

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

14th January 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Fr John McKinnon (retired priest of Ballarat)



The Gospel of John needs to be read at different levels. Narrative detail is not always historical detail. The style is succinct; the vocabulary is limited. Simple words have varied meanings and depths, some of which are clear, some not. Literary dialogue is not historical dialogue. It is the creation of the storyteller, embodying insight into the mind and heart of the risen Christ alive in the community, rather than faithfully recording past words of the historical Jesus. The flow of the dialogue is proper more to an email exchange than to conversation; and its purpose lies more in meanings than in historical plausibility.

The conversation between Jesus and the two disciples of John is significant. It is the first dialogue of Jesus recorded in the Gospel. In its Greek original, the whole dialogue was made up of six words. The gospel's use of words is often multi-layered. Its vocabulary is very simple, like the words of a poem that allow for meanings beyond meanings.

What are you looking for? Jesus' first words were simply: "What are you looking for?" Jesus was not seeking information but something more profound. His question is the question that Jesus asks every disciple – and that sets up the journey of discovery into the mystery of Jesus. Ultimately, the question invites all

disciples to get in touch with their deepest heart longings. In those longings lies the energy that nourishes the search for Jesus and for God.

Where are you staying? The two disciples replied with a further question: "Where are you staying?" Their query about geographical location masks a far deeper question. The word translated "stay" has occurred before, where it was translated as "rest". Depending on the context, the word can refer to "where one is at home" or even to "the experience of feeling at home". In this context, the disciples' question is seeking to know Jesus' on-going experience of life and attitude to it, his contact with God, "where he feels familiar". John had already commented that the Spirit of God "rested on" Jesus, and hinted thereby at the inner world inhabited by Jesus. The readers' question, expressing something of their deepest longings, may well be: What is the nature of the "inner world" that Jesus inhabits?

Come and see. Jesus' response to their question: "Come and see", expresses the invitation that Jesus makes to every prospective disciple. It explains the purpose of the Gospel – to lead its readers to a personal knowledge of Jesus and to deep love: "That you may believe" [20.31]. The disciples' seeing "where he was staying (remaining)" and then "staying with" him would seem to carry the deeper meaning that they began to enter Jesus' inner world.

Only by spending time with Jesus can future disciples learn the secrets of his heart. Their deepest heart yearnings will be discovered, ultimately, in the heart of Jesus. Through their pondering the Gospel, they are invited to move beyond knowing about Jesus, beyond adoration, beyond thanksgiving or requesting, to inhabiting the inner world of Jesus in contemplation (as the author would have Jesus say in his prayer to the Father "I pray that they all be one, just as you Father in me and I in you. May they be one in us .." [17:21,23]).

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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

Normal Weekday Masses

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	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	Mitchelle Cota
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Maria Fernandes
	Counters	Colleen & Pat Lowry	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses

Jan Tue 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time) Church
Wed 17	8.00am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time) Church
Sat 20	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sun 21	7.30am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church

Gardening & General Maintenance of garden

A big thank you to those members of the parish who volunteered to assist in maintaining the grounds and gardens. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

However we could do with two more volunteers to sweep the paved areas around the church, presbytery and perimeter of the car park. We would like this to be done on a weekly basis (preferably on a Friday or Saturday) and will require around one hour of your time each visit.

If you can help please see Father Patrick after mass.



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 and Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits

Important Notice

We would like to inform parishioners that our Monday Communion Service is suspended for December and January and Saturday 8.00am Mass is cancelled until further notice.

Fr Patrick is on sick leave recovering from a severe bout of tonsillitis.

Fr Stephen Ochola will be filling in while Fr Patrick is away.



Catholic Young Adults Ball 2024

Garden of Eden

We are thrilled to announce the Catholic Young Adults Ball of 2024. Kick off the new year by joining heaps of Catholic young adults for an incredible evening of dining, dancing, and socialising!

This event is for young adults, ages 18-30.

Saturday, 17th February 2024

6:30 pm to 11:30 pm / \$120 per person
Pagoda Resort and Spa
112 Melville Parade, Como WA 6152

For more details and to purchase tickets please visit
events.humanitix.com/cym-ball



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

Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Or phone 9221 7762 to book in



Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm.

Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.

St Vincent DePaul

On behalf of the Como Conference of Vinnies I would like to sincerely thank Fr Patrick and the Parishioners of St Pius X for their ongoing generous support. With your help we were able to distribute 100 hampers to needy families in the area the week before Christmas. That made a big difference to their Christmas.

Leo Burke
President Como Conference of Vinnies.

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, 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. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?'

'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Reflection for Young People

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 20/21 January 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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