

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

6th Sunday of Easter Year B

5th May 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Love one another as I have loved you

faithfulness to Israel and the salvation wrought by God. In response to this, they are all prompted to praise the God of Israel.

In the few verses from the Letter of John, we find some of the most profound theological, Christological, soteriological and communitarian tenets of the Christian faith. The heart of the message is the teaching about love. The most startling statement is: God is love! This divine love is the fundamental theological reality. From it flows the communitarian exhortation, 'let us love one another'. This love is best exemplified in Christ's own selflessness. As Son of God, he became the expiation (hilasmón) for the sins of others, winning for them a second chance at life. Such is the extent of God's love for the world. Nothing can compare with this love which is offered to believers for their contemplation and for their ultimate imitation.

The gospel passage is one of the best known discourses on love. The Greek word used is agápe. This is the only word used to describe the love for God, and it carries this connotation when applied to love for neighbour – 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you ... love one another as I have loved you.' The love described here is active love, reaching out to others – God to Jesus, Jesus to his disciples, the disciples to one another. But it must not stop there. This active love is meant to move out beyond the confines of the group of chosen ones, into the broader world. Those who have been chosen for love have also been elected to mission.

Upon entering the house of Cornelius, Peter admits: 'I begin to see', indicating that he was not always open to association with Gentiles as he is now. However, since 'God shows no partiality', neither should he. The real power of the narrative is in the action of the Holy Spirit. The righteous, god-fearing Gentiles gathered in the house of Cornelius received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues without the agency of Peter or his Jewish-Christian companions, even without having been baptised. This is a kind of Gentile Pentecost scene. As with the earlier event in Jerusalem, the prophecy of Joel is fulfilled, the Spirit is poured out (cf. acts 2:17-21; Joel 3:1-5) and there is a miracle of speech (cf. Acts 2:5-12).

In the psalm response, God is depicted as a triumphant warrior whose right hand and outstretched arm have brought victory. Since the divine warrior is the one who conquers the forces of chaos, this is a cosmic victory. This victory is a demonstration of righteousness. It follows God's recall of the covenant promises made to the house of Israel. Loving kindness (hesed) and faithfulness are closely associated with these promises. The final verses elaborate on the universal scope of the praise that is given to God. All the ends of the earth have seen God's

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

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

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

Gregory Lo 0435 383 417, Andrew Tai 0435 950 532 ,

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| | Sun 7.30am | J Molony | J Molony |
| | Sun 9.00am | Sandra McLlheney | Sandra McLlheney |
| Readers | Sat 6.00pm | Adolph de Sousa | Edwin Carvalho |
| | Sun 7.30am | Les Price | David Jenaway |
| | Sun 9.00am | Giselle Shankar | Antonia Chandra |
| Counters | | Terry & Meagan Scanlan | Kas Luczak & G Shankar |

| St Pius X Church Masses | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
| May Mon 6 | 8.00am | Communion Service (6th week of Easter) |
| Tue 7 | 8.00am | Mass (6th week of Easter) |
| Wed 8 | 8.00am | Mass (6th week of Easter) |
| Thu 9 | 8.00am | Mass (6th week of Easter) |
| Fri 10 | 8.00am | Mass (6th week of Easter) |
| Sat 11 | 8.00am | Mass (6th week of Easter) |
| | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass (The Ascension of the Lord) |
| Sun 12 | 7.30am | Mass (The Ascension of the Lord) |
| | 9.00am | Mass (The Ascension of the Lord) |
| | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (The Ascension of the Lord) |



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 completed on 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 as soon as possible



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

Morning Tea

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

Please join us this 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.

Caritas Project Compassion

Tax Receipts for those who requested one are available for collection in the church foyer

Thanks to all who have donated generously in this years appeal

Farewell for Fr Pat

A Farewell 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 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 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Gang-related violence is becoming a concern in some places. In Jesus' and Peter's world, the two big 'gangs' were the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus started building bridges between the two groups, and Peter and the other disciples continued the work. At first, it was difficult for most Jews who grew up thinking themselves superior to Gentiles to live with them as equals and as friends.

Is there a group of people you feel superior to? A group you feel inferior to? How many friends do you have who have a different racial or ethnic background?

Is there racial or ethnic tension where you live and attend school? We like to think everyone is treated equally. Do you believe this is what happens? Why or why not?

Gangs are not formed only along racial lines. Gangs or cliques can form in any community.

Sometimes athletes associate only with other athletes; sometimes actors and musicians hang out together; sometimes people with high incomes socialise only with people in the same income bracket. Are there cliques in your school? Are some groups seen as superior to others? What is the social structure? Why do you think it exists? What can be done about it?

Next Sunday Readings

The Ascension of the Lord - 12 May 2024

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

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