

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st October 2023



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Which of the two did the father's will?

In the first reading, the people of Israel challenge the justice of God. The issue is the question of retribution, the manner in which God rewards righteous living and punishes wicked behaviour. A counter accusation claims that it is not the ways of God that are unfair, but the ways of Israel. Two situations are described – the sin of a righteous person and the repentance of a sinner. God metes out punishment in the first situation and grants a reward in the second. Here we see that the justice of God corresponds to the character of one's present manner of behaviour, to the kind of person one has become. How is this injustice on God's part?

The words 'way' and 'path', found in the psalm response, are associated with the wisdom tradition and refer to a manner of living, specifically the way of righteousness or the way of evil. When used in reference to God it can mean either God's own ways of acting or the ways that God teaches humankind to follow. This psalm seems to allow for both meanings. Understood from God's perspective, it refers to the salvation accomplished by God (v.5), to God's covenantal commitment expressed in covenant language such as 'compassion' and 'lovingkindness', (v.6), and to God's own uprightness, which is shown to both sinners and the 'humble' (v.8). Finally, the psalmist prays: Teach me your ways.

Today's second reading contains one of Christianity's most exalted hymns of praise of Christ. Paul offered this magnificent vision of Christ's self-emptying as a stirring incentive for the Philippians' own attitudes of mind and heart. The message that Paul is preaching here is unity within the church. The basis for Paul's appeal for unity is fourfold: the Christians' common experience of Christ; the love that Christ has shown them; their communion in the Spirit; and the compassion and mercy of Christ. After exhorting the Philippians to live in such unity, Paul offers Christ as their model. He describes Jesus' humiliation (vv. 6-8) and his exaltation by God (vv.9-11). The exaltation of Christ is as glorious as his humiliation was debasing.

Jesus tells a story about two sons. The first one refuses to obey his father, a serious breach in patriarchal kinship behaviour. However, he repents and eventually obeys his father. The second son does not disrespect his father with refusal, but neither does he obey him. Jesus asks his adversaries to interpret the law: Which son did the father's will? Without knowing it, they condemned themselves with their own answer. In a paradoxical fashion, Jesus tells them that sinners will enter the kingdom of God before these who appear to be righteous. The story demonstrates how fidelity to God's will is more than a question of words; it is a matter of deeds. Jesus has tricked his opponents, thereby enhancing his own reputation in the minds of the people.

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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

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Norma Fernandes
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Barbara Thompson	Volunteer
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Shirley Whitfield
	Counters	Colleen & Pat Lowry	H & F Tay

Parish Calendar		
Oct Mon 2	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 3	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 4	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Thu 5	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Fri 6	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 26 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 15	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church

2023
First Reconciliation
10.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 28 October 2023

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
12 October 2023

Archdiocese of Perth
Employment Opportunity


Head, Mission Enhancement and Outreach
Archdiocesan Agencies

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is recruiting for the newly established role of Head, Mission Enhancement and Outreach – Archdiocesan Agencies. This role is a Permanent, Full Time position.

The Head of Mission Enhancement & Outreach for Archdiocesan Agencies, in collaboration with the Auxiliary Bishop and Episcopal Vicars, is responsible for fostering and promoting a focus on mission enhancement within the offices, organisations, and agencies of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth as distinctive ministries of the Catholic Church that are imbued by Gospel Values.

Applications close Tuesday, 17 October 2023. We reserve the right to begin shortlisting and interviews prior to the closing date.

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



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Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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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 October is Michelle Cota
Please join us this Sunday after the 9.00 am mass
ALL ARE WELCOME

This is a community building initiative. Please volunteer your services.

Centre for Faith Renewal

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is once again calling for applications to the BJ Hickey Scholarship!

The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level.

To access the scholarship application details and the new digital Scholarship Application Form, please visit the Scholarships page on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website.

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 27 October 2023.

These will be considered in November 2023 and applicants will be notified in December 2023. Successful recipients will be issued their scholarships in February 2024.

For all related inquiries, please email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or call 9278 0261

Seniors Outing

In the month of October we are not having our Seniors Lunch but will go out for a day trip on a bus and have lunch somewhere at your own expense. We are yet to decide where! Brendon Molony has offered to be the driver.



It will be on Thursday 19 October.
Please indicate if you are interested on the list provided in the Foyer



Rosary For our Lady of Fatima

The Rosary will be recited every Friday during the month of October at 7.00 pm in the Church.

All are welcome

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

These are fierce words that Jesus gives us: that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering heaven in greater numbers than are priests and appointed elders! But Jesus is talking about priests and elders who are like the child who outwardly says, 'Yes!' to God, yet doesn't really do God's work. The tax collectors and prostitutes are like the child who outwardly says, 'No!' to God, yet does the best he or she can in any situation.

At home, which child are you more like? Are you more likely to say you'll do something, and then not do it? Or are you more likely to talk back to your parents, but later do what they ask anyway? Or do you do both? Explain your answer and give some examples.

- Do you respond at school in the same way as you do at home, or differently?
- How are you at work? Are you more likely to say yes and not do the task, or are you more likely to say no but then do the work anyway?
- What might Jesus be saying to you with this parable?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 7th/8th October 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



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