

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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we overlooked that he was also the son and child of Judaism. For both Paul and Matthew Judaism is a great gift of God to humanity and through the Jewish people God's blessing is to reach out to all the nations. God's covenant with Judaism has never been revoked, even though we consider Jesus as the fullness of God's revelation. In a few days' time we will celebrate the birth of a Jewish child, born of Jewish parents, and through this child God comes to us.

The birth of Jesus in Luke's Gospel focuses on Mary; in Matthew's Gospel the focus is on Joseph. It is through Joseph that Jesus comes into the House of David. It is Joseph who receives an annunciation that the child has been conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Israel's past history there was a Joseph, famous for his coat of many colours, who had strange dreams, who looked after his family, and even went down into Egypt, which is where Joseph will later take Mary and Jesus. In the story of that Joseph, Matthew has found a model for how to present Mary's husband. This is typical of Jewish methods of teaching. Here again we have Matthew shaping the birth narrative to bring out the connection between the story of Jesus and the story of Israel. Remember, Matthew is writing for a community who have come to faith in Jesus through Judaism, so they would know the biblical stories of Joseph and make the connection. The quotation from Isaiah makes this even more explicit – Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us, and he is the one to fulfil Israel's longings.

Jesus begins his life as do many children, in the midst of anxiety, hope and much that is unknown. The future lies hidden from Joseph, as the future of any child lies hidden from its parents. Joseph trusts this future into God's hands. Perhaps this is the image we adults need at Christmas. When we look at the crib scenes of the child resting peacefully in a manger, or the arms of Mary, dare we believe that even as adults we can rest as peacefully in the arms of God? Adult and child are one in this divine birth of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

In this final Sunday before Christmas, the readings take us back into Jesus' origins in Israel. Paul reminds the Romans of Israel's long time of living with hope in God's promises. Over the past three weeks we have heard in the First Readings from the prophet Isaiah's catalogue of these promises:

- 'In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the other mountains... All the nations (or gentiles) will stream to it.' (1st Sunday of Advent)
- 'A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, and a branch thrusts from his roots; on him the spirit of the Lord rests.' (2nd Sunday)
- 'The wilderness and dry-lands exult; let the wasteland rejoice and bloom. Look your God is coming.' (3rd Sunday)
- 'The Lord will give you a sign. The young woman is with child and will soon give birth to a son.' (Today – 4th Sunday).

Paul proclaims to the community in Rome that these promises have now been fulfilled – that Jesus is the one from the stock of Jesse, the one on whom the Spirit rests, and that Paul is the one sent to proclaim this good news to all the nations. Paul speaks of Jesus as a son of David, and son of God. For many years, we have so emphasised Jesus as the son of God that

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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 17/18 December

Weekend 24/25 December

Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Barbara Thompson	Christine Carvalho 6.00pm/Les Price 9.00pm
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	No 7.30am Mass on Christmas Day
	Sun 9.00am	Ian Lane	Vincent Whyte
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan	D & B Molony

Parish Calendar

Dec Mon 19	8.00am	Communion Service (Fourth week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Tue 20	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Wed 21	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Thu 22	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Advent cycle 1) Church
Fri 23	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Advent - cycle 1) Church
Sat 24	6.00pm	Family Mass (Nativity of the Lord - Year A) Church
	9.00pm	Vigil Mass (Nativity of the Lord- Year A) Church
Sun 25	9.00am	Vigil Mass (Nativity of the Lord - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Nativity of the Lord - Year A) Church

Schedule for January 2023

Please take note that as of 31 December 2022 to end of January Monday Communion service and Saturday 8.00am Morning Mass is cancelled due to Fr Patrick taking a break from the parish. They will resume again in February 2023



Line Dancing Classes

Wednesday 21st December will be the last class for this year and will recommence on Monday 23 January 2023. 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. All are welcome



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 Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday.

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.



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



Thank you to all those in the parish who supported Catholic Mission's Christmas Reflection on Modern Slavery last weekend.

The CathNews link to the article about this Concert event is <https://cathnews.com/2022/12/12/music-stirs-up-modern-slavery-reflection/>

and the link to the keynote address is <https://cathnews.com/2022/12/12/music-stirs-up-modern-slavery-reflection/>

An inspiring video of this Christmas concert will be available shortly. Please contact director.cm@perthcatholic.org for further information.



The Knights of the Southern Cross wish

to invite exemplary youth leaders in our Parish to apply for the Knights Catholic Leadership Academy for 2023.

The Knights Catholic Leadership Academy is an accessible training program that develops and builds the leadership skills of young Catholics. The Academy is now in its 6th year and over 45 graduates have completed the program, many of whom are active leaders in parishes today.

In partnership with Acts 2 College of Mission and Evangelisation, the Academy will provide students with mentoring and personal formation to witness to and evangelise their peers in a theologically sound and sustainable manner.

The total time commitment for students includes 3 single-day workshops between April and December (during school holidays), plus a youth conference in January.

The Academy is for actively practicing Catholics who will be studying in Years 10, 11, or 12, and who demonstrate leadership aspirations. As such, they are reaching out to you to nominate a suitable candidate from our Parish.

For more information and registration, please visit www.knightseyouth.com.
Registration closes on 27/02/2023.



Join us on Friday 30 December at 7.00pm for a night of Karaoke music, dancing, fun and great food In the parish hall

Please bring a dish to share
BYO Drinks. Cost is only \$5.00

HELP NEEDED

We need some help with the packing of and the moving of things out of the Hall and the dismantling of the kitchen cabinets on Saturday morning 7 January for the polishing of the floor and installation of new Kitchen Cabinets the following week from 9 January.

Please contact Vinita at the Office by Phone or Email of your availability.

THANKS

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. = Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

You might never have thought about this, but Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a pregnant, unwed teenager. The man she was to marry knew that he was not the father of her child. It is an astonishing story – astonishing because it happened and because Joseph came to believe it.

How would most of your male friends respond in this situation? What would most of your female friends say if they heard Mary's story about the Holy Spirit?

What is the most astonishing story anyone ever told you? Did you believe them? Why or why not? Do you have a friend who is so close to you that you would believe anything he or she told you – even a story as astonishing as Mary's? Joseph did not believe Mary at first. A message from a dream helped him believe. Dreams can be powerful.

Do you remember your dreams? Do you dream in colour? Have you ever tried to keep a notebook by your bed and write a dream journal? Have you ever had a dream that calmed you and helped you make a decision or deal with a difficult situation? Have your dreams ever affected the way you felt when you woke up?

Next Sunday Readings

25 December 2022 - Christmas Day - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry



Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord. The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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