

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

31 January 2021



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



The gospel reading of last Sunday showed us Mark's skill as a narrator – capturing so much with a few words. He shows this same skill in today's continuation of his gospel's introductory passage. As Jesus spends the Sabbath with the disciples he has invited to join him, the events of the day point to significant characteristics of the ministry Jesus is to undertake.

Capernaum, the hometown of Simon Peter, was to become the headquarters of this Galilean ministry. That Jesus regularly took part in the worship of the synagogue had great significance. He had no intention of setting aside the authentic traditions of old Israel; he came to renew them and bring the realisation of all that they foreshadowed. In doing this he identified with the role of Israel's prophets, as expressed in the first reading from Deuteronomy - a text looked upon as messianic in the time of Jesus. The people recognised that the teaching of the scribes – with their repetitious appeal to the authority of other interpreters of the Law – contrasted with the teaching of Jesus. In the tradition of the prophets, his teaching had a ring of authority, as it gave expression to Jesus' own convictions. Already there is intimated a contrast and conflict that is to shape the career of the Saviour.

The authority that so impresses the people is expressed, not only in word, but also in action. For the conflict that is to shape the life of Jesus is far more than a squabble about the interpretation of the

Law. Sent by the Father as the world's Saviour, he must do battle with the forces of darkness and evil in the world. In the culture of the times, in which physical and mental illness were common associated with the presence of 'unclean spirits', Jesus gives expression to his authority by delivering those under the influence of the forces of evil. He delivers the man in the synagogue with a simple word of authority.

Mark emphasises the reaction of the people to this remarkable display of prophetic authority: 'Here is a teaching that it new, and with authority behind it'. Thus, in describing this eventful Sabbath, Mark alerts us to a subtext that will be present in his telling of the story of Jesus' ministry: Who is this man? Mark's gospel will seek to lead the reader beyond inadequate and superficial views of the Saviour, reflecting the challenge Jesus faced as he presented himself to his audiences. Though filled with vivid expectations of a messianic figure, the hopes of the people were crude and nationalistic. Jesus had to lead his followers to understand that his saving mission went far beyond these crude expectations. He would fulfil the hopes of Israel's faith by showing himself triumphant over all the forces of evil. In a dialogue with demons who recognise the true role of Jesus, Mark introduces a device he will use more than once to point to the answer that must be given to the question that is his subtext.

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## 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

#### Welcoming & Naming

First Sunday at 9.00am Mass

#### Baptism outside Mass

Second Saturday at 10.30am

#### No Baptism during Mass in Lent

Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass

#### Other Time

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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.

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| ROSTER            |            | Weekend of 30/31 Jan  | Weekend of 6/7 Feb    |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Special Ministers | Sat 6.00pm | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily |
|                   | Sun 7.30am | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily |
| Readers           | Sat 6.00pm | Carmen de Souza       | Ian Sydney-Smith      |
|                   | Sun 7.30am | Br Basil Hickey       | Glenn Joseph          |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | Emma Gallagher        | Antonia Chandra       |
| Altar Servers     | Sat 6.00pm | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily |
| Counters          |            | D & B Molony          | Mark & Erica Lazurus  |

### PARISH CALENDAR

|            |             |   |
|------------|-------------|---|
| Jan Sat 30 | 6.00pm      | Vigil Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary time) Church   |
| Sun 31     | 7.30am      | Sunday Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary time) Church  |
|            | 9.00am      | Sunday Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary time) Church  |
|            | 11.00am     | Chinese Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary time) Church |
| Feb Mon 1  | 8.00am      | Communion (Ordinary time 4) Church                |
| Tue 2      | 8.00am      | Mass (Presentation of the Lord) Church            |
| Wed 3      | 8.00am      | Mass (Ordinary time 4) Church                     |
| Thu 4      | 8.00pm      | Mass (Ordinary time 4) Church                     |
| Fri 5      | 8.00am      | Mass (St Agatha) Church                           |
| Sat 6      | 8.00am      | Mass (St Paul Miki) Church                        |
|            | 5.00-5.30pm | Confession - Church                               |

### Columbarium Garden

The main structures of the Columbarium are now completed. As some parishioners requested that we should have some trees in it we are purchasing 8 large pots to plant them in. We are also making some benches for people to sit.

If any parishioner wishes to contribute to the cost, then please leave your donation in the basket at the back of the church or give it to Fr Patrick.

All donations are greatly appreciated.



### Line Dancing Classes

Every Wednesday 10am - 12noon  
\$5 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 & Hellen Tay  
All are welcome; no age limits!

### Daily Faith

**Theme: Prayer**  
Discussion, personal reflection and group sharing of what Jesus' love asks of us.  
When: Thursday 11 February 2021  
11.00am – 1.00pm  
Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth  
Facilitators: Wendy Lailey rsj, Tina Khan  
RSVP: Tuesday 9 February  
Enquiries and bookings: Laura McCarthy, 9334 0999; dailyfaith247@gmail.com  
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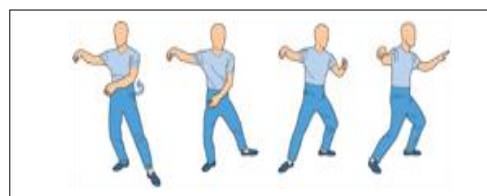
### 2021 Sacraments

Here are the Schedules for the celebration of the sacraments for 2021.  
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**  
Saturday, 29 May 2021

**First Holy Communion**  
Sunday, 5 September 2021

**First Reconciliation**  
Saturday, 30 October 2021



### Tai Chi Group

In Manning Parish Hall  
Every Monday except holidays  
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm

All parishioners are most welcome.  
For more information, please contact or text Stephen on 0403167838.

### Catholic Faith Renewal

Invites you, to bring your family & friends  
To enjoy this evening of Song of Praise (7.30pm)  
Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm)  
Talk by Greg Donovan  
**"Dynamics of Prayer"**  
Fellowship & Light Supper  
**Friday, 5 February 2021 at 7.30pm**  
St John & Paul's Church  
Pinetree Gully Road  
Willeton WA

### MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held next Sunday after the 9.00am Mass.  
**All are welcome**

Come for a Cuppa

## 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

*Psalm 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 Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



The passage from Deuteronomy is the basis of the Jewish belief that the Messiah, a saviour, would be a prophet like Moses. Christians see this belief fulfilled in Jesus.

The psalm calls us to greet the voice of the Lord and to listen with an open heart.

Paul serves as a pastor to the Christian community at Corinth. He calls them to look at their lives and at

those things that get in the way of their relationship with Jesus. In effect, Paul is a prophet to that community and likewise serves as a prophet to us. The reading challenges us to promote good in our community and to promote that which will help us devote ourselves to the Lord.

In the passage from Mark's Gospel, Jesus expels a demon from a man. Jesus shows he has the authority to speak and act as a prophet sent by God. His exorcism of the demon demonstrates that good triumphs over evil. This miracle is the first of many Mark records to show both the authority and the compassion of Jesus. This passage also reveals the main work of Jesus – the work of forgiving, healing and teaching in the name of God.

## Next Sunday Readings

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**7th February 2021**

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?

