

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time- Year C

4<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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### New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



The letter to Philemon is one of the most personal of Paul's letters – just one chapter, perhaps a single page written quickly when a messenger was on his way from Paul's prison, towards the end of his life. It is addressed to Philemon and others who are part of a small house-church, possibly in Colossae Paul has befriended a slave whom he calls Onesimus – which may not be a real name since it means 'useful' in Greek, so may just be a general title. Paul draws upon his friendship with Philemon and also his status as a prisoner to intercede for Onesimus who appears to be a runaway slave of Philemon. Paul has brought Onesimus into Christianity and so speaks of him as his child. Although Paul would like to keep him to assist him during his time in prison, he cannot do this without the approval of Philemon. Paul urges Philemon to receive Onesimus back, not as a slave, nor as one deserving punishment, but as 'a beloved brother'. Because of Christ, Paul understands that the old world, its values and polarities no longer operate; as he wrote to the Galatians, 'There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus' – now all are one in Christ.

Paul's letter, and his letter to the Galatians, expresses the ideal of Christian relationships. It would be helpful to know

how Paul's letter and Onesimus were received. Is it possible for master and slave to truly become 'one in Christ'? Could Philemon defy the social and cultural conventions of his neighbours and welcome Onesimus back as a 'brother'. What could be the consequences for Philemon if he did that – remember that slavery was an important part of the social infrastructure of the Roman Empire – nothing would make the Christian community stand out more than if they liberated their slaves.

Jesus' teaching and miracles have been attracting crowds of would-be followers. Today's Gospel challenges these followers to realise that discipleship has a cost. It's all very well to go with the crowd when the miracle-worker is in town and gaining popularity, but have these followers considered the consequences? Jesus speaks of the utter commitment needed to be a disciple. In Semitic fashion, he sets out the options in a clear 'black or white' extreme position. To 'love' Jesus means 'hating' all else.

In a world which spends millions on advertising and promoting products and causes, Jesus' words sound very strange. Far from advertising discipleship, his words sound discouraging. 'Take up your Cross' is hardly a caption that would sell Christianity. But this is just the point. Jesus isn't after half-hearted followers. He wants 'all or nothing' Christians, people who know what they are taking on and give a whole-hearted commitment.

The two parables show up the stupidity of starting a venture without really thinking through the consequences. In the parables, the consequences of lack of foresight are simply being the butt of jokes, or needing to seek peace. In real life the consequences are far more serious. How many people today are put off Christianity because they can see so few authentic Christians? Paul can say to the community in Corinth, if you want to see Christianity, look at me, 'Be imitators of me'. Can each of us say that? It is such robust followers that Jesus desires not just those who follow the crowd.

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### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

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### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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Monday 8.00am Communion Service

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**Weekend 3/4 September**

**Weekend 10/11 September**

<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Krystyna Henderson
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Br Rod Ellyard	John Collins
<b>Counters</b>		Terry and Meagan Scanlan	Kas Luczak, G Shankar

**Parish Calendar**

Sept Mon 5	8.00am	Communion Service (Week 23, Ordinary Time) Church
Tue 6	8.00am	Mass (Week 23, Ordinary Time) Church
Wed 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 23, Ordinary Time) Church
Thu 8	8.00am	Mass (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Church
Fri 9	8.00am	Mass (Week 23, Ordinary Time) Church
Sat 10	8.00am	Mass (Week 23, Ordinary Time) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
Sun 11	7.30am	Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
	9.00am	First Communion Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (24th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church

**First Holy Communion**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**11 September 2022**

**At the 9am Mass**

**First Reconciliation**

**10.30am-12.00pm**

**Sat, 29 October 2022**

Commitment Mass

Saturday 6.00pm 15 Oct 2022



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or Stephen on 0403 167 838

**Catholic Youth Ministry, Perth**

**Mount Cooke Hike**

Come and Hike with the Catholic Youth Ministry Team on Saturday 17th of September as we take to the top of Mount Cooke, Perth's highest peak!

Bring a friend as we experience the beauty of creation as well as celebrate Mass and eat lunch at the summit. This event will be an awesome opportunity to do something adventurous whilst meeting other passionate young Catholics from the Archdiocese of Perth! This event is for young people aged 18-30 years. For more information, check out the registration link via our events page at [cym.com.au/events](http://cym.com.au/events).

Registration closes on the Thursday 15th of September. Hope to see you there!



Thank you to all those who attended St Pius X Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 20th August, after the 6pm Mass as well as celebrating Fr Pat's 37th year of Priesthood.

Due to the COVID over the last couple of years, we were unable to hold the AGM, However, this year the AGM was well attended by Parishioners,

After the AGM, dinner was provided. A special Thank you to Fr Pat, for all he has done and continues to do for our Parish and thank you to the Social Club for organising the evening.



## First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

## Second Reading

Philomon 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

## Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other

who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Building a tower takes a lot of planning, a lot of money and a lot of labour. So do other things!

Have you ever had a dream about accomplishing something – a dream that had you planning, thinking and working in order to make it come true; a dream that you devoted lots of time and energy to? What is that dream? Are you still working on it? Or have you abandoned it?

Some young people throw themselves into a sport, a hobby, a talent or an interest. They become known for their accomplishments in that area.

What young person of your age do you know to be a very talented dancer? musician? artist? athlete? debater? writer?

How much energy and dedication do these people invest in developing their skill?

Into what area do you put the most time, energy and enthusiasm? How successful or accomplished do you feel?

How much time, energy and enthusiasm do you invest in your relationship with God? in your involvement with your parish? in your relationships with your family? How can you give more of yourself to these areas?

## Next Sunday Readings

11 September 2022

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

## 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

What are some good choices you can make this week? Draw yourself doing one of the things from the list.

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