

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

21st January 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of people.'

people's loyalty and infidelity. The psalmist ends with a prayer: Teach me your ways.

Paul is teaching about the end time. Unlike the regular unfolding of time (chrónos), this time is of the greatest theological significance (kairós). It refers to decisive moments, those that mark the inbreaking of God's action. It is frequently the time of fulfilment, of divine revelation. The normal priorities of life must give way to very different behaviour, a way of living and acting that is extraordinary. Paul suggests that the kairós is fast approaching, but has not yet arrived. He advises the Christians to live in the present age as though it had already come. Time is running out and the world as they know it is passing away. Paul wants them to be ready for Christ's return.

The failure of Israel's monarchy prompted the people to look to the future, to a time when a king who was totally faithful to God would establish God's kingdom. Jesus inaugurates his ministry with the bold declaration: The kingdom of God is at hand! The time (kairós) has arrived. After this initial announcement, Jesus issues a call for repentance. Just like the prophets of old, he calls for a change of heart, a return to God. Jesus then calls the fishermen Simon, Andrew, James and John. He summons them to follow him, to cast their nets and together gather up other followers. The abruptness with which they respond to him is an indication of the radical nature of life in the kingdom of God.

The word of the Lord comes to Jonah with a message for Nineveh, Israel's mortal enemy. Much to the prophet's chagrin, the people of Nineveh heeded the message, believed in God, and proclaimed a fast. The incongruities of the story are striking. First and most important, God is concerned with the salvation of a nation other than Israel. Second, the city renowned for its wickedness repented of its sins as soon as it heard the proclamation. Third, the comprehensiveness of the spirit of repentance was exceeded only by its geographic breadth. All people, great and small, put on the garments of penance. Even the worst sinners can repent and be made new.

The psalm response opens with a prayer for divine guidance in one's style of life. The psalmist first asks for insight into God's saving ways, presumably in order to sing God's praises and to offer thanks for God's goodness. Covenant language – compassion and lovingkindness – is very strong in the second stanza (vv.6-7). The psalm is speaking of God's remembrance of covenant commitment and not of the psalmist's former sins. This plea that God remember may be the psalmist's way of asking for God's forgiveness. Both sinners and the humble are taught the way of the Lord, the way that God acts toward

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SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Lina DaSilva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Jean Pavey
	Sun 7.30am	Mitchelle Cota	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Giselle Shankar
	Counters	Terry & Meagan Scanlan	H & F Tay

St Pius X Church Masses		
Jan Tue 23	8.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time) Church
Wed 24	8.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 25	8.00am	Mass (The Conversion of St Paul) Church
Fri 26	8.00am	Mass (Australia Day) Church
Sat 27	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sun 28	7.30am	Sunday Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church

Gardening & General Maintenance of garden

A big thank you to those members of the parish who volunteered to assist in maintaining the grounds and gardens. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

However we could do with two more volunteers to sweep the paved areas around the church, presbytery and perimeter of the car park. We would like this to be done on a weekly basis (preferably on a Friday or Saturday) and will require around one hour of your time each visit.

If you can help please contact the Parish Office



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Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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Important Notice

We would like to inform parishioners that our Monday Communion Service is suspended for December and January and Saturday 8.00am Mass is cancelled until further notice.

Fr Patrick is on sick leave recovering from a severe bout of tonsillitis.

We would like to thank Fr Phong, Fr Anthony & Fr Paul for their help.

Fr Stephen Ochola will be filling in for the rest of January while Fr Patrick is away.

St Vincent DePaul

On behalf of the Como Conference of Vinnies I would like to sincerely thank Fr Patrick and the Parishioners of St Pius X for their ongoing generous support. With your help we were able to distribute 100 hampers to needy families in the area the week before Christmas. That made a big difference to their Christmas.

Leo Burke
President Como Conference of Vinnies.



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



Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm.

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.



Catholic Young Adults Ball 2024

Garden of Eden

We are thrilled to announce the Catholic Young Adults Ball of 2024. Kick off the new year by joining heaps of Catholic young adults for an incredible evening of dining, dancing, and socialising!

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First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Reflection for Young People

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who brings the good news, but who receives it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 27/28 January 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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Jesus called Peter and Andrew, and James and John to follow him. Draw Jesus standing on the beach calling out to James and John in their boat.

