

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

23rd January 2022



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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#### New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



The first part of today's Gospel is in fact the opening sentence of Luke where he sets out his goal, which is to give an orderly account of recent events. Theophilus is a code word made up of two Greek words, God and Love, so in fact Luke is writing to all those who love God.

Having told us Luke's goal, the Gospel then moves to chapter 4 where Jesus announces his goal within the synagogue of his home town, Nazareth. Jesus deliberately selects the text from Isaiah 61, so if we want to understand Luke's story of Jesus we need to understand this text. Jesus has a mission to the poor, to the outcasts, the alienated, the ones society despises, the 'down and outers', the ones living in darkness and pain. Jesus' role is to tell these people, who feel most unloved and rejected, 'You are not despised by God; God has not rejected you.' This is what is meant by 'the Lord's year of favour.' This year is the great fiftieth year of jubilee liberation, when slaves are to be released, when debts are to be written off and people are allowed to return home. Jesus says, 'God keeps Jubilee. Your debts to God are written off, do not let guilt and fear enslave you, come home to a welcoming God.'

If we can understand that this is the goal Jesus announces then we will understand why in Luke's Gospel he spends so much time with sinners and outcasts. What Jesus announces in Nazareth he will then live

out, to the great shock of his family and friends.

What might Jesus' mission be for you?

In Paul's letter, he uses the image of the body as a way of describing the close unity that is to exist between members of the community. This image made more sense to me when I was in Corinth and was on a tour following the footsteps of Paul. What I had not realised before was the importance of the Greek God of healing, Asclepius. This God had two daughters, Panacea and Hygeia and was always depicted leaning on a staff and accompanied by a snake. These images and words are still part of our medical world. Every city would have a Temple to the God Asclepius, just as every town has at least one chemist or doctor. The Asclepian (the Temple to Asclepius) was a most important part of the community life. This is where members would go for healing by the priests of the Temple and to pray for healing to the God. As part of their prayer, they would bring a votive offering, which took the form of a clay or even marble model of the body part requiring healing. In the museum in Corinth, I saw many of these votive offerings from the Corinthian Asclepian. There were many hands, feet, legs, some ears, eyes, even a breast and penis as these were requiring healing.

The Temple of Asclepius may well have provided Paul with his image of the many body parts and the need for them to be united to the body. His listeners, familiar with the Temple of Asclepius, would recall the many body parts they saw in this Temple. Paul now transfers the meaning of these votive offerings to the Christian life.

What might it be like if we looked on others as an extension of our own bodies? What difference would this make in our treatment and care of others? Paul expects his community to take his words seriously and in this same letter states that if there is not love of others within the community then there can be no Eucharist.

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### SCHEDULES

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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

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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 | Susanna Hooper                | Carmen de Sousa          |
|                   | Sun 7.30am | Carol Nicklette               | Pauline Joseph           |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | Giselle Shankar               | Corrie Barnes            |
| Altar Servers     | Sat 6.00pm | Volunteers                    | Volunteers               |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | Volunteers                    | Volunteers               |
| Counters          |            | Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi | Pat & Colleen Lowry      |

| Parish Calendar |         |   |
|-----------------|---------|---|
| Jan Mon 24      | 8.00am  | Communion Service (St Francis de Sales) Church              |
| Tue 25          | 8.00am  | Mass (Conversion of St Paul) Church                         |
| Wed 26          | 8.00am  | Mass (Australia Day) Church                                 |
| Thu 27          | 8.00am  | Mass (3rd Week in Ordinary Time Year 2) Church              |
| Fri 28          | 8.00am  | Mass (St Thomas Aquinas ) Church                            |
| Sat 29          | 8.00am  | Communion Service (3rd Week in Ordinary Time Year 2) Church |
|                 | 6.00pm  | Vigil Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church    |
| Sun 30          | 7.30am  | Sunday Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church   |
|                 | 9.00am  | Sunday Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church   |
|                 | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church  |



### Blessing and Opening

Archbishop Tim Costelloe will be coming to bless and open St Pius X Columbarium on 6 February 2022 at about 10.15am before he celebrates a mass to celebrate the Chinese Luna New Year, Year of the Tiger, with the Perth Chinese Catholic Community.

You are invited to join in the blessing and opening of the Columbarium.

The Columbarium Committee thanks those who have supported the Project by reserving and contributing financially towards this project.

Phil Webster  
Chairperson of the Committee

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



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### Tai Chi Group

There will be no Tai Chi Class as of Monday, 13 December and will recommence first week of February 2022.

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After reading from the scriptures, Jesus told his listeners how Isaiah's prophecy was now fulfilled - as God had sent Jesus as His chosen one to bring the good news to the poor and suffering.

Write down some of the good things Jesus tells us about God.



## First Reading

*Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 18:8-10. 15*

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

## Gospel Acclamation

*See Luke 4:18*

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have

decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

At your school, is one group of students perceived as being 'more important' than the others? If so, why is that? Who are they – the smartest students? the best athletes? the most attractive looking males and females? the ones with the most money?

Is it true that these students are any more important than the others? Where does this false perception come from?

The study of biology can show us how the different parts of our body work together. The heart pumps the blood around, the lungs clean out the blood, the stomach and intestines process the food that fuels the body, the eyes and ears help direct the way the feet walk and the hands move. If something happens to one leg, the other leg and arms grow stronger, often with the help of crutches, in an effort to keep the body going. If the skin is bruised or broken, blood rushes to cleanse and clot in the area. Even if the eyesight is poor, the ears and nose cooperate in order to keep a pair of glasses in place!

Is this the way your school or community functions? Do people generally watch out for one another when someone is weakened or hurt or in need of help? If so, how? If not, why not?

Is this the way your family works? Do some family members come to the aid of others in need? If so, how? If not, why not?

## MORNING TEA ROSTER 2022

A new roster will be prepared shortly. If you would like to volunteer to help with morning tea please put your details on the clipboard in the parish foyer or email the parish office. Morning tea is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass.



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## Next Sunday Readings

**30 January 2022**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C**

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30