

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



'Be quiet! Come out of him!'

not hardened by selfishness or a lack of faith.

Paul firmly believed that the end was near. He did not outrightly oppose marriage, but the inevitability of the end suggested to him, that it would be better to be unmarried. He contrasts anxiety about the things of the Lord with anxiety about the things of the world. He knew that those involved in the world could still be committed to the Lord. He acknowledges that those married assume responsibility for the survival of the race, concerned with the things of this world so that the next generations can enjoy a prosperous future. He is careful to admit that he is giving an opinion and not an injunction that would impose restraints upon his hearers.

Following the custom of the time, Jesus took his turn teaching in the synagogue. The people were accustomed to the manner of teaching of the scribes, the official teachers who relied for their authority on the precedents already set by the teaching of others. Jesus, on the other hand, taught as one having authority in his own right. The people in the synagogue marvelled at this. The exorcism may have been an outward manifestation of this unusual authority. It describes a confrontation between good and evil. The evil spirit's acknowledgment of Jesus' superiority is confirmed by the question posed: Have you come to destroy us? Just as the people were astonished by the teaching of Jesus, so they are amazed at his power over the evil spirit.

This text clearly states that Moses is the prophet par excellence. He received the word of the Lord in the form of the Law and acted as God's spokesperson by promulgating it. Several features mark the prophet. First, the true prophet does not independently assume the role of spokesperson, but is raised up by God (vv.15, 18). Second, the prophet is not an outsider, but is called forth from among the people (v.15). Third, the message is not the prophet's, but is God's (v.18). Finally, because this prophet speaks God's words, in God's name, with God's authority, whoever disregards the message or speaks in the name of any other god is liable to divine punishment.

The psalm combines an invitation to praise, a plea for openness and a divine word. God is perceived as a rock of salvation, the creator and a shepherd caring for a flock. Because of their responsibility for the people, monarchs were often characterised as shepherds. These images of rock and shepherd illustrate the people's perception of God as protector. The psalmist issues a serious plea to be open to the voice of God 'today'. There is an appeal for a positive response, not in the spirit of rebellion that governed their ancestors while they were in the wilderness (cf. Exod 17:1-7; Deut 6:16). God desires hearts that are open,

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

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

& 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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	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Jean Pavey	Christine Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Corrie Barnes
Counters		H & F Tay	Kas Luczak, G Shankar


St Pius X Church Masses		
Jan Tue 30	8.00am	Mass (Week 4 in Ordinary time) Church
Wed 31	8.00am	Mass (Week 4 in Ordinary time) Church
Feb Thu 1	8.00am	Mass (Week 4 in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 2	8.00am	Mass (The Presentation of the Lord) Church
	9.00am	Whole School Mass - Church
Sat 3	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sun 4	7.30am	Sunday Mass (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Mass (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church

Morning Tea

Our host for morning tea in February is Vinita who is celebrating the 20th death anniversary of her mother, Sabina Randle.



Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00 am mass
ALL ARE WELCOME
 Volunteers are required for 2024.
 If you can assist, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer.
 This is a community building initiative.



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session
 All proceeds go to the Parish
 This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay
 All are welcome; no age limits


Important Notice

We would like to inform parishioners that our Monday Communion Service is suspended for December and January and Saturday 8.00am Mass is cancelled until further notice.

Fr Patrick is on sick leave recovering from a severe bout of tonsillitis.

We would like to thank Fr Phong, Fr Anthony & Fr Paul for their help.

Fr Stephen Ochola will be filling in for the rest of January while Fr Patrick is away.



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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



Catholic Young Adults Ball 2024

Garden of Eden

We are thrilled to announce the Catholic Young Adults Ball of 2024. Kick off the new year by joining heaps of Catholic young adults for an incredible evening of dining, dancing, and socialising!

This event is for young adults, ages 18-30.

Saturday, 17th February 2024
 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm / \$120 per person
 Pagoda Resort and Spa
 112 Melville Parade, Como WA 6152

For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit events.humanitix.com/cym-ball

Condolences

Our condolences to Cathy Ierace and her family on the passing of Cosimo (Tony) Ierace, her beloved husband.

Rosary Vigil
 7.00pm Thursday 1 February
 At St Benedict Church, Applecross

Funeral Mass
 9.30am Friday 2 February
 At St Benedict Church Applecross
 11.30am Friday 2 February
 Interment at Fremantle Cemetery

Visitation of our Lady's Statue

We would like to commence the visitation of our Lady's Statue in Parishioners' homes. The statue will be dropped off in your home on a Saturday and picked up the following Saturday.

If you would like to have the statue in your home, please call Mignonne Goes on 0409 688 594.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Reflection for Young People

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 3 & 4 February 2024
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus showed that he is the one to be listened to. What are some things people would have heard Jesus say?

