

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



I am the vine, you are the branches

beyond life into the realm of the dead. The boundlessness of God's blessing is clearly seen.

In the Letter of John, believers are called 'little children' (teknion), a term of endearment, and 'beloved' (agapetoí), an expression of the love that God has for them. This reading links three important theological themes: Christian love; confident belief; and faithful obedience. First, it is not enough to proclaim love for God; it must be demonstrated through concrete action. Second, confidence will be manifested in the way believers turn to God in prayer. Finally, the commandment to love covers all other commandments. From the perspective of Trinitarian theology, we see that the ground of Christian confidence is the great love of God; the focus of Christian faith is commitment to Jesus; the assurance of divine indwelling is the gift of the Spirit.

The allegory of the vine calls to mind the song of the vineyard found in Isaiah (cf. Isa 5:1-7). The prophet condemned his people for their infidelity. In contrast, Jesus is the true vine that faithfully brings forth good fruit. We must be careful about how we understand this passage, lest we perpetuate unacceptable anti-Judaic sentiments. It does not contrast Christian faithfulness with Jewish infidelity. The metaphor characterises the intimate nature of the relationship between Jesus and his followers. Since the life of the vine flows through the branches, Jesus lives in his branches, and his branches live in his life. This metaphor shapes the religious identity of the disciples. This intimacy is offered to all who will live in union.

The story of Saul illustrates the transformation that the grace of God can effect; even a persecutor can become a disciple. Initially Saul meets resistance from the Christian community, not to his message but to his claim of conversion. Barnabas (son of consolation, cf. Acts 4:36) intercedes on his behalf, witnessing to the salvific grace of God that transformed Saul into a believer. If God can raise Jesus from the dead, surely God can recreate Saul. Saul's rebirth is a sign of the grace that has been unleashed by the resurrection. Saul's apostolic fervour may not have convinced the Greek-speaking Jews of God's choice of Jesus, but it convinced members of the Jerusalem community of the genuineness of his conversion.

The psalm of thanksgiving mentions the fulfilment of a promise to perform an act of service of God, to make an offering, or to abstain from something as a response to some blessing. The psalmist fulfills this vow in the midst of the congregation. The nature of the vow is not stated, the psalm suggests that it was some kind of meal to which the poor were invited. The circle of devotees moves out from the assembly of believers to all the ends of the earth and to all the families of nations. It also includes future generations. Finally, the scope of God's reign even stretches

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SCHEDULES

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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

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Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	J Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Jean Pavey	Adolph de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Giselle Shankar
Counters		H & F Tay	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
Apr Mon 29	8.00am	Communion Service (5th week of Easter)
Tue 30	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Easter)
May Wed 1	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Easter)
Thu 2	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Easter)
Fri 3	8.00am	Mass (Sts Philip & James)
Sat 4	8.00am	Mass (5th week of Easter Year B)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B)
Sun 5	7.30am	Mass (Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B)
	9.00am	Mass (Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B)



2024 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

5.00pm Friday, 17 May 2024

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 30 April 2024

First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 25 August 2024

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 6 August 2024

First Reconciliation

5.00pm Saturday 22 October 2024

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 8 October 2024

If you have not been to Commitment Mass for the Sacraments please see Fr Patrick soon



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



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

Visitation of our Lady's Statue

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



Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in May are Giselle Shankar and Teresa Luczak.

Please join us next Sunday after the

9.00 am mass. All are welcome.

If you can assist, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer.

Farewell Party for Fr. Pat

A Farewell party will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 11 May 2024, after the 6pm Mass, to thank Fr Pat and to wish him well as he will conclude his time here on 22 May after serving the parish since January 2018

All parishioners are invited to attend

If you wish to attend, please fill in your details on the form on the clipboard in the Church foyer. This information is required for catering purposes for this event.

Thank you
Social Committee

Important Notice for Church workers and Volunteers

All Church workers paid and unpaid and all Church volunteers must complete a Personal Declaration Form and attend a Safeguarding Level 1 - Induction.

A face-to-face Safeguarding Level 1 – Induction session will take place for all those Church workers, paid and unpaid all volunteers who have not yet attended:

Sunday 19 May 2024 from 10:00am – 11:00am

You are asked to kindly attend this 60-minute session which will guide you through the need to protect the children and vulnerable adults in our Manning Parish Community.

Please complete the registration sheet in the Church foyer. The Safeguarding team look forward to seeing you all.

N.B. If you are unable to attend you are requested to complete the Induction either online or at another Parish.
<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The vine is the lifeline for the branches. If branches are cut off from the vine, they die. Jesus is our lifeline and he often works through the people in our life.

Who do you know that acts as an emotional lifeline for you? Who gives you life and support and strength?

The Scriptures tell us that those who live in Jesus do good work and bear much fruit—apart from Jesus, we cannot do anything worth doing. Do you know people who clearly live in Jesus and are doing good work? What are they like? How do you know they are living in Jesus? What good work do they do? How can you be more like them?

Jesus says that if his words are living within us, whatever we ask for in prayer shall be granted. What does it mean to have Jesus' words living within us? If his words are truly living within us, then what would our prayer be like?

Next Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5 May 2024

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Who are some people in your community who are like branches of the vine? On each branch, write down a name and how they contribute their 'fruit' to the community.

