

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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#### New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



The New Testament readings this week emphasise reconciliation. In the letter to the Corinthians, we have a very powerful theology of the meaning of the Christ event that is often overlooked. Paul speaks of a 'new creation'. This is a rare phrase in the New Testament and is one way to reflect on the impact of Jesus. Too often we have focused on other images such as redemption, or making satisfaction for sin. These images have been helpful in the past, but in today's world, the concept of 'new creation' may be more meaningful.

Here Paul suggests that the Jesus event was not simply about human beings but in some mysterious way impacted the entire created world. Paul says that God was reconciling the kosmos/world to God's self. Through this act of God, the kosmos/world is drawn into the very goodness of God's own self. In recent decades, with a new understanding of the interrelatedness of all life, the theological writings of Teilhard de Chardin, Karl Rahner, and Denis

The Oxford dictionary defines reconciliation as an act of healing of broken relationships: 'to make friendly after estrangement'. In the political world, we have seen the impact of such reconciliation in nations such as South Africa, led by Bishop Desmond Tutu. Other individuals have spoken of the healing they have found through the inner work of reconciliation following atrocities in

Rwanda and Gaza. Such reconciliation does achieve a new creation, for the individuals and even nations.

Paul says that Christians are to be ambassadors of reconciliation. This is what we must live out in such a way that others can see it is possible, and also liberating. These words are easier to listen to, than to put into practice. Wherever we are, at work or at home, we are to be ambassadors of reconciliation.

Today's Gospel parable is so familiar that in fact we may miss the point of Jesus' story. Did you ever realise that the point of the parable is not the younger son who wastes his father's money? This first story sets the scene for the introduction of the second son, the older 'stay-at-home' brother. To understand this parable takes notice of the context. Jesus is at a meal surrounded by tax collectors and sinners, people just like the younger son. The good, religious people of Jesus' time are scandalised by this behaviour. They complain about Jesus' dinner companions. The parable is directed to them. They are like the older son in the story. Their lives have been faithful to their Jewish Law and now Jesus, apparently a man of God, spends more time with outcasts and sinners. 'What about us?' they complain.

But notice how they miss the point. The older son has been living a sterile life, not really in relationship with this father. He has been like a 'slave' and he distances himself from his father and his brother – 'this son of yours'. Even though he stayed at home, his relationships are dead. It is the younger son who discovers a living and loving father when he knows he doesn't deserve one.

The father's love is a gift. Neither son earns it, nor deserves it. God's love is like this – totally, even irrationally, given. This is the love that Jesus reveals as he lives out God's welcome to all. The father in the parable welcomes both sons and invites both to join the celebration. We are all freely invited into the reign of God, but we cannot be choosy about our table companions.



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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

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(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Deb Hegarty
	Sun 9.00am	Corrie Barnes	Maria Fernandes
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi	Colleen & Pat Lowry

Parish Calendar		
Mar Mon 28	8.00am	Communion Service (Fourth week of Lent) Church
Tue 29	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
Wed 30	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
Thu 31	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
Apr Fri 1	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 2	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C) Church
Sun 3	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C) Church

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent



## 2022 Sacraments 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

**6.30pm Friday, 10 June 2022**

Commitment Mass 6pm 30 April 2022

### First Holy Communion

**9am Sunday, 11 September 2022**

Commitment Mass 6pm 30 July 2022

### First Reconciliation

**10.30am-12pm**

**Saturday, 29 October 2022**

Commitment Mass 6pm 15 Oct 2022



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## Fourth Sunday of Lent 26 & 27 March



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15 years old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilized from the army, Rosalie like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

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## First Reading

*Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9*

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 15:18*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

*Luke 15:1-3. 11-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Which one are you most like, the 'good' sibling who does the right thing and sits in judgment of the 'bad' sibling? Or the 'bad' sibling who does the wrong thing and comes home to partying and presents and a jealous 'good' sibling? Why?

Have you ever been surprised by someone's willingness to forgive you? Have you ever felt the simple, patient compassion of a parent like the one in this story? What happened? What is your relationship like with that parent now?

## Next Sunday Readings

**3 April 2022**

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

## Death Notice of Brother Leo

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Emeritus Bishop of Geraldton