

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

20th Sunday in Ordinary time- Year C

14th August 2022



Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



'Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.' Last week's reading leads into this astounding affirmation. The story of Israel was meant to be a great sign of God's fidelity so that this community, struggling at the end of the first century, could be assured that God was with them. We are at the beginning of a third millennium, and if we recall the many centuries of Christian faith, we too have a great crowd of witnesses supporting, encouraging and assuring us. Look around the Church today; everyone who is here celebrating this Eucharist is part of this cloud of witnesses. One Church I visited where this is beautifully displayed is the Cathedral in Los Angeles. Along both sides of the Church are tapestries depicting past and present people of faith: St Francis, St Joan, Mother Teresa, Oscar Romero, John XXIII. As one enters the Church he or she is enfolded into this community of faith.

The Letter reminds us, 'Let us not lose sight of Jesus.' No matter how much we struggle, no matter how dark the times are, our faith is focused on Jesus, risen and alive with God.

The harsh words of today's Gospel are in keeping with Jesus' message that the reign of God is breaking into the world. The imagery of fire comes from the trade of a metalworker who uses fire to burn away the impurities. In the context of this

Gospel 'fire' refers to the future gift of the Spirit (Luke 3:16) which will be poured out on believers but only after Jesus' death and Resurrection. For this reason, Jesus speaks with great urgency of the future events that await him in Jerusalem and he calls these events a 'baptism'. As one who goes down into swirling waters, Jesus will be engulfed by events beyond his control when he reaches Jerusalem.

Jesus' words about conflict and division speak of the reality experienced by Luke's community. Some within Judaism did become followers of Jesus; others saw him as a false Messiah. By the late 80's, when Luke is writing, Christianity and Judaism were beginning to separate and it is quite likely that households were split as parents and children took different paths. The community is also negotiating life within the Roman Empire where persecutions have already begun in Rome. Faith is not always comforting or comfortable, particularly if that faith is at odds with the surrounding culture. Faith calls for real choices about how we live, what we buy, where we shop, whom we vote for, and such choices will cause conflicts with those who think differently.

For example, when preparing for an election it is worth considering if, in our pondering about who we might vote for, do we give any consideration to the Gospels and the many moral challenges that Jesus puts to those who want to be his followers? Jesus had lots to say about the poor, and the accumulation of wealth for one's own needs; Jesus spoke about care of the neighbour, the outsider, the stranger; he spoke of generosity and justice, of forgiveness and making hard choices. Christian faith is not simply a matter of private pious practices but demands a public living out of the values of God's reign. Our faith should offer some insight into the candidates we choose.

If we do look seriously at the Gospel values we may be faced with some hard choices about our lifestyle and our personal comfort. Can we do with less so that others might be simply able to live?

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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

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9am Mass - to be nominated

11am Chinese Mass

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Weekend 20/21 August

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| Readers | Sat 6.00pm | Adolph de Souza | Susanna Hooper |
| | Sun 7.30am | Jim Kelly | Les Price |
| | Sun 9.00am | Br Rod Ellyard | Vincent Whyte |
| Counters | | Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan | D & B Molony |

Parish Calendar

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| Aug Mon 15 | 8.00am | Mass (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Church |
| Tue 16 | 8.00am | Mass (Weekday, Ordinary Time 20) Church |
| Wed 17 | 8.00am | Mass (Weekday, Ordinary Time 20) Church |
| Thu 18 | 8.00am | Mass (Weekday, Ordinary Time 20) Church |
| Fri 19 | 8.00am | Mass (Weekday, Ordinary Time 20) Church |
| Sat 20 | 8.00am | Mass (St Bernard) Church |
| | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass (21st Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church |
| Sun 21 | 7.30am | Mass (21st Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church |
| | 9.00am | Mass (21st Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church |
| | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (21st Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church |

First Holy Communion

9am Sunday,

11 September 2022

First Reconciliation

10.30am-12pm

Saturday, 29 October 2022

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48Hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday

6.00pm Monday 5th September to 6.00pm Wednesday 7th September 2022



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First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Jeremiah is stuck in the mud at the bottom of a well. He was thrown in there because he said that God wanted Jerusalem to surrender to Babylon in order to save their own lives – a message the people did not want to hear. He was a prophet who was being punished for speaking the truth. People don't like to hear what they don't want to do – they would rather blame the speaker and pretend the message is wrong than listen to the truth.

Modern-day prophets likewise try to warn people about what will happen if we don't change. Books, movies and television documentaries try to warn us about things like population growth, pollution levels, unhealthy ingredients in foods, the waste of natural resources, the ruin of rainforests, corruption in government or industry, and so forth.

Which modern-day prophets do you listen to? Which ones do you want to ignore? Why?

Although Jeremiah is stuck at the bottom of the muddy well, he is not completely abandoned. He has a few loyal supporters to help him get out. The Scripture verses that follow the readings for this Sunday explain how Ebed-melech got some rags from the palace linen closet and lowered them into the well with the ropes. He told Jeremiah to put the rags under his armpits so the ropes would not cut and burn him. Ebed-melech was obviously kind and courageous.

Do you have such a loyal friend who might help you out if you were unjustly punished? Has such a thing ever happened to you? What was the outcome?

We never hear a word about Jeremiah's words or feelings or thoughts. He is silent throughout this whole ordeal. What do you think he felt or thought or said? What do you think he did in that well? Do you think he prayed or cried or screamed out loud? What would you do?

Next Sunday Readings

21 August 2022

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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Draw a picture of Jesus from one of the following bible stories where he was in conflict with others...

