

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

26th January 2025



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



If the law is the place of encounter with God, then those who are shaped by the law are godlike. The effects of the law enumerated here are all relational, enhancing human life itself. For the psalmist, the law is life-giving and not restrictive, ennobling and not demeaning. Reverence for the law seems to promise the best that life has to offer.

Paul continues his instruction on the diversity found within the community by using the analogy of the body. This metaphor portrays unity in diversity, a unity that is far from uniformity. It underscores the absence of competition among members, since no one activity is elevated above the others. Lowly service is no less important than charismatic gifts. Finally, it underscores the interdependence that exists within the community. Unity within the community is based on common baptism. All were baptised in the Spirit and all were baptised into the body of Christ. All drink of the same Spirit and so all live by the same life, the life of the Spirit. There is no room for competition or resentment in this kind of community.

Ezra is acting in his capacity as priest, one who is responsible for interpreting the law. The assembly is unusually inclusive, embracing not only the men but the women and children as well. The reading of the law takes about six or seven hours, from daybreak to midday. Interpretation was provided along with the reading in order to make relevant in new ways the requirements of a tradition that originated in the past. Such interpretation is always a challenge for a believing community. The people's response is curious. They weep, perhaps out of remorse for infidelity or because they are overcome by the grandeur of the sacred event.

Six different synonyms are used to extol the glories of the law. The psalm describes the blessings that ensue from acceptance of the law. If the law is the will of God for human beings, then the qualities enshrined in that law reflect divine attributes.

The name Theophilus means 'friend or lover of God'. The respect that the author accords this man suggests that he is the patron who had assumed responsibility of publishing this writing (cf. Acts 1:1). The actual story begins with a summary statement. Jesus has taught in the synagogues of Galilee and has been praised by all. He now returns to his home town and attends the synagogue service where he is handed the Isaian scroll. With the eyes of the synagogue fixed on him, Jesus makes a bold claim: 'Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing'. He is the prophet that is filled with the Spirit; he is the one who inaugurates the year of deliverance; he is the one who has launched the era of eschatological fulfilment.

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SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass
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Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

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

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(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

St Paul reminds us that every member of a group or body is important.

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.

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?

Next Sunday Readings

Presentation of the Lord

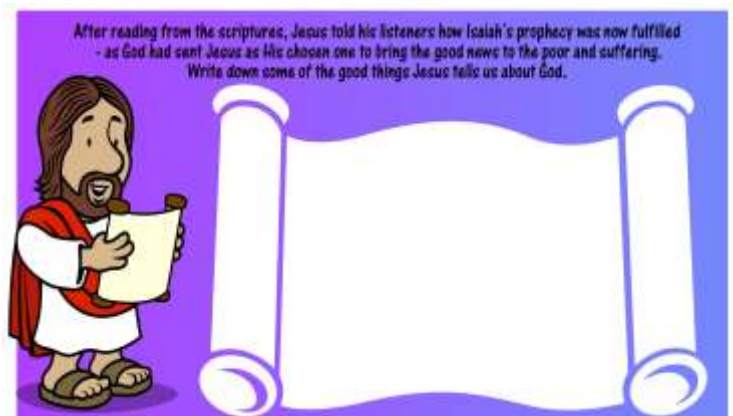
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First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18


Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

CHILDREN'S CORNER



ROSTER		Weekend of 25/26 January	Weekend 1/2 February
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Janine Banks
	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Daphne Francis	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Sandra McLlheney
	Counters	D & B Molony	Elizabeth Noronha & Terry Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
Jan Mon 27	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 28	8.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time)
Wed 29	8.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time)
Thu 30	8.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time)
Fri 31	8.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time)
Feb Sat 1	8.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Presentation of the Lord)
Sun 2	7.30am	Mass (Presentation of the Lord)
	9.00am	Mass (Presentation of the Lord)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Presentation of the Lord)




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Building the Community of Manning Parish

Volunteers required

In an effort to build our community spirit we are looking for volunteers to assist parishioners in many ways, such as

- Visit the sick
- Take meals to the sick
- Drivers to pick up/drop off parishioners who wish to attend weekend Masses

Any suggestions or form of assistance will be appreciated

If you would like to assist in any way please put your name and contact details on the form provided in the foyer

Fr Anthony Vu Parish Priest

Volunteers required for the Flower Ministry

Volunteers are needed to join the **Flower Ministry**. We would love to hear from you if you:

- are prepared to arrange the flowers to beautify the church for Sunday Masses
- are prepared to work as a team and be put on a roster
- are prepared to assist if required during the changing seasons of our Liturgical calendar

Your generous support is much appreciated. Please complete the form in the Church foyer or contact: Hellen Tay on 0414 340 947 or Daphne Francis on 0412 510 147



Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in February are Mignonne Goes and Lina DaSilva

Please join us next Sunday 2 February after the 9.00 am Mass

All are welcome

Catholic Singles Quiz Night (20-35 yrs)

Join us for a fun and casual gathering of Catholics from across Perth! This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and connect with like-minded people in a relaxed setting. Whether you're a trivia enthusiast or just looking for a good time, come along for an evening of trivia, laughter, and mingling with fellow Catholics

To register your attendance and for more information please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/quiz-night-perth-catholic-singles-20-35yrs-tickets-1150469899439> or visit @perthcatholicsocials on Instagram or contact Matt on 0421 952 963

Date: Wednesday 12th February 2024 - 6:20pm
Venue: Como Hotel 243 Canning Highway Como WA 6152

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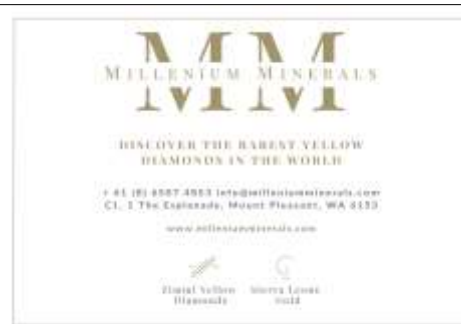


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