

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

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The Lenten theme of repentance (metanoia) is the central teaching of today's Gospel. As Jesus moves towards Jerusalem, he speaks with a sense of great urgency to the crowds who come to him. Time is short. Jesus gives the crowd two very graphic images of disasters: the first is of Pilate slaughtering some Galileans while they were offering their sacrifices, and the second is a tower near the pool of Siloam that suddenly collapsed. Jesus' message to the crowd is, 'Don't think this couldn't happen to you.' There was a tendency to see the hand of God behind such sudden, apparently haphazard disasters, and so to think that those caught up in these events were being punished for sin. In this way some could be thinking, 'This couldn't happen to me. They deserved it.' Jesus warns against such complacency. The parable of the fig tree reiterates this teaching. Time is running out. Today is the moment of choice.

The 'time is short' message is not meant to frighten us with thoughts of death, but to urge us to live authentically. Live fully. Live each moment purposefully. Are we people who choose life, or does life just happen to us?

Jesus often taught using parables, such as the one in today's Gospel. The point of a parable is that some comparison is being made between the image in the story and the life of Jesus' listeners. Paul also uses

comparisons as a teaching technique. Today, speaking to the community at Corinth he reminds them of the experience of the Israelites in the Exodus. They passed through the waters of the Sea, they were guided by the pillar of cloud; they were fed by the manna – and yet, in spite of all these signs of God's lavish care, they all died; so be warned.

Now that these Corinthians have turned to Christ and been baptised into him, then they should remain firm in their commitment. Remember that this is probably a small group of believers who are now breaking ties with family and friends in becoming a follower of Jesus. No longer can they join in the normal civic and religious celebrations of the city since this would mean going into a Greek Temple and participating in a meal of communion with the Greek deity. This was the pattern of life they had been used to. It was religious, cultural and civic. Now, being a disciple of Jesus means a total change that means they will stand out from their neighbours. This will be difficult, hence Paul's effort to challenge and warn them.

Like the people in Jesus' time, and the Corinthians, living Christian faith does make demands that go beyond an hour on Sunday. In all the choices we make, about what we buy, how we live and how we vote, we are to be guided by Gospel principles of 'love of God and neighbour.' Are we living a rigorous Christianity that stands for principles of social justice, respect for all, tolerance towards others with a special regard for those most vulnerable in our society? What are our values really? How much do Gospel values impinge on the choices we make. These questions may help depth our Lenten time of metanoia.

Lent is a metanoia time giving us a chance to have a change of heart and to live from the choices of our hearts. We are at the half-way point of the Lenten journey. This week take some time to reflect on your choices and the direction in which you want your life to go. Choose while the choice is still possible. Time's running out.

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Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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ROSTER		Weekend 19/20 March	Weekend of 26/27 March
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Antonia Chandra	Corrie Barnes
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Sharon & Ryan Moore	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi

Parish Calendar		
Mar Mon 21	8.00am	Communion Service (Third week of Lent) Church
Tue 22	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Lent) Church
Wed 23	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Lent) Church
Thu 24	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Lent) Church
Fri 25	8.00am	Mass (Annunciation of the Lord) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 26	8.00am	Mass (Third week of Lent) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C) Church
Sun 27	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C) Church

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent


Divine Mercy Hour
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.
Please join us This Sunday at 3.00pm.



Quest Youth Fundraising

On the 6th of March 2022, our QUEST Youth group at Manning Parish ran a car wash fundraiser. The teens and youth leaders worked from 7:30am to 1pm, pressure washing, cleaning, and polishing the cars belonging to our parishioners. We are very happy to announce that we earned almost \$1400 from this event! The profits made from this event will go towards future youth group events, as well as World Youth Day in 2023. This wouldn't have been possible without help from the parishioners, friends, family and especially Father Patrick. We are so happy to be able to better integrate into the community at Manning Parish and hope to run more events like this in the future!

Youth Leaders



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



Third Sunday of Lent 19 & 20 March



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economics which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.Caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.



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

27 March 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

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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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. The gardener said he would try hard for one more year to help it grow. God wants us to try hard so that we too can grow, and 'bear fruit'. What are four things you can do during Lent that help you be a better Christian and bring you closer to Jesus?

