

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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Christ our Anchor

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## New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



Today's reading to the Corinthians begins with the first major issue that will dominate the first chapters and then recur later; the issue is unity in community. It seems that this was a deeply divided community with at least four different groups. Part of the problem for Paul is that the Corinthians do not seem to be bothered by this. This was not an issue they raised in their letter to Paul, instead a messenger, Chloe, arrived from Corinth to report on what was happening in the community. In this way Paul heard about the different factions.

There is a group, probably baptised by Paul claiming to be his followers. There was another group first taught by Apollos, a Christian teacher, who was probably formally educated in the wisdom of Greek philosophy. Then there was a group following the compromising position of Peter (Cephas) who wanted some of the dietary laws of Judaism to apply to the community, and possibly living and eating apart from the others in the community.

Paul asks the rhetorical question – Is Christ divided? Paul is so convinced that the community is the body of Christ in the world, that any divisions in the community imply divisions in Christ. For Paul such a division is impossible. To be Christian is to be in communion, to be the body of Christ.

This issue will continue to be discussed in the following weeks. Matthew's Gospel continually reminds readers that in Jesus

the Scriptures of Israel are being fulfilled. This theme of fulfilment was a way of reassuring Matthew's Jewish community that their new-found faith in Jesus brings their Jewish religious traditions to fulfilment.

In our journey of faith it is sometimes necessary to grow in our understanding of God's ways. The God we were familiar with no longer satisfies. The Church we once found comfort in no longer exists as we remember it. If you have ever experienced this then you can understand Matthew's community who are being asked to leave behind their Synagogue rituals and Jewish faith in order to follow Jesus. This type of change, especially in matters religious, is not easy. Matthew needs to encourage his community that God is faithful, even amidst the changes.

The Gospel tells a story of many changes. Jesus leaves his hometown behind to settle in a new village, Capernaum. Capernaum is a relatively large city on the Sea of Galilee. The main Roman road passed through this city and as it lay close to the border this was also a place where taxes were collected. It is close to the Northern regions that were part of the tribal lands of Zebulon and Naphtali. This region was more cosmopolitan than the southern regions around Jerusalem, and was far more Hellenised. This is why it is called Galilee of the Gentiles. Just as the Magi coming from the East hinted at a future ministry to non-Jews, so also, as Jesus' ministry begins, the reader is reminded that Jesus has come not only for the Jews but for all people.

Jesus then calls disciples to leave their livelihoods and follow in his footsteps. Fishing was a major food industry in first century Palestine. A person who owned a boat and fishing nets had a secure and profitable occupation. These first disciples were not simple peasants. And yet they left their past behind to follow while not really understanding their destination. This is faith!

May we be ready to recognise and follow when God invites us to leave past ways behind and follow Jesus in faith.

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	Sun 7.30am	Marilyn Lamplugh	Marilyn Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	Lina DaSilva	Lina DaSilva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Jean Pavey
	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Giselle Shankar
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		J Stanley, J Pearson & N Permadi	D & B Molony

Parish Calendar		
Jan Mon 23	8.00am	No Communion Service
Tue 24	8.00am	Mass (St Francis de Sales) Church
Wed 25	8.00am	Mass (The conversion of St Paul) Church
Thu 26	8.00am	Mass (Australia Day) Church
Fri 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 3 in Ordinary time) Church
Sat 28	8.00am	No Mass
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
Sun 29	7.30am	Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (4th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A) Church
	11.00am	<b>NO Chinese Mass</b>

## Schedule for January 2023

Please take note that in January 2023 Monday Communion service and Saturday 8.00am Morning Mass is cancelled due to Fr Patrick taking a break from the parish. They will resume again in February 2023



Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya.



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## Line Dancing Classes

### Recommencement TBA

Mondays and Wednesdays  
10am - 12noon \$6 per session  
All proceeds go to the Parish  
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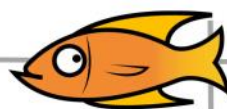
## Tai Chi Group

### Recommencement date TBA

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

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

The disciples were called by Jesus to bring people to God, just like fishermen catching fish in their nets. Fill the net with lots of fish!



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## First Reading

*Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1*

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 4:12-23*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Simon, Andrew, James and John drop their nets the second that Jesus shows up. They leave their fish and boats in the water and start a whole new life. Imagine Zebedee's thoughts as he watches his two sons walk off with someone he knows little about.

What would your parents say if you tried to do something like that?

How could you explain the importance of following Jesus to your parents if they had never heard of him or knew little about him?

These four fishermen did not miss the chance to answer Jesus' invitation.

'Strike while the iron is hot' and 'Opportunity knocks but once' are old sayings. Have you heard these sayings before? What do they really mean?

Have you ever chosen to take advantage of an opportunity right away, and it turned out to be a good decision? If so, when? What happened?

Have you ever chosen to take advantage of what you thought was a good opportunity, and it turned out to be a bad decision? If so, when? What happened?

How can you begin to tell the good opportunities from the bad ones?



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## Next Sunday Readings

29 January 2023 -

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

