

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12<sup>th</sup> February 2023



Christ our Anchor

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### New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



Here Paul is at his paradoxical best. Remember he is arguing against those who want to present the Christian message as an intellectual revelation, an ideology. Greece was the birthplace of Western Philosophy (Philos: love; Sophos: wisdom) and in Corinth Paul has to deal with this tendency to intellectualise the Gospel. Paul takes up the Corinthians' love of wisdom to show them what true wisdom looks like.

The wisdom Paul offers about Christ is only accessible by those who have reached a level of maturity, and it is not the wisdom of this age – Paul even implies that this is mere childish wisdom. What Paul offers is God's wisdom kept secret till now. What a great way to start an argument! All his listeners would want to consider themselves mature, and would want to be let into a secret that others do not know.

This secret wisdom is known by God's own spirit which plunges the depths of God and can be known only by those who possess God's spirit, not the world's spirit. Paul will say more about this spirit as his letter continues.

Unfortunately, in the liturgy it is really difficult to appreciate the flow and logic of Paul's argument since we only get little snippets of it each week. I recommend you read these first chapters of 1 Corinthians aloud, so you can enter into Paul's argument.

The opening verse of today's Gospel presents a difficulty. Jesus states, 'I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets ... till heaven and earth pass away, not one dot, not one little stroke shall disappear from the Law until its goal is achieved.' But then, Jesus goes on to reinterpret and even change the law. 'You have learned that it was said .. but I say...'. How can we make sense of this apparent contradiction.

Firstly we need to remember that Matthew's community have come to faith through Judaism and so have valued the Law and the Prophets. It would be difficult to present Jesus if this meant completely denying the value of their Jewish traditions. So throughout the Gospel Matthew shows Jesus upholding righteousness and even demanding a greater perfection than the written Torah.

Secondly, we need to understand the phrase, 'till heaven and earth pass away'. Matthew, like other Christians of his time, saw in Jesus the coming of God's reign and the ending of the reign of Satan. In Jesus a new Age was being inaugurated, what is called the Kingdom of God. The ultimate defeat of Satan occurs in Jesus' complete surrender to God in death and God then vindicates Jesus in his resurrection. So Jesus' death marks the end of the old age, the time of Satan's power, and the birth of a new era of the Spirit of God. If you look ahead to Matthew's depiction of the crucifixion (Chapter 27) he describes cosmic upheaval at the moment of Jesus' death. 'The earth shook, rocks split, tombs were opened and the dead raised.' Matthew here describes the moment when 'heaven and earth pass away' and a new creation dawns.

Matthew's community, now living in the post-resurrection new Age of the Spirit are challenged to live the same righteousness of Jesus. The Law and the Prophets have been fulfilled and now the community is to 'obey all that I have commanded you' (Matthew 28:20).

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## SCHEDULES

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Fay Collins	Fay Collins
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Mary Overton	Christine Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Jim Kelly
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Br Rod Ellyard
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan	Colleen & Pat Lowry

Parish Calendar		
Feb Mon 13	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 14	8.00am	Mass (Sts Cyril and Methodius) Church
Wed 15	8.00am	Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 17	8.00am	Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time) Church
Sat 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (7th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
Sun 19	7.30am	Mass (7th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (7th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (7th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church



**Divine Mercy Hour**  
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday.  
Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.




**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](http://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**



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19 February 2023  
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**Quest Youth Ministry**  
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## First Reading

*Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1*

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

This Gospel reading urges us not to use abusive language and not to remain angry with our brothers and sisters.

- Do you have any brothers or sisters? If so, how do you get along? Do you ever exchange angry words? How do you reconcile?
- How about your parents or guardians – how do you get along with them? What happens after angry words?
- How about your friends – do you ever exchange angry words with them? How do you reconcile?
- Are your tolerance level and your apology style with your friends different from those with your brothers and sisters or with your parents or guardians? If so, how do they differ?

A lot of rage and violence are expressed in songs on the radio and in movies and TV shows. Many teenagers prefer to claim that watching violent shows or listening to violent songs has no connection to the violence in our world, but many others know better.

- What parallel do you see between the amount of violence and rage in the media and the amount of violence in the real world? What is the connection?
- What do you know of 'copycat crimes' that have occurred because someone is imitating an act seen on television, in the movies or in the news?
- How is Jesus' warning to avoid not only murder but even anger related to the level of violence in today's world?

## Next Sunday Readings

**19th February 2023**

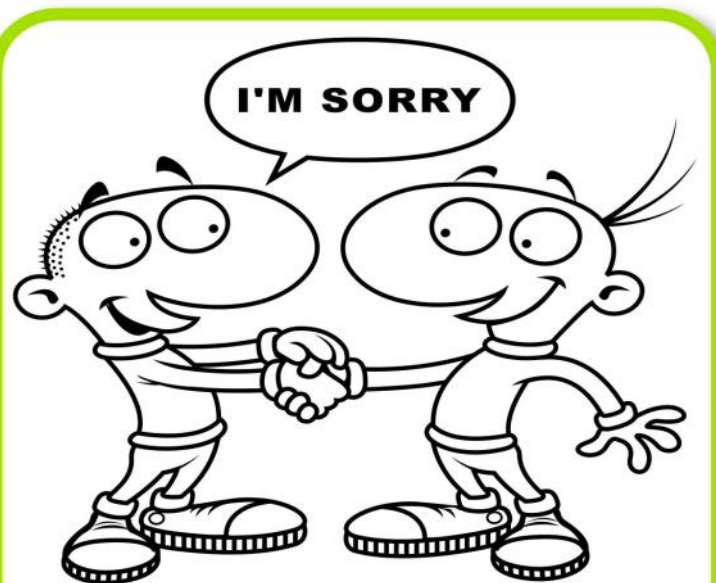
**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



"When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."