

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus has already warned his disciples three times that he is to suffer; and he has indicated that the chief priests and leaders of the people will be responsible for his death. The brief parable in today's reading, addressed 'to the chief priests and the elders', reflects the growing confrontation with these authorities that will lead, in the end, to his death. He knows that, in their opposition to him, they see themselves as upholding the traditions of Israel - giving expression to their faithfulness to the Lord. His parable gently confronts them with their tragic miscalculation. In Matthew's narrative, immediately before Jesus tells this parable, he was challenged by these leaders: what authority did he have for teaching in the Temple precincts? He showed up their hypocrisy, putting them in a dilemma - asking them what authority John the Baptist had when he preached to the people.

The simple story of the parable he now addresses to them ends with a question. His parables, we recall, were designed to leave the hearers pondering an unsettling question. Because the answer to the question he put to them is straight forward - the son who initially refused, and 'afterwards thought better of it and went', was the one who did the father's will - the opponents of Jesus answered accordingly. But as they do

so, they begin to realise what Jesus' parable is driving at. As the defenders of the nation's faith traditions, they see themselves as always saying 'Yes' to God. But now Jesus is inviting them to reflect that their actions may not match their professions of faithfulness. John the Baptist called the people to a conversion whereby they would be open to what was about to take place in the great plan of God. The very ones these leaders despised, as 'outside the law' - tax collectors, sinners, those whose busy lives and slender means made it impossible for them to observe all the rituals and customs they emphasised - were listening to the teaching of the one announced by the Baptist, while they themselves were intent on destroying him, not recognising that he came from God. The ironic lesson of the parable would have been very real to the Jewish converts of Matthew's community.

The old proverb, 'Actions speak louder than words', reminds us of the inconsistencies that can be present in the lives of all of us. The parable of Jesus reminds us that these inconsistencies can be present in our Christian lives - when we see ourselves as fervent believers, always faithful to our devotions and religious observances, but with little practical expression to show of our following of Christ. St Paul's exhortations to the Philippians in today's reading provide simple but telling examples of the practical attitudes that true followers of Jesus should have: no competition or petty rivalry, putting the wellbeing of others before our own, being genuinely concerned to assist those around us. And, as always, Paul leads us back to the ultimate pattern of our life as disciples of the Lord - the Son who said 'Yes' to the Father, came to work in the God's vineyard, setting aside his divine glory and making himself the Servant of us all. 'In your attitudes you must be the same as Christ'.

Jesus may well have told the same parable in different forms. As we hear today's brief parable we may well ask whether it is related to the great parable, in Luke's gospel, of the wayward son who found his way back to his father's love and welcome.

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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

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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.

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	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	C Carvalho	E Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	P Joseph	J Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	T Pitchford	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Counters		Mark & Erica Lazarus	M Prentice, H & F Tay

PARISH CALENDAR		
Sept Sat 26	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (26th Sunday Year A) Church
Sun 27	7.30am	Sunday Mass (26th Sunday Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (26th Sunday Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (26th Sunday Year A) Church
Mon 28	8.00am	Communion (Ordinary Time Week 26) Church
Tue 29	8.00am	Mass (Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael) - Church
Wed 30	8.00am	Mass (St Jerome) Church
Oct Thu 1	8.00am	Mass (St Therese of the Child Jesus) Church
Fri 2	8.00am	Mass (The Holy Guardian Angels) Church
Sat 3	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time Week 26) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church

### Columbarium Expression of Interest

For those who are interested in making reservation and pre-paid for a space, and have not already completed the form, please take the Columbarium booklet and fill in the form at the last page and return to the office.


You will be contacted once we have all the necessary documentations and policy ready so that we can let you know the cost.



### MORNING TEA

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

Come for a Cuppa **All are welcome**



### 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  
All are welcome; no age limits!



### Tai Chi Group

In Manning Parish Hall  
Every Monday except holidays  
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
The beginners class from 7 - 7:30 will be terminated from October.  
All parishioners are most welcome.  
For more information, please contact or text Stephen on 0403167838.



### CHURCH SACRAMENTS

Confirmation will take place on Saturday 17 October at 10.00am. It could be postponed to 2021 depending on the directives of the government if COVID-19 situation changes.



## Aid to the Church in Need

### ACN AUSTRALIA

money from your offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas who will offer up the Mass for your intentions. To arrange Mass offerings please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings-for-poor-priests](http://www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings-for-poor-priests) or call 1800 101 201 during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), arranges Mass stipends to be sent to poor priests overseas. In many regions, the Christian faithful are so poor they cannot support their priests and so Mass stipends are often a priests only means of material support. Have a Mass offered for your family today and the

We will be Live Streaming the Confirmation as we can only have 150 people in the church at any one time. Therefore, the number we can have for one family is child, 2 parents and sponsor.



**TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL**  
MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY  
SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21

**Mental Health Day** is on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> October and this will be followed by **Mental Health Week** from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October ([www.mentalhealthweek.org.au](http://www.mentalhealthweek.org.au)). In WA, the theme is 'Strengthening our community - Live, Learn, Work, Play'; with the week being coordinated by the WA Association for Mental Health (WAAMH).

### Catholic Faith Renewal

Invites you, to bring your family and friends to enjoy this evening of:

Songs of Praise & Prayer (7.30)pm  
Thanksgiving Holy Mass (8.00)pm  
Followed with a talk by Fr Anand Reddy on "Evangelii Gaudium - "The Joy of the Gospel"  
Thanksgiving Holy Mass Fellowship and Light Supper

Friday 2 October - 7.30pm  
St John & Paul's Church  
Pinetree Gully Road Willetton.

**PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME. DON'T LEAVE IT BEHIND**

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 18:25-28*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 24:4-9. R. v.6*

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading

*Philippians 2:1-11*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



These are fierce words that Jesus gives us: that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering heaven in greater numbers than are priests and appointed elders! But Jesus is talking about priests and elders who are like the child who outwardly says, 'Yes!' to God, yet doesn't really do God's work. The tax collectors and prostitutes are like the child who outwardly says, 'No!' to God, yet does the

best he or she can in any situation.

At home, which child are you more like? Are you more likely to say you'll do something, and then not do it? Or are you more likely to talk back to your parents, but later do what they ask anyway? Or do you do both? Explain your answer and give some examples.

Do you respond at school in the same way as you do at home, or differently?

How are you at work? Are you more likely to say yes and not do the task, or are you more likely to say no but then do the work anyway?

What might Jesus be saying to you with this parable?

## Next Sunday Readings

**27th Sunday Year A - 4 October 2020**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

# CHILDREN CORNER



Jesus says it is better to have a change of heart than pretend to do what is right. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that you know is the right thing to do.

