

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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willingness to secure and defend the rights of those in need. The entire history of Israel is a series of events that demonstrate this. The extent of God's lovingkindness is compared to the vast expanse of the heavens. Out of covenant love, God puts our transgression so far from us that the distance cannot even be imagined.

Paul warns the Corinthians about overconfidence in their status as Christians. He draws connections between the fate of those Israelites who wandered in the wilderness and the Corinthians. The basis of his method is his belief that since Christ is the end (goal) of Israel's history, he is also there in its beginning. Immersed (baptised) in the waters of the Sea, the Israelites were joined to Moses. They were fed with bread from heaven and water from the rock, elements that had spiritual origin. However, these saving events were of no avail for most of them. This history was an example for the Corinthians. If they followed the example of the murmuring generation of Israel, they too would lose God's favour.

The gospel reports two violent incidents, the slaughter of some Galileans, and the collapse of a tower on innocent people. These two occurrences raised the question of culpability. People wondered what terrible things the victims might have done to deserve such dire consequences. Jesus insists that they were no more guilty of sin than anyone else. He tells a parable to demonstrate the mercy of God, who is willing to give us time to repent. The lessons that Jesus teaches are sobering. First, we never know what lies ahead for us, and so we must always be reconciled with God. Second, while God may be patient with our procrastination, this patience requires that we cooperate with the opportunities provided for our maturing in righteousness.

The story from Exodus can be divided into various parts: an account of the initial theophany (vv.1-3); a self-identification by God (vv. 4-8a); the disclosure of God's personal name (vv. 13-15). Throughout the narrative the lowliness and neediness of people are contrasted with the mysteriousness and grandeur of God. All this emphasises God's graciousness towards the people. Moses asks for God's name, not because he doubts, but because a new revelation of God requires a new name. God is doing something new (delivering an enslaved people), so old titles are inadequate. Giving the people the new name of God authenticates Moses' role as their leader and announces to them the mighty deeds God is about to perform on their behalf.

The responsorial psalm begins with a summons to bless the Lord. A person's name was considered an expression of that person's unique identity. There were times during Israel's history when, in their attempt to show great reverence for God, the people paid homage to God's name rather than directly to God (cf. Deut 12:11,21; 14:23f; 16:2,6,11). The reason for praising or thanking God is God's

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

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Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

Reflection for Young People

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The bush is on fire, but it is not burning anything. Moses is fascinated with that. Have you ever watched a campfire, a fireplace or a candle with fascination? Do you know anyone who has? What is so fascinating about flames? What is so fascinating about our God?

Moses is getting a second chance at greatness. He would actually rather stay where he is, with the flocks at Midian, but Yahweh has greater plans for him. Have you ever been given a second chance? Did you feel relieved? Did you feel burdened? What happened? Did you need a third chance?

Next Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

30 March 2025 - Year C

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Jesus told parables to help his followers understand his teachings more clearly. Can you draw pictures from three different parables?

ROSTER		Weekend of 22/23 March	Weekend 29/30 March
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St Pius X Church Masses		
Mar Mon 24	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 25	8.00am	Mass (The Annunciation of the Lord)
Wed 26	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Lent)
Thu 27	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Lent)
Fri 28	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Lent)
Sat 29	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Lent)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (4th week of Lent)
Sun 30	7.30am	Mass (4th Sunday of Lent)
	9.00am	Mass (4th Sunday of Lent)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (4th Sunday of Lent)

2025 Sacraments Schedules First Holy Communion

Commitment Mass

17 May 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Wednesday 28.5.25 at 5.30pm)

First Holy Communion Mass

22 June 2025 Sunday 9.00am

Sacrament of Confirmation

Commitment Mass

9 August 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Tuesday 26.8.25 at 5.30pm)

Confirmation Mass

14 September 2025 Sunday 9.00am

First Reconciliation

Commitment Mass

18 October 2025 Saturday 6.00pm
(Workshop Tuesday 14.10.25 at 5.30pm)

First Reconciliation

28 October 2025 Tuesday 5.00pm

**For further enquiries
please see Fr Anthony Vu**

RCIA Our process of Welcoming New Catholics



The present Group of 10 Enquirers is currently meeting each Sunday, supported by 8 Sponsors and facilitators. In February the Group met at Como Parish, this month of March the

Group meets in the South Perth Parish each Sunday beginning with the 9.30am Mass and continuing till 11.30. The following month of April we will meet in the Manning Parish. Then back at Holy Family, Como. The Group is supported by the 3 Parish Priests and Parish Communities.

Please continue to pray for these Catechumens and Candidates as they grow in their love for, and knowledge, of God and the Catholic Faith.

If you have any questions please speak to our Parish Priest.

St Pius X Primary School Manning



St Pius X School will be interviewing for positions for Kindy 2027. If you have a child that is due to commence in kindy at this time and would like to attend our school, please contact the school office asap.

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Presentation 2 Thursday 10 April 2025 Parish Hall 7:00pm



Through inspiring reflections, discover how Lent's call to repentance and renewal magnifies the Jubilee's message of hope, reconciliation, and spiritual freedom.

Please Join us as we walk as pilgrims of faith, allowing the refining journey of Lent to prepare our hearts for the abundant blessings of this sacred Jubilee season.

Please confirm your attendance to Presentation 2 on the Registration Form in the Church foyer.

Stations of the Cross



7:00pm each Friday during Lent

Beginning Friday 7 March and concluding Friday 11 April

Stations of the Cross will be held at 10:00am on Good Friday 18 April

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A special and heartfelt thanks to Father Anthony and all the St Pius X community for their expressions of sympathy and condolences on the death of my wife Anne. Your words were so very kind and much appreciated at this difficult time. Please keep Anne in your prayers.

Reg King

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