

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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greatest miracles were for foreigners, the outsiders.

In 1 Kings 17, Elijah heals the son of a Canaanite woman, living in Sidon, and in 2 Kings 5, Elisha is able to heal Naaman, the commander of the army of Syria. Here again we see Luke's interest in showing Jesus as one for those outside Israel – remember Luke's community is probably made up of non-Jews.

If Jesus preached this message in our churches today what response would he receive? Who would listen and welcome his startling words? Who would be scandalised?

From the list of gifts in chapter 12 where the gift of tongues is last, it seems this was an exaggerated gift and greatly prized in the community since it was so visible and unusual. For Paul the gift of tongues is just like a gong or cymbal in an orchestra – it has a place, but on its own, it is very minor.

The use of nothing is important – without love I am no-thing, I have no existence – I have no life in Christ so no existence as God wants. You live in Christ in love, or you have no real existence.

Even generosity and sacrifice counts for nothing if it is not done with love.

Paul then describes the attitude of love: love is patient, kind, not jealous, not boastful, not arrogant or rude ... Love lies in the attitude and not necessarily in the behaviour. I can act for all sorts of motives – to be seen, to be thought well of, to feel good, this is not love.

The list Paul gives relates to this community – from their rejoicing in wrongdoing of incest in chapter 5 (5:1-8); to their lack of patience and kindness to the weak in the issue of meat offered to idols in chapters 8-10.

The final verses return to the gifts mentioned in verses 1-3 (tongues, prophecy, knowledge) and the community is encouraged to move from childishness (see 3:1) to more mature Christian living.

Last Sunday's Gospel saw Jesus announce his goal in the Synagogue of Nazareth; today we see the reactions to his words. Jesus' message was, 'God keeps Jubilee. You are all welcomed home by a God who loves you.' Some are touched by this proclamation of a most gracious God but others, not surprisingly, are enraged. Judaism had a long tradition of law which spelled out quite clearly who was a righteous person, and who was a sinner, who was a person loved by God and who would God turn away from. The categories were clear. Good people tried to live out the Law and so feel themselves worthy to be loved by God. Sinners knew themselves as worthless and outcasts. Jesus' proclamation cut through these presumptions. He announced a God who broke the rules set by Judaism. 'All are welcome; righteous and sinner alike. You are welcome not because you've made yourself worthy, not because you're better than others; you are welcome because God loves you – all of you.'

Jesus' words shocked and scandalised the good, religious people of his time. The God he was describing simply did not fit within their religious categories and so they mocked him, 'This is Joseph's son, what right does he have to speak like this?' Jesus' only defence is to point to the history of how his people treated other prophets. The prophet's hardest audience is his own people. Elijah and Elisha's

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Mary Overton
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Corrie Barnes	Tony Pitchford
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Pat & Colleen Lowry	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan

Parish Calendar		
Jan Mon 31	8.00am	Communion Service (St John Bosco) Church
Feb Tue 1	8.00am	Mass (4th Week in Ordinary Time Year C) Church
Wed 2	8.00am	Mass (The Presentation of the Lord) Church
Thu 3	8.00am	Mass (4th Week in Ordinary Time Year C) Church
Fri 4	8.00am	Mass (4th Week in Ordinary Time Year C) Church
Sat 5	8.00am	Mass (St Agatha) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
Sun 6	7.30am	Sunday Mass (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church



Blessing and Opening

Archbishop Tim Costelloe will be coming to Bless and open St Pius X Columbarium on 6 February 2022 at about 10.15am before he celebrates a mass to celebrate the Chinese Luna New Year, Year of the Tiger, with the Perth Chinese Catholic Community.

You are invited to join in the blessing and opening of the Columbarium followed by morning tea. (Please bring a plate)

The Columbarium Committee thanks those who have supported the Project by reserving and contributing financially towards it.

Phil Webster,
Chairperson of the Committee

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Line Dancing Classes

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

Tai Chi Classes will recommence on Monday 7th February 2022.
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224

When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.

Thy _____ come, thy _____ be _____.

A good _____ cannot produce bad _____.

I am the _____ of life, he who _____ to _____ shall not _____.

Blessed are the meek, _____

inherit the _____.

I am the light _____.



First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 70:1-6. 15. 17

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother’s womb you have been my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’ But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’ And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.’

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Love empowered Jeremiah. Lack of love stopped Jesus in his tracks.

When has love empowered you to do something you didn’t think you could do? When did a lack of love and support stop you in your tracks?

St Paul was writing about love. His words in First Corinthians are almost poetic. What modern song do you think captures the essence of what love is all about? How so?

Next Sunday Readings

6 February 2022

5th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Morning Tea Roster for 2022

We are in the process of preparing a roster for 2022 and are in need of volunteers to host the Morning Tea.

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Thank you, Social Committee

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