

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time- Year C

28th August 2022



Christ our Anchor

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The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of Israel standing before the holy mountain of God at Sinai, where there was cloud and darkness, lightning and trumpet blasts, and the people stood in awe. At Sinai, through Moses, the Israelites received the great covenant that guided the people for hundreds of years. The author says that Christians are no longer standing at Mount Sinai but have been brought to Mount Zion, which was one of the hills of Jerusalem. Even the Jerusalem considered is not the first century city of Herod, but the Heavenly city of God. Within the festal symbolism, lies the simple teaching of Jesus that for believers the kingdom of God is already real – we are already standing among the cloud of witnesses. The church in the West has lost some of this deep, liturgical spirituality which was retained in the Eastern churches. Every liturgical celebration is a participation with the heavenly liturgy of the saints in their praise of God.

Throughout this letter Jesus' role as the mediator of a new covenant has been emphasised. Through chapters 7, 8, 9 and 10, Jesus was likened to the High Priest as the one offering the sacrifice on behalf of the people. Every Sunday in our Liturgy we join with Jesus as he continues his Priestly role. We say, 'Through Him, with Him, and in Him ...' Through, with and in Jesus, we

come before God, with the saints, to celebrate our new identity as children of God. This last reading from Hebrews may provide an opportunity to reflect on the actions and spirit of our Eucharist. (A book I recommend on Liturgical spirituality is Paul Janowiak, Standing Together in the Community of God: Liturgical Spirituality and the Presence of Christ, Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2011).

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the setting of a meal to tell the guests a parable. He uses the simple example of going to a wedding and taking a seat up with the important guests, only to be publicly embarrassed by having to be asked to move to a table with the 'also rans'. Wouldn't it be better to sit with the ordinary folk and then perhaps to have the honourable experience of being invited up to a seat of importance? In a culture where honour and shame are such important values, Jesus' hearers would concur with his teaching.

This is not just a piece of wise social courtesy. It is called a parable, which means this small story has something to say about the values of the God's reign – the basileia. If right now you only associate with the rich and powerful, imagine your shame in the time of the basileia (the kingdom) when you are shown up to be among the 'least'. The values of God's basileia are so different to the values of this world that if you want to be on the 'top-table' in God's perspective, then you had better spend time now with the apparently worthless ones, the poor, the lame, the outsiders – the ones who can give you no prestige in the eyes of this world.

The parable concludes by raising the question what reward do you want: the reward of this world or the blessings of God? If this world is all you are concerned with then offer hospitality to those who can repay you now. Seek the patronage of the wealthy, the important, and the ones who will be able to do you favours. But if you want to enjoy the hospitality of God, associate with those closest to God's heart.

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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

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

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ROSTER

Weekend 27/28 August

Weekend 3/4 September

Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Pam Vincent	Ian Sydney-Smith
	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Ian Lane	Br Rod Ellyard
Counters		M Prentice, H & F Tay	Mark & Erica Lazarus

Parish Calendar

Aug Mon 29	8.00am	Communion Service (the Passion of St John the Baptist) Church
Tue 30	8.00am	Mass (Week 22, Ordinary Time) Church
Wed 31	8.00am	Mass (Week 22, Ordinary Time) Church
Sept Thu 1	8.00am	Mass (Week 22, Ordinary Time) Church
Fri 2	8.00am	Mass (Week 22, Ordinary Time) Church
Sat 3	8.00am	Mass (St Gregory the Great) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
Sun 4	7.30am	Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
	9.00am	Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (23rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church

First Holy Communion
9am Sunday, 11 September 2022

First Reconciliation
10.30am-12pm

Sat, 29 October 2022

Commitment Mass
 Saturday 6.00pm 15 Oct 2022

Morning Tea

Our host for September's morning tea is Giselle Shankar & Volunteers



Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00 am Mass.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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 Thai Vu on "The Authority of the Pope"
 Fellowship and Light Supper

Friday 2 Sep 2022 7.30pm

St John & Paul's Church
 PINETREE GULLY ROAD, WILLETTON.



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 & Hellen Tay
 All are welcome; no age limits.

Working Bee

It is proposed to hold a working bee in the grounds and gardens around the church and presbytery on the morning of Saturday 3 September 2022 starting at 9.00am to prune the hibiscus, weed and fertilize gardens, remove bore water stains and undertake a number of other maintenance tasks around the grounds.



If you can help please leave your name and phone number on the list in the foyer after mass and, on the day, bring along any gardening tools (eg forks, rakes, spades etc) you have available.

All parishioners are encouraged to assist.

48Hr Rosary Bouquet for Our Lady's Birthday

6.00pm Monday 5th September

to 6.00pm Wednesday 7th September 2022



Presentation of the scroll of names will be made at the 12.10 pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on THURSDAY 8th September 2022
 To be a part of the bouquet, please write your name against the time of your choice on the form provided in the foyer.

All information can be found at www.legionofmarywa.org
 or by emailing the secretary at comitiumwa.secretary@gmail.com



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

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Catholic Youth Ministry Perth

Ice Skating at Cockburn Ice Arena!
 Friday 9th of September

It will be an awesome opportunity to get away from the business of life (and school), hang out with friends, and meet other passionate Catholic young people in the Archdiocese of Perth! The event is for ages 13-18 and will start at 7:30pm and end at 9:30pm.

For more information or to register, see our events page at <https://cym.com.au/events/>. Registration closes on the Monday 5th of September. Hope to see you there!



First Reading

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Jesus advises us to be humble, and not to assume that we have a higher position or status than others. That way we won't be embarrassed if someone else comes along whose status is actually higher than ours.

A lot of status-lowering is done with put-downs. Every time you put someone down, it is an attempt to lower that person's status and to raise your own.

How does status-lowering relate to what Jesus asks us to do?

Paying a compliment to another person raises their status. If your compliment is accepted with grace, your status is also raised. If your compliment is rejected, or coupled with a put-down against you, your status is then lowered. How often does this happen?

It seems to be more of a risk to compliment a person than it is to put someone down. Yet Jesus asks us to take that risk. Are you willing to risk giving compliments?

Are you willing to stop dishing out put-downs and to start giving more compliments to others? Why or why not? What would Jesus say about this decision?

Jesus challenges us to include people of the lowest status in our social activities.

When you have a party or when you are in the position of inviting someone to go to a movie or an athletic event with you, do you tend to seek out the most popular people with the highest social status? Or do you seek out the people who are least popular and sometimes made fun of? Why?

Do you think Jesus' challenge is unrealistic, or do you think it is what the world needs? How so?

What would Jesus tell teenagers directly if he were a verbal, flesh-and-blood part of this conversation?

Next Sunday Readings

4 September 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Draw a picture of yourself as a guest at a party. Where at the table would you sit?

