

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Mary, the Mother of God - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



In first century Israel, the custom was for a young woman to marry as soon as she reached puberty, so we need to remember that Mary would have been around thirteen years old when Jesus was born. Throughout her life Mary, a young woman and mother, must have pondered many things as she learnt what motherhood meant in all its joys and sorrows. We know nothing of the years in Nazareth before Jesus' baptism by John. But from the glimpses of Jesus' adult life we know he must have been raised in the religion and traditions of Israel. He would have watched his mother prepare the Sabbath meals and pray her prayer of blessing over the Sabbath lights. He would have learnt from her the stories of his ancestors – Abraham, Moses, David, Ruth, Naomi and Esther. The home of Nazareth would have been his first place of schooling. Mary was not only the physical mother of Jesus, she,

along with Joseph, was also the nurturer of his personal faith.

During Jesus' ministry we seldom hear of Mary's presence for the Gospel's focus on Jesus' new family of disciples. John's Gospel names her standing at the cross and Luke presents her in the midst of the disciples at Pentecost. These glimpses assure us that Mary was both mother and faithful disciple. As mother, her role was unique. As disciple she is both mother and sister to all of us. May we all, like Mary, ponder God's mysterious ways in our hearts and nurture the seeds of faith and life within.

A painting of the Annunciation by an American artist, Henry Tanner, captures for me, something of the mystery and vulnerability of Mary's life. This painting brings out Mary's humanity and awe, which I often find missing from other depictions of this young woman. (The image can be easily found on the internet.)

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul places the birth of Jesus within a long and evolving history. When he writes, 'When the appointed time came,' ... the suggestion is there that from the beginning of time Jesus was always part of God's plan. Paul then moves from the simple statement of Jesus' birth to what this birth means, that all people now, in and through Jesus, are drawn into his relationship with God, all can now be sons and daughters of God. For Paul, this is the meaning of the Incarnation, that in becoming human, all humanity has been incorporated into the very life of God.

HAPPY New Year

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

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)

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Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteer	Edwin Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Shirley Whitfield
	Counters	Mark & Erica Lazarus	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
Jan Mon 2	8.00am	No Communion Service
Tue 3	8.00am	Mass (Tuesday before Epiphany) Church
Wed 4	8.00am	Mass (Wednesday before Epiphany) Church
Thu 5	8.00am	Mass (Thursday before Epiphany) Church
Fri 6	8.00am	Mass (Friday before Epiphany) Church
Sat 7	8.00am	No Mass
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Epiphany of the Lord - Year A) Church
Sun 8	7.30am	Mass (Epiphany of the Lord - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (Epiphany of the Lord - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Epiphany of the Lord - Year A) Church

From the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners

The past three years due to COVID we have had to adapt and tried to keep the life of the parish going as normal as we can. It has not been easy but we have much to be thankful for this past year.

Personally, I would like to thank you, the parishioners, for your faith and trust in my ministry as your parish priest. I know that I cannot please everyone but I hope that I have not intentionally upset anyone - if I have I would like to apologise.

Thanks to our Parish Pastoral Council for their contribution to help me in my pastoral care with their suggestions and support. The Parish Finance Committee is an integral part of the parish. According to the Canon all parishes need to have one to provide wise and prudent advice to the parish priest in his stewardship in managing the finance and to use wisely the money for the good of the parish.

The Choirs played an important role in the celebration of our weekly Liturgy. They enhanced our worship as we gathered to pray and thank God for the gift of Faith and in particular to celebrate the presence of Christ. They said the Eucharist is the Summit of our Faith. It nourishes our whole being as we live our life in the difficult situations that we face each day. Thanks to those who helped in the various ministries in the celebration of the Eucharist: the Acolytes, the Altar Servers, the Readers, those rostered to run the PowerPoint, the Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, and the Morning Tea volunteers.

Thanks to our Columbarium Committee in making the success of our Project in building our St Pius X Columbarium. It has been fully paid for from the reservation of Niches. Thanks to those who have generously donated money, plants, materials and time to beautify the Columbarium garden. It provides a prayerful environment and it is the envy of other parishes who visited. As the chairperson, Phil Webster, said "The Best in the Archdiocese of Perth".

The Social Committee and helpers have contributed greatly to the building of our parish community, especially our once a month for our seniors. At the last gathering we had over 80 attend our Christmas lunch. Thanks to Peter Stocker for his generous donation of meat each time we organised our lunch. The Line Dancing group and Tai Chi group not only provided exercises for the participants but also contributed financially to the upkeep and improvement of the parish hall.

You would agree with me that the place surrounding the Church property is looking spectacular as some people commented. It has been the hard work of a few helpers, especially Reg King, Phil Keffe & Paul Reed, who quietly go about in their own time to help keep the place so beautiful. I need not have to mention their names but they know my appreciation and gratefulness for their help.

Thanks to our Safeguarding officers who help to implement the guidelines of keeping our children and vulnerable adults safe. Thanks to our office volunteers and our newly employed Parish Secretary, Vinita, who kept the parish office running.

The Youth group is made up of some youth from the Manning Parish and the young people from the Perth Chinese Catholic Community, who are very much the integral part of Manning Parish. I hope that they will continue to grow and provide support to our youth in these challenging times.

We need to thank the Legion of Mary's members for their prayers and presence in the parish.

I hope I have not left out or forgotten to mention any group who have contributed to the life of our parish.

May God continue to bless you and your family in 2023.

Yours in Christ, Fr Pat

Schedule for January 2023

Please take note that as of 31 December 2022 to end of January 2023 Monday Communion service and Saturday 8.00am Morning Mass is cancelled due to Fr Patrick taking a break from the parish. They will resume again in February 2023



The Knights of the Southern Cross

wishes to invite exemplary youth leaders in our Parish to apply for the Knights Catholic Leadership Academy for 2023.

The Knights Catholic Leadership Academy is an accessible training program that develops and builds the leadership skills of young Catholics. The Academy is now in its 6th year and over 45 graduates have completed the program, many of whom are active leaders in parishes today.

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The total time commitment for students includes 3 single-day workshops between April and December (during school holidays), plus a youth conference in January.

The Academy is for actively practicing Catholics who will be studying in Years 10, 11, or 12, and who demonstrate leadership aspirations. As such, they are reaching out to you to nominate a suitable candidate from our Parish.

For more information and registration, please visit www.knightsyouth.com.
Registration closes on 27/02/2023.

Schedule for 2023

All activities below are having a break now

Line Dancing recommencement date
Wednesday 23 January

Tai Chi recommencement date
To be advised

Osteo Exercise recommencement date
To be advised

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

The beginning of a new year is a time when TV shows, radio shows and magazines look back at the year that has just passed. Mary, too, spent time reflecting upon all the happenings surrounding the birth of her son.

What events of the past year do you think were most significant in the political world? in the sports world? in the entertainment world? in your family life? in your personal life? in your spiritual life?

The first day of the year is also a time for making yearly predictions. Lots of celebrities like making predictions for the year ahead. What do you predict for the political world? for the sports world? for the entertainment world? in your family life? in your personal life? in your spiritual life?

Who has been a real blessing to you this past year?



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Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord. The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Draw a picture of Mary in a scene from one of the following bible stories...



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Next Sunday Readings

8 January 2023 -

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12