

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A

23 July 2023



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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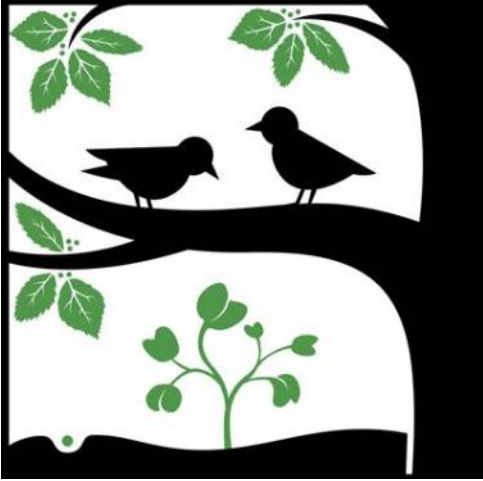
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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Paul provides a bold and moving explanation of prayer to God. He first acknowledges human weakness which prevents people from knowing how to pray as they ought. Paul refers to weak human beings committed to Jesus as holy ones, saints. Such a reference itself shows that Paul maintains that human weakness is not an obstacle to holiness. The Spirit does more than merely offer aid. Rather, the Spirit identifies with this weakness, takes it on, and thus comes to our assistance, acting as intermediary between God and humankind. God has a purpose, and though we do not know what that purpose is, the enabling Spirit of God moves us toward it.

In the passage from the Book of Wisdom, the author lists several forceful divine characteristics and then seems to temper them with traits that could be considered their opposites. First he brings divine care and condemnation together (v.13). The principal theme of this verse is an acknowledgment of the total and exclusive providence of God. Next, God's might is assuaged by leniency. Actually it is because God is so powerful that God can decide to be lenient. God's manner of dealing with the people of Israel becomes a lesson to be learned by them. They are exhorted to pattern their treatment of others after their God's treatment of them.

Parts of an individual lament are singled out for the psalm response: a prayer to be heard by God (vv.5-6); expressions of praise (vv. 9-10); and a plea for mercy (vv. 15-16). The structure of the first section is the same as that of the third: God is extolled in the first verse (vv.5, 15); presuming on the attributes expressed there, the psalmist makes a fervent plea (vv. 6, 16). Covenant language appears throughout these verses. God is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and filled with lovingkindness. The excellence of the God of Israel is then extolled. It is no wonder that all nations praise the name of the God of Israel.

Once again the gospel shows us Jesus as a wisdom teacher, using parables to illustrate aspects of the growth of the kingdom of heaven. The field sown with weeds illustrates the fact that, despite all of the dedicated work that goes into the establishment of the kingdom of God, there will not be a perfect yield. The parables of the mustard seed; and the yeast in the dough both address the unimpressive beginnings of the kingdom of heaven, its gradual and imperceptible growth, and the extraordinary yield that it will ultimately produce. The fate of the righteous is reminiscent of a passage found in the Book of Daniel (12:3). Their radiance will be like that of the cosmic bodies.

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	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Lina Da Silva	Lina Da Silva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Mary Overton	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Giselle Shankar	John Collins
Counters		Sharon & Ryan Moore	Elizabeth Noronha & Terry Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
July Mon 24	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 25	8.00am	Mass (St James) Church
Wed 26	8.00am	Mass (Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of Virgin Mary) Church
Thu 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 16 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Fri 28	8.00am	Mass (Week 16 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 29	8.00am	Mass (Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (17th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 30	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (17th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (17th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (17th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church

## 2023 Sacraments Schedules

**First Reconciliation**  
**10.30am-12.30pm**  
**Saturday 28 October 2023**  
**Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023**  
**Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm**  
**12 October 2023**

## Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Or phone 9221 7762 to book in



## Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays  
 10am - 12noon \$6 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 and Hellen Tay  
 All are welcome; no age limits



## Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
 All parishioners are most welcome  
 For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838



## Sacraments of Healing Entering into Communion with God and the Church

23 Aug – 13 Sept (on Wednesdays)  
 7:30pm – 8:30pm (4 sessions)  
 With Dr Carmel Suart  
 Applecross Parish,  
 Ardross Street, Applecross

The experiences of sin, suffering, illness and death are fundamental to every human life. The Church responds to these experiences by offering healing and reconciliation through Jesus Christ, the true healer of our souls and bodies. This course will discover the Biblical origins and the historical development of these sacraments, as well as invite participants to recognise the need for healing and forgiveness in their own lives. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge S

## Catholic Faith Renewal

Invites you, to bring your family and friends to enjoy this evening of:  
 Songs of Praise & Prayer (7.30pm)  
 Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm)  
 Followed with a talk by Fr Greg Donovan  
 On "Reconciliation and Why it Matters"  
 Fellowship and Light Supper

**Friday 4 Aug 2023 - 7.30pm**  
**St John & Paul's Church**  
**Pinetree Gully Road Willetton**

Bring along with you any petitions as they will be taken up during Offertory.  
 Feel free to bring a plate for our fellowship after Holy Mass

## Fr Pat on leave to care for his sister

We wish Fr Pat a safe journey and welcome Fr Stephen Ochola to help in the celebration of masses while he is away for the next 6 weeks taking care of his sister in San Diego after her operation.

## Schoenstatt Retreat Weekend For Young Women

LIVE FROM WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD)  
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Fri 4 August 7pm to Sun 6 August 4pm

Would you have loved to join WYD in Portugal celebrating your faith with young people from all over the world? This is an opportunity for young women to learn about the WYD theme, join others in prayer and discussions about their faith, and connect LIVE with the Holy Father and WYD participants in Lisbon.

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Sr M Luka Junemann on 0439 537 843 or [srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au)

## First Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

## Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 29/30 July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

It's lucky for us that God is the only one who distinguishes the weeds from the wheat.

Think of your teachers at school. Would all of them completely agree on whether you should be characterised as a weed or as wheat? If so, what would they say? If not, how might they disagree? What would the 'wheat voters' say about you? What would the 'weed voters' say about you? Do you think any of the wheat voters might convince the others of your good qualities? Or do you think it would be more likely that the weed voters would be the convincing ones? Why?

Think of a person you might consider to be a weed. Can you see any positive characteristics in that person? If you concentrated on those positives for a whole month, do you think your opinion of this person might change? Why or why not?

Do you know anyone who is perfectly good, perfectly wonderful all the time? Do you know anyone who isn't perfect but who could be called saintly? Describe why you see this person in this way. Would anyone disagree with your opinion? If so, why?



## Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

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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