

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

2nd Sunday of Easter - Year B

7th April 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



**'As the Father
sent me, so am I
sending you.'**

the psalm brings us to the present moment. Although the salvation described occurred in the past, the psalmist insists that today is the day that the Lord made; today is the day that we rejoice in God's saving work.

The Letter of John is a testimony to Trinitarian faith: God (the Father) begets; Jesus is the Son of God; and the Spirit testifies to the triumph of Jesus' death and resurrection. The letter declares: Jesus is the Christ: Faith in Jesus, who is both Messiah and Son of God, brings one into the family of God, where one is expected to love God and all others begotten of God through faith in the same Jesus. Love of God and of others are so connected that it makes little difference which comes first. One form of love always results in the other. Finally, It is through faith in Jesus that believers can conquer the evils that threaten them.

In the gospel, the closed doors not only secured the disciples from harm, but also underscore the mysterious character of Jesus' risen body. The wish of peace was a prayer for the eschatological blessing. Finally, Jesus' wounds showed the disciples that he was really the crucified one now risen. Thomas should not be remembered as the one who was absent or who doubted. He represents the second generation of Christians and those like us, who are called to believe on the testimony of others. In fact, he has insights that the others in the story do not have. They recognised that the one in their midst was their Lord. Thomas declared that the risen Lord was God.

This short passage is one of the best known descriptions of the early Christian community (cf. Acts 2:42-47). Although it depicts values and relationships that were highly prized by the early Christians, the picture sketched is probably more theologically idealised than it is historically accurate. The principal values that characterise this community are: unity in mind and heart; sharing of possessions; and apostolic witness. Sharing possessions was a response to an ancient Jewish directive (cf. Deut 15:4): being of one mind and heart characterises the Greek concept of friendship. This picture of communal harmony espouses values from both cultures. The noble ideals of this Christian community held out a way of life that is attainable through the grace of the resurrection.

The responsorial psalm begins with a call to give testimony to the goodness of God. The Hebrew word for mercy (hesed), is a technical term, denoting God's steadfast love for those in covenant with God. The second section is a testimony to deliverance by God from a situation of great distress. This elicits a song of praise. The congregation announces that the one who had been rejected and hard pressed by enemies has now been saved and exalted by God. In true liturgical fashion,

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SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Norma Fernandes
Readers	Sat 7.00pm	Susanna Hooper	Faye Keeffe
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Corrie Barnes	Shirley Whitfield
Counters		B & D Molony	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
Apr Mon 8	8.00am	Mass (The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord)
Tue 9	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
Wed 10	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
Thu 11	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
Fri 12	8.00am	Mass (2nd week of Easter)
Sat 13	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Third Sunday of Easter)
Sun 14	7.30am	Mass (Third Sunday of Easter)
	9.00am	Mass (Third Sunday of Easter)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Third Sunday of Easter)



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



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

Condolences & Prayers

Our sincere condolences to and prayers for Margaret Short and family at the passing of her husband, Brian, at Gracewood on Wednesday, 3 April 2024.
May his soul rest in peace.

Day of Prayer & Contemplation

Come to spend time reflecting on how our God is calling you forward in your life right now, Come Reflect and Reconnect.
Tuesday 30 April, Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Acadia Drive, Safety Bay. Extra Parking 27 Penguin Road, park adjacent Penguin Road. Please arrive in time for morning tea at 9.30am, the session commences at 10am and concludes at 1pm with light lunch provided. Cost \$20.00
RSVP essential by Friday before the day. Further info: Dianne Coborne rsj.safety.Bay@sosj.org.au or 94527 3240

Visitation of our Lady's Statue

If you would like to have the statue of Our Lady in your home, please call Mignonne Goes on 0409 688 594.

"Time to Consider the Priesthood".

St Charles Seminary in Guildford is holding their annual Vocations Open Day on Sunday, 5th May 2024, calling all interested males from the age of 17yrs and older, who are thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to come along and 'look and see'.
Details may be found on the flyer on the notice board or St Charles Seminary website: www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au or call 9279-1310 to register for the day.
"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus. There is no-one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit" – Homily by Pope St John Paul II.



2024 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Confirmation
5.00pm Friday, 17 May 2024
Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April
For those who are not St Pius X students
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 30 April 2024

First Holy Communion
9am Sunday, 25 August 2024
Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April
For those who are not St Pius X students
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 6 August 2024

First Reconciliation
5.00pm Saturday 22 October 2024
Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April
For those who are not St Pius X students
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
Tuesday 8 October 2024

Commitment Liturgy 5pm Fri 26 April
for St Pius X students in their school

Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus said to Faustina

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of my Mercy. Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment".

A Divine Mercy Sunday Mass will be held at the Cathedral this Sunday, 7 April at 3pm, prayers starting at 2.30pm.



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made,

and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Reflection for Young People By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

When was the last time you played with a group of small children, such as cousins, neighbourhood children, or someone you were babysitting for? Did you enjoy it? What was it like? Is it easy to think of them as true children of God? Why or why not? Is it easy to think of yourself and your friends as true children of God? Why or why not?

'God's commandments are not burdensome.' Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Give examples of when God's commandments seem burdensome or when they do not seem burdensome.

Next Sunday Readings

Third Sunday of Easter - 14 April 2023

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

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

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