

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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### New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



From now until Lent we will be reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It may be helpful to know something about this significant Christian city.

Corinth is approximately two days walk from Athens and lies in the middle of a narrow isthmus. Nowadays since 1893, there is a canal cutting across this isthmus. On the East was the Aegean Sea, and on the West was the Ionian Sea. It was safer for a boat to pull in to shore and to carry goods six kilometres overland than take the 300 kilometre sea voyage around the southern Greek Peninsula. Large rollers wheeled ships overland. Corinth therefore was a major city controlling trade North-South, and East-West. Having such a significant port, it levied taxes and was a very wealthy city. In 46 BC it was rebuilt by Julius Caesar and made a Roman colony. It was a very multicultural city with numerous Temples and every two years Panhellenic festivals were held, second only to the Olympics. It was a great commercial city and a centre for communication. It was a very lively, trading, rough city – a boom town, open and feisty. Paul brought the gospel into this multicultural, commercial city.

The Corinthian community can give heart to any parish. This is a community that Paul personally evangelised but if ever a community could get things wrong the Corinthians did. They were enthusiastic in their faith but also prey to normal human

frailty – jealousy, factions, misunderstandings. After starting them off, Paul left Corinth to travel to other regions but then began to hear that all was not well in Corinth. Chloe, a wealthy business woman from Ephesus, went to Corinth probably on business and brought back news. Her report was not good so Paul sent Timothy to Corinth. Then, while Timothy was in transit, some emissaries arrived from Corinth with a letter about problems with sexual immorality and divisions in the community. He wrote the letter we have as 1 Corinthians.

The letter begins in the formal style of ancient letters. The sender is named, Paul, then the recipient, to the church of God in Corinth, followed by a short greeting – May God send you grace and peace. Paul then begins with the body of the letter which we will read in the following weeks.

The Gospel turns from Matthew's to the Gospel of John and see through John's 'lens', the testimony of John the Baptist regarding the strange incident of Jesus' baptism. According to the Fourth Gospel, Jesus' first disciples were at first disciples of John the Baptist, and scholars suggest that there may have even been confusion in the community about who was the more important, Jesus or John. The Gospel very clearly points out that Jesus is the more important figure. John baptises with water but he proclaims that Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

Considering John and Jesus leads me to think about the importance our world places on competition and being the best. The Gospel presents a different way of measuring our worth, in terms of God's calling to us in the gifts we have received that lead us to take certain directions. John's integrity lies within, and in knowing his role in life, which was to bear witness to Jesus, not to take over Jesus' role.

This can sound easy, but it takes a lifetime of seeking self and seeking God, rather than seeking the world. The 'sin of the world' can take many guises, most of them terribly attractive. The integrity of a person like John invites me yet again to see what I am truly seeking.

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### Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do.

## 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)

### Sacrament of Baptism

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Christine Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	Marilyn Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Lina DaSilva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Maria Fernandes
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	Janine Stanley, Julie Pearson & Nancy Permadi

Parish Calendar		
Jan Mon 16	8.00am	No Communion Service
Tue 17	8.00am	Mass (St Anthony) Church
Wed 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 20	8.00am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time) Church
Sat 21	8.00am	No Mass
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
Sun 22	7.30am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time - Year A) Church



### Parish Program

Join us for the first of a three part series where we will dive deeper into the heart and stories of Project Compassion 2023.

**Tuesday, 17th January 2023**

**6:30PM to 8:00PM**

**40A Mary Street, Highgate**

(entry to car parking is available from Harold Street)

For more information call Dcn Paul Reid or Shelby D'Souza on 9422 7925 or email perth@caritas.org.au



### Line Dancing Classes

Line Dancing classes recommence on Monday 23 January '23.

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.



### Tai Chi Group

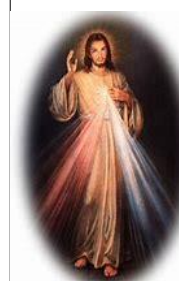
**Recommencement date TBA**

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



### Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday.

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.

Use the code key to decipher what John the Baptist knew about Jesus



## First Reading

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

## Next Sunday Readings

22 January 2023 -

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17:1

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

John the Baptist doesn't just sit on a rock when he receives the call from God. Paul doesn't just sit. Isaiah doesn't just sit around either. They are called to do God's work, and so they get up and start working. Isaiah proclaims truth and warnings; Paul travels, establishes churches, and writes letters; John baptises and preaches repentance.

How does a teenager do God's work?

Why aren't more teenagers (or adults) involved in God's work?

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be light to all nations. In Isaiah's time that had a specific and serious meaning. It meant that salvation would be brought to all peoples, not just to the Jews. This was a hard message for many Jews to accept. Jews believed that they were God's Chosen People and that they needed to avoid other, 'lesser' peoples in order to remain true to God's way.

Today many people act as if they believe they are God's new chosen people. It is difficult for them to accept foreign peoples and foreign ways. What evidence do you see of that in the news?

Do you have 'chosen people' in your school? Are some groups shunned as 'lesser'? If so, why? Where do those attitudes come from? How are you called to be a light to all peoples – even to students in your high school who are in shunned groups?



## 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

**John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God, because he was the pure and spotless gift to God the Father so that our sins may be forgiven. What can we do to be pure and spotless in the eyes of God?**

