

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



He tells the Christians in Rome that they have been justified through the actions of others, not their own. Human righteousness is based on the righteousness that originates in God, a righteousness that gives and sustains life, security and well being. We have no right to this relationship with God. It has been won for us by the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul maintains that this divine love is the foundation of our hope. This love is poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us. The prodigality of God's graciousness is beyond comprehension. It is poured out like water, life-giving, enriching, overflowing. Anticipation of the Trinitarian theology here is unmistakable.

The reaction of the people in the wilderness to the lack of water laid bare their resistance to the leadership of Moses and the shallowness of their trust in God. After all that God had done, they still put God to the test. Just as God had delivered them from the bondage of Egypt through the leadership of Moses, so now, again through the actions of Moses, God gives them the water they demand. The miracle demonstrates that God is indeed in their midst. Why does God endure such thanklessness, rebellion and audacity? This is but another example of God's boundless and compassionate love for sinners.

The relationship between God and the people is characterised in the psalm response by means of several metaphors. God is the rock of their salvation, their creator and their shepherd. The images of rock and shepherd characterise God as protector. The psalmist issues a serious plea to be open to the voice of God. This is followed by an appeal by God for a response that is different than the spirit of rebellion that governed their ancestors while they were in the wilderness. God desires hearts that are open, not hardened by selfishness or a lack of faith. 'Today' the descendants of those rebellious wanderers are called upon to respond with open faith and willing obedience.

Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for water when in fact he intends to give water. He is not talking about the water that could be drawn from the well. However, his real meaning was not immediately evident, and her misunderstanding is the opening for Jesus' instruction. His knowledge of her marital situation prompts her to call him a prophet and to engage him in a discussion about the proper place to worship God. Once again Jesus moves the conversation away from what is merely perceptible to the level of deep spiritual meaning. He declares that when the eschatological hour arrives, all religious observance will be superseded by worship that is animated by the Spirit. Ultimately it is through this woman that the word of salvation takes root in the hearts of the despised and marginalised and grows into a great harvest.



Morning Tea

Due to the Hall renovation we have suspended our morning Tea on the First Sunday of the Month but it will resume in April after the 9.00 am mass

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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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Saturdays at 10.30am

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Edith Handojo	Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	Jessie Lonergan	Jessie Lonergan
	Sun 9.00am	Lina Da Silva	Lina Da Silva
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Krystyna Henderson
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Br Rod Ellyard	John Collins
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		M Prentice, Hellen & Francis Tay	Janine Stanley, Julie Pearson, Nancy Permadi

Parish Calendar		
Mar Mon 13	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 14	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Lent) Church
Wed 15	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Lent) Church
Thu 16	8.00am	Mass (3rd week of Lent) Church
Fri 17	8.00am	Mass (St Patrick) Church
Sat 18	8.00am	No Mass (Suspended temporarily)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (4th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
Sun 12	7.30am	Mass (4th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (4th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (4th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent



2023 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

Confirmation

6.00pm Saturday, 27 May 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 29 April 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
10 May 2023**

First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 11 June 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 6 May 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
25 May 2023**

First Reconciliation

10.30am-12.30pm

Saturday, 28 October 2023

Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm
12 October 2023**



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Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
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Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
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Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday.

Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

John 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

The woman at the well did not ask Jesus for a favour. Jesus asked her for a favour. She had the bucket. He wanted a drink. She has had five husbands and is living with a sixth man. She is a Samaritan and a woman – both characteristics a Jewish man was raised to look down on. Yet, she dares to question and argue with Jesus. As rugged as she is, she recognises what is special in Jesus and she wants that living water he is talking about. She is so convinced he is the Messiah that she leaves her bucket behind as she runs off to tell others the good news. She won Jesus so many followers that he stayed with them for two days. She is a weed, a flower and a rebel, all rolled into one.

Do you know anyone like the Samaritan woman – someone who seems so unholy and so holy at the same time? someone hard to figure out? Do you feel like that sometimes? Why or why not?

Jesus came to turn weeds into flowers, and wallflowers into movers and shakers. Share about a time you were most flower-like, a time you were most weed-like, or a time you were most rebel-like.

Next Sunday Readings

19 March 2023

4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



Manning Parish Youth

Quest Youth Ministry

Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord. The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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