

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



Having completed Matthew's collection of Kingdom parables, we are now reading from the narrative section that follows. The response of the people of Galilee has been disappointing, and Jesus turns his attention to forming the group of disciples who are to carry on his mission. The miracle of the feeding of the multitude must have been remembered as of great significance by the first Christians – it is recounted in all four gospels. This incident, it seems, gave rise to different traditions of presentation, both of which are included in Matthew's gospel. Today's presentation is for a Palestinian community – the twelve baskets symbolise the feeding of the tribes of Israel. The other narrative is the telling of the story in a gentile context – with seven baskets symbolising the seven gentile nations referred to in the biblical traditions.

As the only miracle in which the disciples are called by Jesus to play a part, it is an excellent introduction to this narrative of the formation of the disciples by Jesus. When they suggested that the people leave Jesus to find food, he replies, 'Give them something yourselves'. Then, when they produced two loaves and two dried fish, he broke the loaves and handed them to his disciples, who gave them to the crowd. As we listen to this reading, it is not

difficult to recognise that the early Christian communities looked back on this incident as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist. Today's liturgy opens up the vast perspectives suggested by this awareness.

The first reading from Isaiah reminds us of the Old Testament's amazing tradition of faith and piety – something that has been long neglected in our Catholic awareness. The words of the prophet are not artful poetry, but the expression of the faith and trust that sustained God's faithful people during their disastrous exile in Babylon. God's people – especially those who have nothing – are called to the Lord's feast. The only condition of partaking is a thirst for God. If they respond, and 'come' to the Lord's table, they will find 'life', and they will share in the blessings of an 'everlasting covenant'. If only we came to our celebration of the Eucharist with similar dispositions.

The Eucharistic awareness of the first Christians communities is reflected in all the gospels, in a narrative that clearly echoes their liturgy of the 'breaking of bread', Jesus 'says the blessing', 'breaks the loaves', and has his chosen disciples minister to the people. The crowd in the traditional story handed on by Matthew was immense. 5000 men with their families would have amounted to 20 or 30 thousand – about 10% of the population of Palestine at the time! As we know, numbers in the scriptures are often symbolic. Clearly, this miracle is remembered as of momentous significance - inclusive of the whole people.

Today's reading from the letter to the Romans fits well in a liturgy celebrating the greatness of the Eucharist. This central sacrament of the Church's common life 'in Christ' is a celebration of God's love 'made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord'. Paul assures the Christians of Rome, for whom persecution for the faith has already been a personal experience, that no power, visible or invisible, can come between them and the Saviour's love revealed to the world in Eucharistic celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

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Thanks to all who have been supporting the Parish during the Pandemic. Your contribution has helped us maintain and keep the Parish going. Well done!

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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

Welcoming & Naming

First Sunday at 9.00am Mass

Baptism outside Mass

Second Saturday at 10.30am

No Baptism during Mass in Lent

Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass

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Our Motto

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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 | Pam Vincent | C Carvalho |
| | Sun 7.30am | Jeevan Joseph | T Sweeny |
| | Sun 9.00am | Antonia Chandra | V Whyte |
| Altar Servers | Sat 6.00pm | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily |
| | Sun 9.00am | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily |
| Counters | | M Prentice, H & F Tay | Terry & Meagan Scanlan |

| PARISH CALENDAR | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| Sat 1st Aug | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass (18th Sunday Year A) - Church |
| Sun 2nd | 7.30am | Sunday Mass (18th Sunday Year A) - Church |
| | 9.00am | Sunday Mass (18th Sunday Year A) - Church |
| | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (18th Sunday Year A) - Church |
| Mon 3rd | 8.00am | Mass (St Dominic) - Church |
| Tue 4th | 8.00am | Mass (St John Vianney) - Church |
| Wed 5th | 8.00am | Mass (Ordinary Time Week 18) - Church |
| Thu 6th | 8.00am | Mass (Transfiguration of our Lord) - Church |
| Fri 7th | 8.00am | Mass (Ordinary Time Week 18) - Church |
| Sat 8th | 8.00am | Mass (St Mary of the Cross) - Church |
| | 5.00-5.30pm | Confession - Church |

