

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

14 March 2021



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

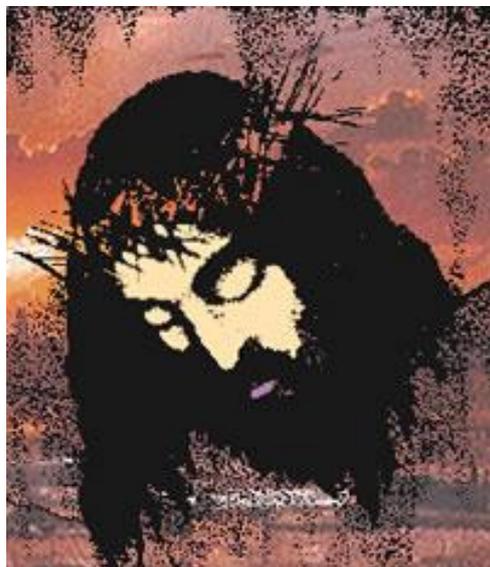
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### Sunday Reflection by the late Fr John Thornhill sm



If we are inclined to feel demoralised at this point in our Lenten journey, we are invited by today's readings to find again the source of new energy and encouragement. In the midst of the deepest darkness the true Light shines! Old Israel finds that God's designs will not be frustrated by their foolishness and selfishness - the conqueror of the Babylonians sends them back to rebuild the temple. Paul announces to those who are in danger of losing their way the astounding truth at the centre of our faith - God's free gift to a lost world of new life in Christ: our redeemed humanity is God's 'work of art', we each have our part to play in the realisation of God's great designs.

There is often a time in a long journey when we find the going hard. The enthusiasm with which we set out has faded, and there is still a long way to go. At this stage in our Lenten journey we may be inclined to identify with Nicodemus of today's gospel - not daring, as a well known Pharisee, to consult Jesus openly, he came 'by night', weighed down in his heart, no doubt, by an interior darkness of confusion and embarrassment.

In our disappointment with our lives, the darkness seems so real and overwhelming. The first reading, telling the story of old Israel - a story of unfaithfulness, stubborn selfishness, destruction and exile - reminds us how often human history has been filled with darkness, right down to our own day. In the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians, Paul confidently confronts this darkness: for him reliance upon false and selfish securities is to embrace 'death'.

But it is especially in climax of today's readings, the words spoken to Nicodemus, by Jesus - the Light of the World - that all our darkness is dispelled! These words are perhaps the most quoted of the Gospels. Let us not take them for granted, but take them to heart and rejoice in the new life they bring: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his own Son, so that everyone who believes in him ... may have eternal life'. A world weighed down by the darkness of failure and selfishness must know, Jesus says, that he came from the Father, not 'to condemn' but to bring reconciliation and life.

As we take our bearings in the middle of a long journey, we often find new purpose and energy. Reflecting at this point in our journey of Lent, on the burdens we carry, can bring us to find again, in a more personal way, the essential truth of our Christian faith, the great truth we are celebrate at the end of our journey.

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## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm  
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### 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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<b>Special Ministers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Tom Sweeny
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	Emma Gallagher
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Counters</b>		Pat & Colleen Lowry	Joanne Agar, Arthur Tan

### PARISH CALENDAR

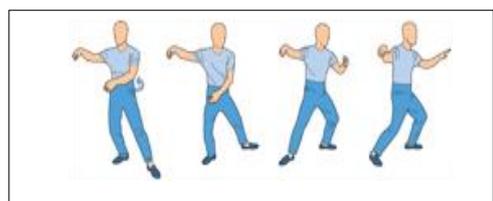
Mar Sat 13	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (4th Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
Sun 14	7.30am	Sunday Mass (4th Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (4th Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (4th Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
Mon 15	8.00am	Communion Service (4th week of Lent ) Church
Tue 16	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent) Church
Wed 17	8.00am	Mass (St Patrick) Church
Thu 18	8.00pm	Mass (4th week of Lent) Church
Fri 19	8.00am	Mass (St Joseph) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 20	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church

**Holy Week Roster**  
 Readers and Special Ministers are needed for this year's Holy Week Services.  
 If you can help, please put your name down in the list in the foyer.  
 Thank you

**BUSY BEES**  
 Reg King is seeking some help to do some gardening around the Church.  
 Bring your shovel and wheelbarrow if you have got one  
 He will be here at 9.00am on Saturday 20 March. If more people turn up to help it will not take very long to finish the job. We hope to see you then!



**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!



**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.



**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**  
**6pm Saturday, 29 May 2021**  
 Commitment Mass 6pm 20 March 2021

**First Holy Communion**  
**9am Sunday, 5 September 2021**  
 Commitment Mass 6pm 24 July 2021

**First Reconciliation**  
**Saturday, 30 October 2021**  
 Commitment Mass 6pm 11 Sept 2021

**Divine Mercy Hour**  
 Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday of the month at 3 pm  
 Please join us next Sunday 21st March.

**Legion of Mary Perth 80th Anniversary**  
 Fr Doug Harris & Comitium Executive cordially invite you to attend on  
**20th March 2021**  
 St Columba's Catholic Church  
 20 Almondbury Street, Bayswater  
**Order of the Day**  
 11.00am ACIES  
 12.00 Midday Mass celebrated by The Most Rev Timothy Costello, SDB, Archbishop of Perth  
 1.00pm Fellowship  
 Please direct all enquiries to President, Rosemary Bennett on 0421 580 783  
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## First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! (R.)

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



Being God's handiwork means God took great pride and care in creating us. What are some of your gifts and talents – characteristics that God takes great pride in? Do you feel awkward when you are asked to list your gifts and talents? Why or why not?

We were created in Christ to do good works. What are some good works you

have already participated in? What are some needs in your school, in your family, in your neighbourhood, in your country and in your world? What is one good work you can focus on doing in the near future?

God created a path for us beforehand, so that we might walk on it. Do you think God created a very specific path for each individual? Or do you think God created a very general path of goodness so that each individual might find his or her own way to walk? Explain your answer.

## Next Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

21 March 2021

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Write a prayer about how you would like God to help you.



Dear Lord,

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Amen.