

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Which is the greatest commandment?

God's dynamic activity. What begins as a hymn of thanksgiving now becomes a doxology, a prayer in praise of God's mighty accomplishments.

Paul sketches the route taken by the gospel message as it passes from one group to another. As important as oral teaching may be, the gospel is principally handed down by the example of life. The lifestyle of Paul and his missionary companions converted the Thessalonians. It made such an extraordinary effect on their lives that they in turn made a comparable impact on the lives of others. Paul challenges the Christians to follow his example and that of Jesus. The missionaries proclaimed the gospel from the midst of affliction, the tribulations associated with the endtime; it was from within such circumstances that the Thessalonians accepted it; and it is from within such circumstances that they give witness to others.

The Pharisees, an influential lay group known for its knowledge and piety, set out to trick Jesus. A lawyer asks Jesus to identify the most important commandment. (There were 613 commandments, 365 prohibitions – one for each day of the year, and 268 prescriptions – one for each bone in the body). This question was of considerable interest to rabbis, and one about which there was little agreement. Jesus singles out no particular statute, but endorses the summons that constitutes the Shema, the most significant Israelite prayer (see Dt 6:5). To this he adds a citation from Leviticus (19:18), thus showing that the entire religious tradition and genuine fulfilment of the law flow from love of God and love of others.

The first reading reveals the humane nature of the law. It exhorts the Israelites to be especially attentive to those within their community who are the most vulnerable, defenceless and disadvantaged. It singles out the alien, the widow and the orphan as examples of groups who did not enjoy the rights and privileges of free adult men in a patriarchal society. The laws of Israel forbade taking advantage of those who were unprotected by social structures. They are also concerned with those within the community who are burdened with financial hardship. The reason God gives for this kind of concern is: I am gracious! I am compassionate! I am concerned about those who are vulnerable! God is the God of the oppressed.

The psalm of praise for deliverance is a composite of direct address to God and a description about God addressed to someone else. Perhaps its most noteworthy aspect is the array of metaphors that characterise God. They include: rock, fortress, deliverer, shield, horn of salvation, stronghold. Although each has its respective meaning, they all embody some aspect of strength, trust or deliverance. The God who has been the defence of the psalmist has also secured victory for the king. The victory cry 'The Lord lives!' is a cultic formula that extols

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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

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Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	J Molony	J Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Norma Fernandes	Sandra McIlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Edwin Carvalho	Ian Sydney-Smith
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Rosa Denobrega
	Counters	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi	D & B Molony

Parish Calendar		
Oct Mon 30	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 31	8.00am	Mass (Week 30 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Nov Wed 1	8.00am	Mass (All Saints Day) Church (Check Mass times shown below)
Thu 2	8.00am	Mass (All Souls Day) Church (Check Mass times shown below)
Fri 3	8.00am	Mass (Week 30 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 4	8.00am	Mass (Week 30 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (31st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 5	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (31st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass 31st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (31st Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church



Seniors Gathering

The next gathering will be on 7 November 2023 for Melbourne Cup.

If you wish to join in this social, fun and lunch please print your names, contact and total numbers coming.

Bring a few dollars for the Sweeps Prizes for best Hats competition




Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in November are Faye Keeffe and Oscar & Colleen Lewis.

Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00 am mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

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



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

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 11 November 2023 after the 6.00pm Mass, followed by a light meal.

We will also celebrate Fr Pat's 73rd birthday.

For catering purposes if you would like to attend, please put your name and numbers to attend on the list provided in the foyer.

All are welcome

West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office

(WACMRO) is seeking accommodation for a Ukrainian family (mother and young daughter).

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Visitation of Our Lady's Statue

We would like to commence the visitation of our Lady's Statue in Parishioners' homes. The statue will be dropped off in your home on a Saturday and picked up the following Saturday.

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

All Saints Day

Wednesday, 1 November 2023
8.00 am Mass
9.00 am School Mass

All Souls Day

Thursday, 2 November 2023
8.00 am Mass
10.30 am Chinese Mass
7.00 pm Mass

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Next Sunday Readings Weekend 4/5 November 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

At the same time that young people want more freedom, more rules apply. More freedom just means fewer outside rules. That's because more freedom means more responsibility, and more responsibility means more inside rules – rules that we make for ourselves. For example, the Ten Commandments are outside rules – they tell us exactly what to do. Jesus' two commandments of love are inside rules – they tell us to make rules for ourselves that are motivated by love. Actually, if we make rules for ourselves that are motivated by love, our actions will follow the Ten Commandments, even if we have never heard of the Ten Commandments.

- What are some of your school rules and home rules? Are they outside rules or inside rules? If they are outside rules, summarise them with one inside rule. If any of them are inside rules, then give an outside example of how you might follow them.
- Would a society work if its only laws were inside rules? Why or why not? How would that affect this country? How would it affect your state, region, town or city?
- Saint Augustine is famous for saying, 'Love, and then do what you will.'
- How is this quote similar to what Jesus told the lawyer?
- What does love of self look like? What does love of God look like? How are those types of love related to love of neighbour?
- Do you think that when Jesus said, 'Love your neighbor', he meant just the people on your street, or all people – including strangers, people in faraway countries, and even people at school that you don't get along with? How does that sit with you?

Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry



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