

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5th February 2023



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New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



If you recall, the issue Paul is dealing with in 1 Corinthians is that of divisions within the community. It seems that one group is emphasising their knowledge and wisdom, perhaps this is the group taught by Apollos. To counter this Paul emphasises that Christianity is not an idea, an intellectual exercise or ideology – it can't be enshrined in worldly wisdom. Christianity is based on a brute fact – a cross. Reducing the physical reality of Jesus' death to eloquent words empties the cross of its power. The Gospel cannot be presented intellectually; it must be demonstrated by flesh and blood people who live it out. The Christian minister says: 'If you want to know Christ and his values, look at me. Here and now I demonstrate in my life what Christianity is about.' Words do not substitute for living witnesses.

So Paul presents himself as one who came to teach them without great philosophical training in oratory, and stresses that his teaching focused on the reality of the cross. In coming to any letters of Paul you need to keep clearly in mind that in these letters we have Paul doing theology. Corinthians is not the best or most complete exposition of Paul's theology – that comes in Romans. But in this letter we see a pastor dealing with real live people and their problems and taking these as the starting point reflecting on what the Christian message has to say to these specific concerns. He is constantly working out the meaning of the Christ event and

trying to relate this in sensible language that his audience in Corinth will understand.

For Paul, the cross is the ultimate sign of God's love – a life of his beloved son given to us in love. Why did God act in this precise way? Why did God send the Christ as an ordinary human person, and most especially what purpose was served in his suffering and crucifixion? Why did God give us a Christ crucified? What was the Christ of God doing on the cross?

Paul's answer is that only the Cross could show us the overwhelming, ridiculous love of God. To the Greeks it is folly; to the Jews it is a scandal; but this is God's self-giving to us.

To paraphrase what Paul is saying:

Dear Corinthians, you are being very foolish. I've heard you have different factions, a group for Apollos, a group for Peter, a group for Paul. This is nonsense. Did I save you? Did Apollos? Did Peter? No. You were given the gift of salvation in the death of Christ – the cross is what brings you freedom from the power of sin, not Paul, not Apollos, not Peter. You have set us up against each other as if we were competitors, engaging in a debate, trying to win you over to our side by our eloquence and our wisdom. What a foolish way of behaving. It is not our wisdom or the power of our words that matter; it is God's wisdom and God's power. Where do you see the wisdom and the power of God? The cross. What looks like absolute weakness is in fact God's power defeating the power of sin. Even though this looks utterly foolish by human standards, this is the wisdom of God, for only in this way could God show to us God's absolute love; that God is for us, on our side.

Light has many functions. It can offer comfort and solace. Light can drive out the shadows of fear. And light can also reveal what is hidden. The prophets of Israel were those who shone a light on Israel's failures to live up to their values as God's people. At other times they offered words of hope and guidance when Israel was plunged into despair.

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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

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Janine Banks	Janine Banks
	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Fay Collins	Fay Collins
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Mary Overton
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Corrie Barnes	Tony Pitchford
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Sharon & Ryan Moore	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
Feb Mon 6	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 5 in Ordinary time) Church
Wed 8	8.00am	Mass (Week 5 in Ordinary time) Church
	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Marisa Grohovaz
Thu 9	8.00am	Mass (Week 5 in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 10	8.00am	Mass (St Scholastica) Church
Sat 11	8.00am	Mass (Week 5 in Ordinary time) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (6th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
Sun 12	7.30am	Mass (6th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (6th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (6th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church



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Tai Chi Group
Recommencement date Monday 6 February 2023
 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

Join CYM for another exciting getaway weekend in February 2023 [from 6:00 pm Fri: 10/02 to 3:00 pm Sun: 12/02] with other young adults from around Perth. Held at Advent Park in Maida Vale, there will be lots of music, fellowship, prayer, talks, and discussions, on the baptismal calling of Priest, Prophet, and King. We will explore together what it means to live out our faith as a true Child of God.

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Project Compassion Sunday
 12 February 2023



Next Sunday is Project Compassion Sunday, please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

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2023 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 - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Dates will be advised next week

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Next Sunday Readings

12th February 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Salt is a preservative and a flavour agent for food. Salt used to be rare and difficult to mine, but it is found in almost every kitchen today.

Why does Jesus compare us to salt?

Who is an adult that is like salt to the world – someone who makes life more flavourful? How have you learned from this adult?

Because salt is a key ingredient in the many instant, canned and prepared foods they consume, most Australians eat too much salt, and many are at risk of high blood pressure.

Do you know what your blood pressure is? When did you last have it checked?

What are your favourite foods? Are you aware of how much sodium (salt) they contain?

Do you put salt on food before you even taste it?

When it comes to salt, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. If we are like salt, what might be the 'good things' we have too much of?

Light is essential in order for us to see. When the sun goes down, we generally rely on electricity to light up our life.

What is the longest your home has ever gone without electricity? How did you cope?

Besides electric lights, what things would you have to do without if your home lost electric power for a week?

Why does Jesus compare us to light?

Who has been light for you – who has helped bring you out of the darkness? How have you learned from this person? How did that learning take place?

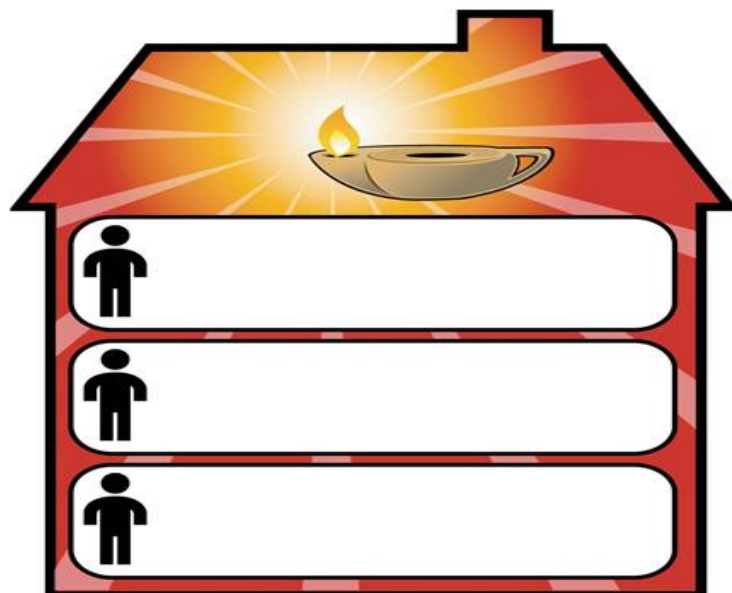


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