

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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### Scripture Commentary by Brendan Byrne SJ



Rarely ever does the scriptural offering appear to go in so many directions as it does today. The Gospel itself (Mark 3:20-35) offers a fast-moving account of a complex episode in Jesus' ministry. It sets that ministry within two sources of misunderstanding: one from his family, the other – much more deadly – from the scribes, who are now emerging as his chief and potentially murderous critics. In an arrangement typical of his Gospel, St Mark has 'sandwiched' the latter controversy within two outer episodes – at the beginning and end – both having to do in some way with 'family'.

Jesus first dismisses the charge with the fairly obvious image of the kingdom divided against itself.

His second image – that of a burglar binding up a strong man in order to burgle his house – is far more interesting. It is a comment upon his entire ministry, especially as described by St Mark. John the Baptist had announced the coming of One 'stronger' than himself who would baptise with the Spirit (Mark 1:7). Jesus here presents himself as 'the Stronger One' who, through his exorcisms, has come to bind up the Strong Man – Satan –

and 'burgle' his house in the sense of reclaiming human beings for the freedom of God's Rule.

Jesus then goes over to the offensive. Since it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that he expels demons, to accuse him of doing so through the prince of demons is tantamount to identifying the Spirit of God with the demonic world. Whereas all other blasphemies may in due course find forgiveness, such a blasphemy is unforgivable.

The thought of an unforgivable sin has long tormented delicate Christian consciences.

Finally, Jesus' family, now including his mother, reappears on the scene, seeking to contact him. Jesus' sweeping response, indicating his disciples as his 'brother and sister and mother', need not be interpreted as a put-down of his mother. Rather, it is a declaration of the privileged position of disciples within the community of the Kingdom. We note the omission of 'father' in the list. The disciples (those 'who do the will of God') make up the new family that Jesus is drawing to himself under the Fatherhood of God.

The First Reading, Genesis 3:9-15, is a truncated version of the divine 'inquest' following the sin of the original human couple. A link to the Gospel is probably to be found via the patristic Protoevangelium tradition where the 'offspring' of the woman, who will crush the serpent's head, is interpreted christologically. As told in the Gospel, the Son (Jesus) of the New Eve (Mary) will crush the demonic world represented by the serpent.

The brief Second Reading, 2 Corinthians 4:13-15, is notable for Paul's expression, in the final sentence, of the goal of the apostolic life: the multiplication of grace, leading to more and more thanksgiving to God. Ultimately, what God wants from human beings is simply gratitude.

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Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 9.00am	Mary Webster	Mary Webster
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Mitchelle Cota	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Antonia Chandra	Giselle Shankar
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St Pius X Church Masses		
June Mon 10	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 11	8.00am	Mass (Week 10 in Ordinary Time)
Wed 12	8.00am	Mass (Week 10 in Ordinary Time)
Thu 13	8.00am	Mass (Week 10 in Ordinary Time)
Fri 14	8.00am	Mass (Week 10 in Ordinary Time)
Sat 15	8.00am	Mass (Week 10 in Ordinary Time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (11th Sunday in Ordinary time)
Sun 16	7.30am	Mass (11th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (11th Sunday in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (11th Sunday in Ordinary time)



## 2024 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - [manningparish.org.au/sacraments](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments) - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

### Confirmation

**Congratulations to all our candidates who were confirmed on Friday, 17 May**

### First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 25 August 2024  
**Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 6 August 2024**

### First Reconciliation

5.00pm Saturday 22 October 2024  
**Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm Tuesday 8 October 2024**

**If you have not been to Commitment Mass for the Sacraments please see Fr Anthony Vu**

### Line Dancing Classes

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## Installation

### Fr Anthony Vu

### Saturday, 15 June 2024

### 6.00pm Mass

The Bishop is coming on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June to install Fr Anthony Vu as our Parish Priest at the 6.00pm Mass.

After Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. Please join in making Fr Anthony feel most welcome.

All are welcome to attend.

## First Reading

*Genesis 3:9-15*

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 129. R. v.7*

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak. (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. (R.)

## Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 12:31. 32*

Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Mark 3:20-35*

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

### Reflection for Young People

By Greg Sunter

Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'.

In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world.

Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.

### Next Sunday Readings

**11th Sunday in Ordinary time - 16 June 2024**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34