Senior Strength & Balance Class
Osteoporosis and Falls Prevention
New enrolments are welcome

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Proposed Columbarium

Our proposed Columbarium Project is now near its final stage where we are awaiting approval from The Archdiocese after successfully addressing the initial issues they required. In addition we are in the process of obtaining a Building permit from the Council who have also endorsed the project. Therefore after receiving 2 quotations and many visits to existing Columbarium sites we have decided to select Prima Homes as the preferred Builder. We are awaiting a formal contract with the costing of approx \$96,000. Other infrastructure work including security gates and fences are yet to be finalised, at approx \$22,000. More finite information will be delivered to the Parish community at all Masses over the next few weeks. Engineering plans for perusal are in the foyer of the Church.

Chairperson - John Collins



Line Dancing Classes

Every Wednesday 10am - 12noon
 \$5 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



CHURCH SACRAMENTS

Please take note of the Parish Schedules for our children in their Sacramental Programs for 2020. Parents if your child/children are attending a State School please take note of the dates and contact the parish office so that we can organise the preparations for them.

- Commitment for the Sacraments can be arranged with Fr Pat
- Sunday 13th September 11.00am First Holy Communion. (Church capacity will be determined by COVID-19 Safety Plan directives)
- 19th September—Reconciliation (Time slot allocation 10am-12pm)
- 15th October—Confirmation (Tentative only pending approval by the Archbishop)



Tai Chi Group

Come along and join us
 COVID Safety Plan will be strictly followed.
 Every Monday except holidays, with a new format.

Normal Tai Chi exercises will start as usual between 7:30pm and 8:30pm. But it will be preceded by half an hour (7 - 7:30) of instructions for beginners and for those who want some revision. All parishioners, beginners and advanced practitioners are most welcome.

The venue is the parish hall.

For more information, please contact or text Stephen on 0403167838.



MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held this Sunday after the 9.00am Mass.

Come for a Cuppa **All are welcome**

Catholic Faith Renewal

Invites you to bring your family and friends to enjoy an evening of:
 Song of Praise (7.30pm), Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm)
 "Revisiting the Last Supper"
 Friday, 7th August at St John & Paul's Church,
 Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton

Condolences

John Mumme from Gracewood passed away on Saturday, 25 July at St John of God Hospice.

John was a retired High School Principal.

Our condolences to Betty, his wife, two daughters, Janet and Darryl and sons, Brian and Craig.

Funeral on Monday, 17th August at 1 pm.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:35. 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Next Sunday Readings

19th Sunday Year A - 9 August 2020

First Reading: 1 King 19:9, 11-13

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



Before Jesus meets up with this crowd, he is actually trying to get away and be by himself, because he has just heard about the death of John the Baptist. But as soon as his boat reaches the shore, thousands of people are waiting there for him.

What do you think Jesus' immediate thoughts are upon seeing this huge crowd?

Why do you think the disciples suggest to him that he make all the people go away to find something to eat?

Why do you think Jesus insists that the crowds be fed and not be turned away?

The disciples start with only five loaves and two fish. Five thousand people are there, not counting the women and children. Yet everyone eats their fill, and the leftovers fill twelve baskets.

What is your attitude about leftovers? Do you see leftovers as an aged meal whose flavours have had more time to blend and improve? Or do you see leftovers as food that should have been thrown away?

If you were poor and hadn't eaten a meal for two days, would your attitude toward leftovers be different? If so, how?



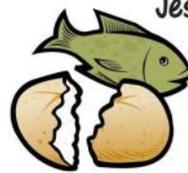
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CHILDREN CORNER



Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.

