

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Two significant themes are found in Paul's Letter to the Romans: The first theme does not suggest that 'everything will work out in the end'. Rather, it suggests a profound trust in God who can bring good, even when adverse circumstances are not altered. The second theme, predestination, is also often misunderstood. It claims that even before the beginning of time, God knew the plan that would bring all things to their final conclusion. Paul does not suggest that some are predestined to salvation and others to perdition. Rather, he argues that God calls all to conformity to the image of God's son. It is this conformity that justifies them, and their justification will be the source of their glorification.

Jesus continues to teach his disciples about the kingdom of God. The parables of the treasure in the field and the pearl point to the hidden character of the kingdom as well as its inestimable value. The parable of the net treats the diverse composition of kingdom's membership. Its eschatological character is seen in the mention of the end of the age and the role of the angels at the final judgment, when the good will be separated from the evil. Jesus considers his disciples interpreters of the law, disciples of the kingdom. Just as a householder brings out treasures old and new, so they understand that Jesus' teaching is grounded in the original tradition, yet it is radically different.

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The 'wisdom of Solomon' is well known even by those unfamiliar with most of the biblical tradition. The passage read today explains the origin of that wisdom. It reports an exchange between God and the king. The encounter took place in a dream, an avenue believed to be a vehicle of divine revelation. It is God who initiates the exchange, inviting Solomon to request whatever he desires. No reason is given for God's generosity. That in itself is a point to remember. God gives because God is generous. Solomon asks for an 'understanding heart' with which to rule his people. He makes a wise choice and receives the blessings that flow from it.

The psalm glorifies the law of the Lord. Almost every verse contains the word 'law', or a synonym of it. This demonstrates the reverence in which the law was held. The word 'law' (tôrâ), which really means "instruction", refers to the directives given to the people to enable them to live life appropriately. We miss the true meaning of the law if we do not situate it squarely within the theology of covenant which emphasises God's lovingkindness and compassion. Only then can we appreciate the goodness of God who has not only invited us into covenant, but has also shown us how we can faithfully live out this covenant commitment.

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Office Hours

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
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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

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	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	Jesse Lonergan
	Sun 9.00am	Lina Da Silva	Fay Collins
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Volunteer
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Rosa Denorega
Counters		Elizabeth Noronha & Terry Scanlan	Terry and Meagan Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
July Mon 31	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Aug Tue 1	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 2	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Thu 3	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Fri 4	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 5	8.00am	Mass (Week 17 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Transfiguration of the Lord) Church
Sun 6	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (Transfiguration of the Lord) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Transfiguration of the Lord) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (Transfiguration of the Lord) 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

Morning Tea



Our host for morning tea in August is Sonia Cicchino.

Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00 am mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

Mary MacKillop Rosaries

On the 8th of August we celebrate the feast day of Australia's first canonised saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This year, Aid to the Church in Need is inviting you to bulk purchase, at our special feast day rate (\$25.00), these beautiful Italian made Ghirelli rosaries which commemorate this notable occasion in the history of the Catholic Church in Australia. Please note that orders will close Thursday 31 August. Phone 1800 101 201.



Sacraments of Healing Entering into Communion with God and the Church

Wednesdays, 23 Aug - 13 September
 7.30pm - 8.30pm (4 sessions)
 with Dr Carmel Suart
 Applecross Parish Canning Hwy & Ardross Street, Applecross
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The experiences of sin, suffering, illness and death are fundamental to every human life. There are two sacraments of healing in Catholic sacramental life. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. 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.

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church.

For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

URGENT HIRING: Assistant, The Shopfront (outreach agency) – Leave Cover, Fixed Term, Part-Time (listed on SEEK)
 Administration Officer, Episcopal Services – Permanent, Full-Time (apply direct to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)
 Coordinator, National Catholic Safeguarding Standards – Fixed Term (6 months), Full-Time (listed on SEEK)

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

The Reign (power and control) of God is also known as the Kingdom of Heaven. It takes place on earth and reaches its fullness in heaven.

Often in school, business, politics and social settings people try to assert their own power and take control of things. Where have you seen this happen?

When people surrender their life to God's power, life is different. Then people don't try to control things or one another; they try to work together so that God's way rules. This rarely occurs on earth, but it happens once in a while. There is peace, understanding and cooperation, and no fear, competition or dishonesty.

Have you ever seen this happen? If so, where? What was the situation?

Do you think you can do anything to help bring forth the Reign of God – at home, at school, at your job, with your friends? Why or why not? What would have to happen to create a little heaven on earth?



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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Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 5/6 August 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord Year A

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is so valuable that we ought to be prepared to give up everything for it. What are some things in your life that you would be prepared to give up or change in order to enter God's Kingdom?
