

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

11<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Christ our Anchor

# Manning Parish

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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The first reading depicts the animosity that arose between the apostles and certain segments within the Jewish community, an animosity that precipitated the radical change in Paul's ministry from the Jewish community to the Gentiles. It is important to interpret this passage carefully, lest we allow it to nurture any anti-Judaic sentiments that are more in the minds and hearts of the readers than in the biblical passage itself.

There is an unusual paradox in this account. Paul and Barnabas seem to fail in their preaching to the Jews of the diaspora precisely because they had been so successful elsewhere. Their success engendered envy in the hearts of some, who then questioned the content of their preaching.

The responsorial psalm comes from a hymn of praise that calls Israel to worship God. The psalm uses two major characterisations of God: creator and shepherd. The first image highlights the sovereignty of God over all; the second depicts God's tender provident care for those who follow. The response concludes

with a description of God that consists of attributes associated with the covenant: goodness, lovingkindness and faithfulness. It is only right that we praise a God who is characterised as creator and shepherd and described as good, kind and faithful.

This scene in the second reading calls to mind the promise God made to Abraham, that he would be the father of a multitude too numerous to count, like the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore (cf. Gen 22:17). The multitude in John's vision is international in character, fulfilling another promise made to Abraham, that he would be the father of a host of nations (cf. Gen 17:4). To be washed in the blood of the Lamb is a reference to Christ's redemptive sacrifice, the blood of which atoned for the sins of all. It might also mean that the people who stand around the throne have paid the ultimate price for their commitment to Christ, shedding their blood as he shed his.

The characterisation of Jesus as the Good Shepherd points to the relationship Jesus has with those who follow him, as well as the relationship he has with God. The image of Jesus as shepherd implies intimate knowledge on the part of both Jesus and his followers and unquestioning trust on the part of the followers. Jesus promises that he will give eternal life to his sheep, and that he will not allow anyone to take them away from him. He can promise eternal life, because he has power over death. Jesus consistently calls God Father, the Trinitarian designation that signifies distinction in divine union. It is clear that all that Jesus says and does is the actual embodiment of God's will and not just behaviour that is in conformity with it. The shepherd who cares for the sheep is indeed one with God.

### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm.

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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

*Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3*

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading

*Revelation 7:9, 14-17*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 10:27-30*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

## Reflection for Young People

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

What are some of the sufferings you have seen or experienced in your life that have brought you to tears? How are things you cry about today different from the things you cried about as a child?

God promises to end all our suffering and wipe away all our tears. How does that promise help a person who is homeless, with no job, no family, no food, and no hope? How does our Christian community respond to such a person? Are we doing enough? Why or why not?

## Next Sunday Readings

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**18 May 2025 - Year C**

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading: Revelations 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

## Rosary in the month of May

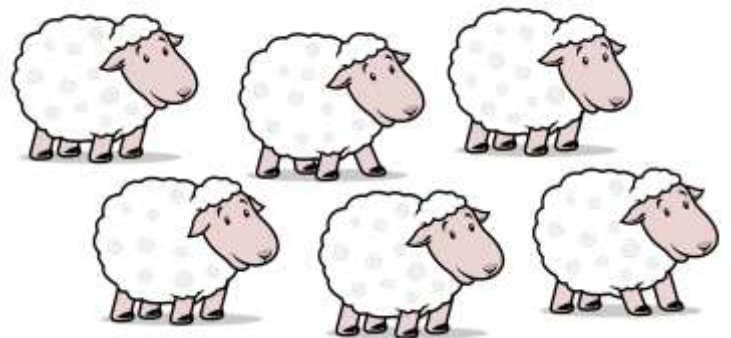
Traditionally the month of May is dedicated to Mother Mary.

Please join us at 7.00pm in church every Friday during May for the recitation of the rosary to pray for peace in the world.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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ROSTER		Weekend of 10/11 May	Weekend 17/18 May
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Krystyna Henderson
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	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Hugh White
	Sun 9.00am	Antonia Chandra	Shirley Whitfield
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	Sun 7.30am	Marie Chaperon	Cathy Ierace
	Sun 9.00am	Hellen Tay	Mary Fernandes
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### St Pius X Church Masses

May Mon 12	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 13	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Easter)
Wed 14	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Easter)
Thu 15	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Easter)
Fri 16	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Easter)
Sat 17	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Easter)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (5th Sunday of Easter)
Sun 18	7.30am	Mass (5th Sunday of Easter)
	9.00am	Mass (5th Sunday of Easter)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (5th Sunday of Easter)

### 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**



### Line Dancing Classes

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### Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
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For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

*We wish all Mothers and Grandmothers a very happy and Blessed Mothers Day*



### Manning Parish Pilgrimage Wednesday 28 May 2025

As part of this Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope," a pilgrimage to St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle is being organised for Wednesday 28 May. The bus will depart from the Parish carpark at 10:15am.

Once at the Basilica there will be Adoration and Rosary from 11:00am until 12 noon with the possibility of Confession. This will be followed by Mass and Jubilee Prayers from 12:00pm to 12:30pm.

Lunch will be at Cicerello's or Kailis at your own expense. You may bring your own lunch.

The bus will be back at Manning Parish by 3:00pm.

Please register your interest by 12 May by writing your name on the form provided in the Church foyer.



### Senior Luncheon

#### Seniors Lunch

**15 May 2025, 12 Noon - 2.00pm**

Our Seniors Lunch will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 15 May 2025.

If you wish to attend, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer of the Church.

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