters</b>		Colleen & Pat Lowry	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan

**Parish Calendar**

Dec Mon 12	8.00am	Communion Service (Third week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Tue 13	8.00am	Mass (St Lucy) Church
Wed 14	8.00am	Mass (St John of the Cross) Church
Thu 15	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Fri 16	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Sat 17	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A) Church
Sun 18	7.30am	Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A) Church



**Seniors Christmas Lunch**

**A THREE COURSE MEAL WITH DRINKS**  
 Entree  
 Turkey, Ham and Vegies  
 Plum Pudding with Custard & Ice-cream

on Thursday 15 December 2022  
 from 12 to 2pm

If you would like to attend, please put your name and phone number on the form provided in the church foyer.  
 Thanks - Social Committee



**Line Dancing Classes**

Wednesday 21st December will be the last class for this year.  
 Recommencement date to be advised.  
 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



**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 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

**Nativity Play Christmas Family Mass at 6pm**



If your child is in primary school and would like to take part in the nativity, please meet Karen on Sunday 11 Dec

after the 9am mass in the church hall.  
 We would need a minimum of 10 children for this to go ahead.

**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.

Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7 pm

To register please Phone 9221 7762 or visit:

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



**Christmas Schedule**

**Saturday 24 December 2022**

No 8.00am morning Mass  
 6.00pm Christmas Family Mass  
 9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

**Sunday 25 December 2022**

9.00am Christmas Morning Mass  
 11.00am Christmas Mass in Chinese

**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.



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A Merry Christmas & A Happy 2023!

## First Reading

*Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4*

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading

*James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 11:2-11*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a

prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

More than any other season of the year, the weeks before Christmas are a time when young people learn patience and hope. Imaginations run wild with visions of holidays and presents, and the weeks seem to take forever.

Who is the most patient and hopeful person you know? What is she or he like? How does her or his patience and sense of hope affect others? How can you try to be like that person?

What is something you are hoping for? What is something you are expecting, something that makes it hard to be patient?

## Next Sunday Readings

**18 December 2022**

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

## Manning Parish Youth

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# CHILDREN'S CORNER

**Jesus told John the Baptist's followers to tell him all they had seen and heard. How did Jesus help the following people?**

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