

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year C  
29<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



and extended family. The blessing shifts from the good fortune of the individual to the blessing enjoyed by the nation. The final statement is less a prayer than an exclamation: 'Peace upon Israel!' Peace, shalom, fullness of life, includes personal contentment, harmony with others and the rest of creation, adequate material resources. Such peace is the result of right relationship with God.

Paul issues the Christians a very demanding program of righteous behaviour. The virtues are all relational and directed toward others. The motivation for the self-sacrifice is the forgiveness that the people already received from God. The final directives reflect the household codes that were prevalent in the Greco-Roman world of the time (cf. Eph 5:22-29). While the author insists that wives must be subject to their husbands, he instructs husbands to act toward wives with love and thoughtfulness. Children are told to obey their parents, but fathers are advised to be moderate in the training of their children lest their discipline become oppressive. It's clear that in Christ, the relationships between man and woman and child have been radically altered.

The key element of the gospel is the Christological self-declaration of the young Jesus. The setting is one of the pilgrimages to Jerusalem required of every adult Israelite man. Jesus, though identified as a child (país), is the age when he is about to assume the religious responsibilities of an adult. Those in the temple who heard him were astounded. The Greek word (exitemi) is frequently used to describe human reaction to the manifestation of divine power associated with the age of fulfilment (cf. Luke 4:22). Approaching adulthood, Jesus begins to assume a public role. The implications of these events and of Jesus' words are not lost on Mary. She keeps them in her heart.

The Book of Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus) belongs to ancient Israel's wisdom tradition, which is a collection of insights that provide a glimpse into a way of living that has brought happiness in the past. This tradition seeks to encourage behaviour that will bring corresponding happiness in the present or the future. The reading for today, instruction about family life, describes the kind of living that will result in family harmony. It focuses on the respect and obedience that children (both male and female) owe their parents (both mother and father). The final verses indicate that the children are adults, not young children. True to the character of wisdom instruction, Sirach lists the blessings that follow righteous living.

The wisdom psalm is descriptive instruction, rather than praise or thanksgiving addressed to God. It opens with a formal statement that designates a person or group as blessed (or happy). They are those who fear the Lord, who walk in God's ways; the blessings that flows from this attitude of mind and heart are both material good fortune and a large

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### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1.00 pm

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm  
Or anytime by appointment

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass  
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service  
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass  
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7:30am Mass - Marie Chaperon- 9313 4585  
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11am Chinese Mass

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### Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

## First Reading

1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God. (R.)
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in you;  
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
gave ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. 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

Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

## Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Picture yourself in Jesus' situation. You have been sightseeing with your parents at the festival in the big city, and your parents are on their way home. They have been travelling for a day and cannot find you. They turn around, walk back to the city and search for you for three days before they find you talking to the priests in a church!

What would your parents say to you? What would you say to them? How much trouble would you be in? Where would you have stayed for those days you hadn't seen them? What would you have been thinking?

Is it fun to think that Jesus 'got in trouble' with his parents too? Sometimes we get so hung up on Jesus as Almighty God that we forget about Jesus as a human being. What other things do you think Jesus must have done as he grew up – things we don't usually think about, things not recorded in the Bible?

## Next Sunday Readings

### The Epiphany of the Lord 5 January 2025 - Year C

First Reading: Israel 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

I love my family



Joseph was willing to protect his family because he loved them and he loved God. Who are some of the members of your family and how can you show that you love them?

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ROSTER		Weekend of 28/29 December	Weekend 4/5 January
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	David Handojo	Christine Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	Marilyn Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Lina DaSilva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Edwin Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Shirley Whitfield
	Counters	Terry & Meagan Scanlan	Kas Luczak & G Shankar

St Pius X Church Masses		
Dec Mon 30	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 31		As per New Year's schedule
Jan Wed 1		As per New Year's schedule
Thu 2	8.00am	Mass ((Thursday before the Epiphany)
Fri 3	8.00am	Mass (Friday before the Epiphany)
Sat 4	8.00am	Mass (Saturday before the Epiphany
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (The Epiphany of the Lord)
Sun 5	7.30am	Mass (The Epiphany of the Lord )
	9.00am	Mass (The Epiphany of the Lord)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (The Epiphany of the Lord)

**New Year's Schedule**  
**Tuesday 31 December**  
**New Year's Eve**  
**Holy Hour + Benediction 7.00pm**  
**Mass 8.00pm**

**Wednesday 1st January**  
**New Year's Day**  
**Mass 9.00 am**

**Jubilee Year 2025**  
**Place of Grace and Pilgrimage**  
**Schoenstatt Shrine**


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**Readers**

**New Year's Eve Mass**  
**Tuesday 31 December**  
**Holy Hour + Benediction 7.00pm**  
**Mass 8.00pm**  
**Carmen de Sousa**

**New Year's Day**  
**Wednesday 1st January**  
**Mass 9.00 am**  
**Sandra McLlheney**

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The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23rd December - Monday 6 January 2025 (both days inclusive)

We wish all our Parishioners a safe and Blessed Christmas

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