# **BULLETIN**

## St Pius X Church

## Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

26th March 2023



# **Manning Parish**

#### **Catholic Archdiocese of Perth**

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## Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Ezekiel uses bodily resurrection as a metaphor of the re-establishment of the nation after its exile in a foreign land. The restoration envisioned is likened to creation. In the beginning, the creature that had been formed from the dust of the ground became a living being when God breathed the breath of life into it. Here, those in the grave live again when they are raised from the dust of death and are given God's own spirit. Both original creation and this resurrection from the dead are unconditional gifts from a magnanimous God. The passage testifies to God's absolute and unconditional control over the powers of life and death, destruction and restoration.

The psalm response comes from one of the Penitential Psalms. It opens with a cry for relief, which is followed by an acknowledgment of the helplessness of sinful human beings, a confession of faith and an acknowledgment of God's covenant love. The psalmist contrasts two ways of understanding God's manner of dealing with sinners: retributive justice and compassion. Were God ever to mete out the exact punishments that human sin deserves, no one would be able to endure it. Instead, God shows mercy to sinners and grants them forgiveness. God's willingness to redeem Israel from all its sins is the basis of the psalmist's own trust in God's graciousness.

Paul contrasts two ways of living: life in the flesh and life in the spirit. When Paul refers to the flesh, he is speaking of human nature in all of its limitations which sometimes incline one away from God and the things of God. On the other hand, life in the spirit is attuned to God. Paul's denunciation of life in the flesh is unqualified. Such a life-direction cannot please God. Life in the spirit, on the other hand, is a form of union with God. He assures the Christians that they are in the spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells within them. The real point of this passage is the resurrection of those who are in union with God. The Spirit of God who raised Jesus will raise those who here and now live in the Spirit of Christ.

The death and resurrection of Lazarus proleptically point to Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus' discussion with his disciples prepare for his instruction of Martha. She had hoped that Jesus would heal her brother. She had no idea that he would bring Lazarus back from the dead. Her response to Jesus' assurance that Lazarus will rise, shows that she shared view of a general the Pharisees' resurrection and judgment at the end of time. Jesus proclaimed that he is the resurrection and the life, and faith in him will guarantee life for others. Martha may not have known that Jesus is about to accomplish the impossible, but her faith and trust in him were secure.



## Morning Tea

Our host for 2 April morning tea is Hellen Tay

Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00 am mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

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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 Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass (Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Saturdays at 10.30am

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## **Melissa Vranjes**

Principal

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ROSTER		Weekend 25/26 March	Weekend of 1/2 April
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Edith Handojo	Carmen de Souza
	Sun 7.30am	Jessie Lonergan	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Norma Fernandes
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Antonia Chandra	Corrie Barnes
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		D & B Molony	Sharon & Ryan Moore

Parish Calendar				
Mar Mon 27	8.00am	Communion Service		
Tue 28	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Lent) Church		
Wed 29	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Lent) Church		
Thu 30	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Lent) Church		
Fri 31	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Lent) Church		
Apr Sat 1	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (6th week of Lent - Year A) Church		
Sun 2	7.30am	Mass (6th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church		
	9.00am	Mass (6th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church		
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (6th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church		



## 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 & Hellen Tay All are welcome; no age limits.



## Tai Chi Group

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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.

Confirmation 6.00pm Saturday, 27 May 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 29 April 2023 Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm 10 May 2023

**First Holy Communion** 9am Sunday, 11 June 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 6 May 2023 Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm 25 May 2023

First Reconciliation 10.30am-12.30pm Saturday, 28 October 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023 Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm 12 October 2023

#### St Pius X School Fete

Sunday 2 April 2023, 10am-3pm

Food, Entertainment, Face Painting, Games. Art Exhibition

Please come and support the school in their fundraising efforts

Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent

## First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 129, R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

- Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
   O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
- If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
   But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
- My soul is waiting for the Lord,
   I count on his word.
   My soul is longing for the Lord
   more than watchman for daybreak.
   (Let the watchman count on daybreak
   and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
- Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

# Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Do you have a relative that has died? If so, how did this relative enrich your life? What characteristics of hers or his do you share?

Our faith comforts us in the face of death, because we believe that we will be raised up, like Jesus. What do you think about that? How does it feel to think about your own death or the death of someone you care about?

## Next Sunday Readings 2 April 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66



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## **HOLY WEEK 2023**

Palm/Passion Sunday 1 and 2 April Mass as usual

#### Holy Thursday 6 April

No morning mass The Lord's Supper 7.00pm Altar of repose until 10.00pm

## **Good Friday 7 April**

Stations of the Cross 10.00am Passion 3.00pm

Easter Vigil 8 April 7.00pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday 9 April** 

7.30am & 9.00am Mass 11.00am Chinese Mass