

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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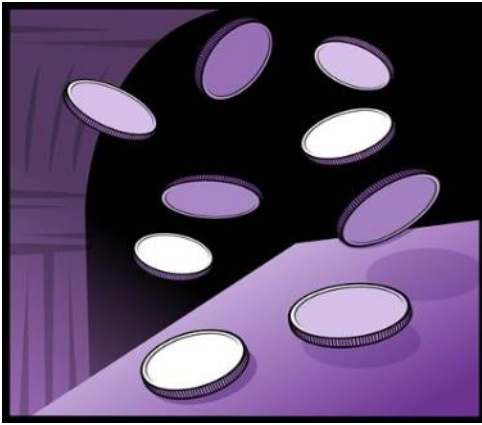
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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



## Stop making my Father's house a market place

The commandments provide a sketch of the God with whom the people were in covenant, and they outlined how these covenanted people were to revere their God and live with each other. Deliverance from bondage to Egypt is the basis of conformity to the commandments. Commitment to the one God is the reason the Israelites were forbidden to revere other gods. Since one's name contained something of one's own identity, the vain use of God's name was considered a profanation of God's divine being. Observance of the Sabbath was rooted in the creation of the world. All the commandments are meant for adults, including the one to honour parents. Murder, adultery, stealing, lying and coveting all threaten the social fabric of the group.

Although the general theme of the psalm is praise, its tone is didactic and exhortative. It describes the blessings that acceptance of the law can impart. It both describes the law and persuades the people to embrace it as the will of God and to live in accord with it. The qualities associated with the law found in this psalm are some of the most highly prized attributes of any tradition. Each one of the statements in this psalm identifies the law as belonging to the Lord. The law that is praised here is not just any religious law; it is uniquely Israel's, because in a very specific way it represents the will of the all-holy God of Israel.

Paul criticises the Jews for their demand for signs and the Greeks for their preference for knowledge. He insists that the crucified Christ is the standard against which everything is judged. Though both traditions would reject a humiliated man, he argues that the vulnerable and debased Christ is in fact the power of God; the ridiculous and despised Christ is really the wisdom of God. In this light, it becomes clear that what the Jews and the Greeks rejected as foolishness was actually authentic wisdom, and what they cherished as wisdom was really misguided and folly. Those who are called and who are open to this call will be able to recognise it.

Jesus' actions in the temple are acted-out prophecy and his words are prophetic fortelling. With his actions and his words, Jesus makes a double claim. By driving the merchants out of the temple precincts, he announces that the time of fulfilment has come. Then, identifying God as his Father affirms his right to make such a claim and to act in accord with it. The Jews, most likely the temple authorities, demand that Jesus justify his actions. Playing on a word for temple, he predicts his death and resurrection. This corresponds to the earlier allusion to Zechariah and the replacement of the temple sacrifice by his own suffering. Only after the resurrection will the disciples understand this last saying.

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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)

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11am Chinese Mass

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ROSTER		Weekend of 2/3 March	Weekend of 9/10 March
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Edith Handojo	Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer if needed	Volunteer if needed
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Ian Sydney-Smith
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Rosa De Nobrega
	<b>Counters</b>	Colleen & Pat Lowry	H & F Tay

### St Pius X Church Schedules

Mar Tue 5	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Lent) Church
Wed 6	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Lent) Church
Thu 7	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Lent) Church
Fri 8	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 9	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
Sun 10	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B) Church



### Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays  
10am - 12noon \$6 per session  
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All are welcome; no age limits



### 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

## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS Caritas AUSTRALIA Third Sunday of Lent



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down

the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



### 2024 Sacrament Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - [manningparish.org.au/sacraments](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments) - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

#### Confirmation

6.00pm Friday, 17 May 2024

**Commitment Mass - To be notified**

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm

Tuesday 30 April 2024

#### First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 25 August 2024

**Commitment Mass - To be notified**

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm

Tuesday 6 August 2024

#### First Reconciliation

10.30am-12.30pm

Saturday, 22 October 2024

**Commitment Mass - To be notified**

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm

Tuesday 8 October 2024

### Seniors Lunch

Thursday 21 March

The first Parish Seniors Lunch for this year will be held on Thursday 21 March from 12 noon to 2 pm

If you wish to attend, please enter your name and details required on the form placed in the foyer of the Church.

This lunch will be a special one to thank Fr Pat for his involvement in all of the lunches, and for the constant care and concern he has shown for the seniors of our Manning Parish..

### Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea this Sunday are Beryl Dennis, Margaret Byron & Shirley Mulcahy.

Please join us after the 9.00am Mass.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## First Reading

*Exodus 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68*

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting 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. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. (R.)

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 3:16*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel

*John 2:13-25*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it

up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

No matter what the rule or law is, some people can find a way around it. Sometimes they obey the 'letter' of the law, but they disregard the 'spirit' of the law. Sometimes they pretend to misunderstand the meaning of the law. And sometimes they actually get away with breaking a law by paying off someone who is supposed to be guarding the law.

Is it ever okay to break a law? Why or why not? Give examples.

What are some school rules or family rules that you hate to keep? What do you dislike about them? What are some rules or family rules that you wish other people would keep, but they don't? Why do you like those rules?

Do you think it would be possible to run a country, a school, an organisation or a family without rules or laws? Why or why not? How would life be different?

## Next Sunday Readings

**Weekend 9/10 March 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B**

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



**There are times when things make us angry; even Jesus got angry and upset sometimes. But there are good and bad ways of dealing with anger. Complete the statements below by using words and/or pictures.**

**When I'm angry I sometimes do the wrong thing by...**

**When I'm angry I can do the right thing by...**