

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5 November 2023



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



You have only one teacher, the Christ

verse, the psalmist turns to the people and entreats them to place their trust in this same God.

Paul uses the metaphor of a nursing mother to represent the apostolic self-giving of the missionaries and the affection they had for their converts. They wholeheartedly shared the gospel with others and magnanimously gave of their very selves, with no thought of compensation other than the satisfaction of having given themselves out of love. Though the missionaries would have been within their rights to expect hospitality from their converts, they chose to forgo this prerogative, working at their respective trades (see Acts 18:3), earning their own keep, being a financial burden to no one. They proclaimed the gospel as they saw fit. Their recompense was the religious maturity of their converts, and for this they were grateful to God.

Although Jesus acknowledges the legitimacy of the roles of the scribes and Pharisees, he criticises them for the disparity between what they teach and how they live. He counsels his hearers: Listen to them, but don't follow their example. The Pharisees developed detailed minor rules, known as the 'hedge around the law', meant to ensure obedience to the commandments. This became a heavy burden for the people, and the scribes and Pharisees did nothing to help them carry it. They were also guilty of religious ostentation and the desire for political and religious privilege. The passage concludes with a reversal of fortunes: Those who exalt themselves now will experience eschatological humiliation; those who humble themselves now will enjoy eschatological exaltation.

The prophet Malachi denounces the priests who defiled the priesthood and led the people astray with their faulty teaching. Their infidelity is particularly heinous because they enjoyed privileged positions within the community. With the exception of the Davidic kings, no other group in Israel could claim a special covenant relationship with God (see Num 10:13). Their lives were governed by the cultic law (see Lev 21:6), and they were the ones who interpreted the law for the people (see Dt 17:8-11). They are told that if they do not reform their lives, they will suffer the curse of God. Privileged positions within the community carry serious responsibilities, and failure to fulfil these responsibilities will meet with profound consequences.

It is difficult to classify this short psalm, because it is primarily descriptive rather than exclamatory. What is described, however, are the sentiments of someone who is devoted to the Lord. Each verse has its own character. The first verse is a self-description of humility, describing the psalmist as someone with an honest and straightforward heart. In the second verse, though God is not explicitly identified as a woman, the confidence that God inspires is compared with the peace of a child in its mother's presence. The third verse is a call to Israel to trust in the Lord. In the third

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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

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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ROSTER		Weekend of 4/5 Nov	Weekend of 11/12 Nov
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Maria Edith Handojo	Maria Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	J Miles	J Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McIlheney	Sandra McIlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Jean Pavey
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Volunteer
	Sun 9.00am	Rosa Denobrega	Corrie Barnes
Counters		D & B Molony	Sharon & Ryan Moore

Parish Calendar		
Nov Mon 6	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 8	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time 1 Church
Thu 9	8.00am	Mass (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica) Church
Fri 10	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Sat 11	8.00am	Mass (Week 31 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Sun 12	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (32nd Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (32nd 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 coming.

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


Advent Retreat

**Guided by Fr Joe Parkinson
For Single Catholic Women
Aged 18 - 35**

Friday 1 December 6 pm - Sunday 3 December 3 pm

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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

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.



Morning Tea

Our hosts for morning tea in November are Faye Keeffe and Oscar & Colleen.
Please join us this Sunday after the 9.00 am mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Advertising spaces available

There are advertising spaces currently available in our weekly bulletin at a cost of \$200 + GST for the financial year.
If you are interested in advertising in our bulletin, please contact the Parish Office.
Parishioners are urged to support our sponsors of the bulletin.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be held next weekend on 11/12 November 2023



Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's Social Service Agencies.

You may mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Mass next weekend.

You may also donate (securely) online by credit card:
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First Reading

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus hates hypocrisy. It's the one sin he really nails us on. Pretending to be a saint while doing sinful deeds is what he hates the most.

- When do you pretend to be righteous and good with your words, while your actions show you to be less than that? What area can you work on?
- What does humility have to do with saintliness or sinfulness?

Jesus criticises some religious leaders for preaching the word of God but not living it. He goes so far as to tell us to do what they say, but not to do what they do. But not all religious leaders are bad. Some of them are humble people trying to do the work that Jesus taught us to do.

- Who are the religious leaders you respect because of not only what they say but what they do?
- Who are the teachers, coaches, employers or community leaders you know whom you respect because of what they do as well as because of what they say?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 11/12 November 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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