

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary Brendan Byrne SJ



Today's Gospel continues Luke's instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. As if the Beatitudes (and Woes) that we heard last Sunday were not radical enough, the Sermon now pushes vulnerability to fresh extremes. A long instruction begins (v. 27) and ends (v. 35) with the extraordinary command to 'love your enemies'. This is the central theme

The attitudes Jesus commends make no sense in themselves. Once again, as so often in the Gospels, allowance has to be made for the exaggeration that often marks the prophetic speech of Jesus. He is not laying down maxims to be followed literally. Rather, he is seeking to inculcate a fundamental attitude according to which one would be prepared to be vulnerable to a degree that would be thought foolish by the standards of the world.

Likewise, in view of this relationship with God, the members of the community are to be 'compassionate' as their Father is compassionate. If they refrain from judging (that is, condemning others), they themselves will avoid being judged (condemned [at the final judgment] by God). If they forgive they will be forgiven (by God). If they are generous in giving, they will meet with an extraordinary measure of generosity in return ('a full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap'). The principle is: 'The measure you

give will be the measure you get back.' The sense is not that God waits to see the level of human generosity before deciding how generous to be in return. God's aim from the start is to be as extravagantly generous as possible. But, just as the volume of water one can draw from a tank depends upon the capacity of the vessel one brings to draw from it, so the generosity of the human 'receptacle' conditions the amount ('measure') God can give.

The First Reading, from 1 Samuel 26, tells of an incident in the early career of David when he had become a fugitive fleeing from the jealous vengeance of King Saul. According to the account, David had a fine opportunity to kill Saul – at that time his enemy. He refused to do so because of his reverence for 'the Lord's anointed' (Saul). The incident provides a biblical precedent for the kind of attitude commended – albeit more radically – in the Gospel.

The Second Reading, from 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, plunges us without warning into one of Paul's more complex arguments from the scriptural tradition. In the face of doubts circulating in the Corinthian community about the possibility of risen bodily existence for human beings, Paul draws on a comparison/contrast between the humanity we have inherited from Adam and the transformed humanity we are destined to receive modelled on that of our risen Lord. The first Adam was simply a human being ('a living soul') who passed on ordinary human life to his descendants. This life, stemming from an ancestor formed from 'clay' ('earthly'), is terminated by death. The Second Adam ('Last Adam'), as 'life-giving Spirit', has the capacity to communicate a mode of bodily existence that, while truly human, is vivified by the Spirit and hence able to transcend the barrier of physical death (see Rom 8:11).

The comparison between Christ and Adam, while complex, makes the vital point that risen existence is about the attainment of true humanity. As risen Lord, Christ is the model and exemplar of what God intends for all human beings.

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Susanna Hooper	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Elicia Eng
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Mark & Erica Lazarus	M Prentice, H & F Tay

Parish Calendar		
Feb Mon 21	8.00am	Communion Service (7th Week in Ordinary Time Year 2) Church
Feb Tue 22	8.00am	Mass (The Chair of St Peter) Church
Wed 23	8.00am	Mass (St Polycarp) Church
Thu 24	8.00am	Mass (7th Week in Ordinary Time Year 2) Church
Fri 25	8.00am	Mass (7th Week in Ordinary Time Year 2) Church
Sat 26	8.00am	Mass (7th Week in Ordinary Time Year 2) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
Sun 27	7.30am	Sunday Mass (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church



Morning Tea Roster 2022

We are in the process of preparing a roster for 2022 and are in need of volunteers to host the Morning Tea.

If you would like to assist in hosting the Morning Tea, please put your name and phone number on the form provided in the foyer.

Thank you, Social Committee



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

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
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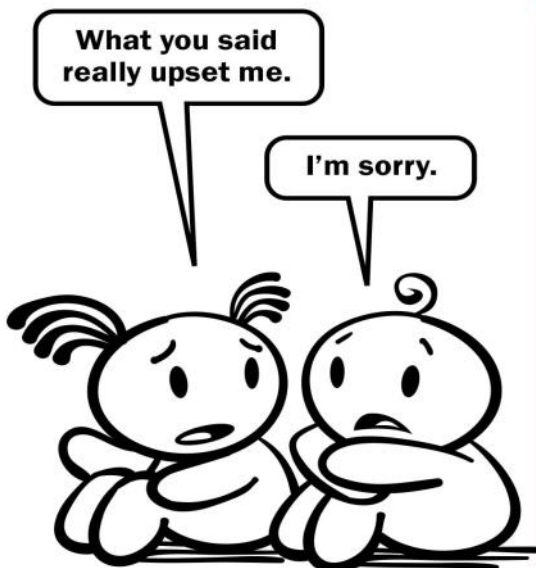


Divine Mercy Hour

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus wants us to show love and forgiveness towards others who do wrong things against us.
Draw a picture of yourself showing forgiveness towards someone who has done wrong by you.



First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13.

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you

would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

What would you do if someone in need asked you for your coat? Would you give this person the shirt off your back as well? Why or why not? Why do you think Jesus asks you to make this sacrifice?

What else do you think Jesus is asking you to give?

What is the hardest thing for you to give to another person?

When was the last time you spoke negatively of another person?

When was the last time someone spoke negatively to you or about you?

How would life be different if there was no judging or condemning of others – if everyone was forgiven and treated well? Why doesn't that happen?

Do you have any 'enemies'?

Next Sunday Readings

27 February 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



Project Compassion Sunday 26/27 February 2022



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