

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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6 November 2022



Christ our Anchor

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### New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



Sadducees who were the wealthier class of Jewish society and were members of the High Priestly families and so had great influence and religious power. This was the group, as Priests, who had great influence over the Temple and its rituals. Unlike the Pharisees, the Sadducees were far more conservative and believed only what was written in the Law of Moses and did not allow for a growth in theological understanding. In the year 70 CE the Romans destroyed Jerusalem following a Jewish uprising. During this war the Zealots were hunted down and defeated, and the power of the Sadducees was also destroyed with the loss of the great Temple in Jerusalem. With no Temple, there were no sacrifices and therefore no need for a group of Priests. It is the Sadducees who are at the centre of today's Gospel.

In Paul's letter today, we find a much misunderstood term – grace. In Greek it is the word 'Charis' and is like our words, charism or charismatic. Its basic meaning in Greek is a freely bestowed gift, something given from the goodness and kindness of the giver. Words like gratuitous or gracious come close to expressing this sense of an utterly free gift. So when Paul writes that God 'has given us his love, and through his grace such in exhaustible comfort,' it might be better to substitute, 'through God's gracious love'. Grace is that aspect of love that is poured out freely, with no ties, no obligations, no sense of merit or earning such love – it is pure gift. This has been the message of Luke in describing God's mercy to all.

There were many varieties of Judaism at the time of Jesus – in the gospels we hear of just a few of these different forms: Pharisees, Sadducees and the Zealots. The Pharisees were lay people, not priests, who were open to new ideas. While following the Law of Moses, they also tried to interpret the Law to make it relevant for each age. They were also open to new theological ideas that were not written in the Law. During his teaching, Jesus would have looked a little like a Pharisee, as he was a lay person, and he also was a teacher who was re-interpreting the Law. At the time of Jesus, the group most threatened by him would have been the Sadducees. Another group were the

At this stage in the Gospel, Jesus is teaching within the Temple and the Sadducees put to him this ridiculous scenario in order to make fun of his teaching. They draw on the Jewish law that if a man dies without offspring, his widow must marry the man's brother in order to preserve the lifeblood of his family. With no belief in resurrection, a person could only hope to live on through their children, hence the importance of continuing the family line. Jesus' answer points out that those participating in the resurrection of the dead will not die so there is no need to maintain their lifeblood through begetting children. He then challenges them to really listen to their Law and be open to the truth it teaches about God.

Today's Gospel asks us to check where we stand. Are we open to the idea that our knowledge of God can develop, grow and change? It's not that God changes, but our human knowledge and insights can and do develop. Today, as our world view expands with ideas of a universe that is billions of years old and which is evolving and expanding, our theology must also reconceptualise our faith if it is to be relevant to our age. Commitment to the truth requires openness bigger than that shown by the Sadducees.



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### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## 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 5/6 November**

**Weekend 12/13 November**

<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Br Rod Ellyard
<b>Counters</b>		Mark & Erica Lazarus	Kas Luczak, G Shankar

**Parish Calendar**

Nov Mon 7	8.00am	Communion Service (Week 32, Ordinary Time) Church
Tue 8	8.00am	Mass (Week 32, Ordinary Time) Church
Wed 9	8.00am	Mass (The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica) Church
Thu 10	8.00am	Mass (St Leo The Great) Church
Fri 11	8.00am	Mass (St Martin of Tours) Church
Sat 12	8.00am	Mass (St Josaphat) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
Sun 13	7.30am	Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
	9.00am	Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year C)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING  
WORLD YOUTH DAY FESTIVAL  
Sunday 20 November 2022**

We invite you to join us, to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and World Youth Day 2023 launch. We will commence with a Youth Rally and procession from Langley Park to St Mary's Cathedral, followed by a Youth Mass and Festival on the Cathedral grounds to celebrate the young people of our Church!

This is a FREE EVENT that will have Expo Stands, Fun Games, Activities, and much more! Bring a picnic rug and enjoy the live music by the acoustic garden or in front of the main stage with our many performances and buy some dinner with Food Trucks onsite.

**Event Details:**

- 3.00pm - YOUTH RALLY // Langley Park, Perth Foreshore - Process to St Mary's Cathedral
- 5.00pm - YOUTH MASS // St Mary's Cathedral
- 6.00pm - YOUTH FESTIVAL // Live Music, Food Trucks, Stalls, Fun and Games for the whole Family!



**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 & 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

**Safeguarding**

**Induction for All Church Workers - Online**

ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are invited to attend an online safeguarding induction

The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 2 pm  
Wednesday, 07 December 2022 at 2 pm  
Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7 pm

To register please Phone 9221 7762 or visit:

<http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/>

**Have you thought about becoming a Parish Catechist?**

The Catechist Service will be hosting an information session for anyone interested in training as a Catechist in 2023.

Come and learn about the formation you will receive to support you in this important ministry.

Date: Tuesday 29 November  
Time: 10am-12pm (Morning tea provided)  
Venue: Catholic Education Centre, 50 Ruislip Street, Leederville 6007.  
RSVP: Mildred 9380 1722 by Tuesday 22 November.  
Email: [catechist@cewa.edu.au](mailto:catechist@cewa.edu.au)



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The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be held next weekend on

12/13 November 2022.

Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and please 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 at [www.lifelink.com.au](http://www.lifelink.com.au)

**Bowling with CYM**

**Saturday: 12/11: 4.30pm—6.30pm**

Super Bowl Warwick

This event is for young people aged 13-18  
A registration fee is \$23.00 and registration closes on the 9th of November so make sure you get in before then! Bring your A-game and your friends, it's bowling time.

For more information or to register, see our events page at <https://cym.com.au/events/>. Hope to see you there!

## First Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.  
Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.  
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.  
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)

## Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died

leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

We are urged to pray that the message of Jesus makes progress. This phrase, 'makes progress', is translated many different ways in different Bibles.

The New Jerusalem Bible says 'spread quickly'. The Good News Bible and the New Revised Standard Version say 'spread rapidly'. The Carmelite translation says 'speed on and triumph'. It is urgent that we race on and get this message of Jesus out to everyone.

We are being told, 'Hurry up! Get going! Get the message of Jesus out there! Get everyone talking about Jesus! Don't waste any more time! This is important stuff! High priority!'

- What is the message of Jesus? How would you explain it to someone?
- Do you live your life with this urgency to get out the message of Jesus? Why or why not?
- What is the most pressing matter in your life right now? What is your most urgent need or issue? Where does the message of Jesus fit in with all this?

## Next Sunday Readings

13 November 2022

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus tried to reassure his disciples that although some bad things were about to happen, God's love and mercy would ultimately prevail. Draw Jesus as he speaks to his disciples.

