

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

30th March 2025



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



Without going into detail, the psalmist confesses having been in distress, having turned to the Lord and been rescued. This is the reason for gratitude, and why the psalmist glorifies God and bids others to do the same.

Paul shows God reconciling sinners to God's own self through the death of the innocent Christ. His primary focus is the contrast between this age – the age of sin and alienation from God, and the age to come – the age of fulfilment and union with God. Those transformed in Christ are already living in the new age. To describe their transformation, Paul speaks of a new creation (cf. Isa. 65:17, 66:22; Jer 31:31; Ezek 36:26); of former things giving way to new things (cf. Isa 43:18-19). Reconciliation is the heart of this message, a reconciliation that puts an end to any enmity with God. The new things of which Paul speaks are the reconciling action of God and the message of reconciliation that Paul is to preach.

Two groups are singled out in the gospel, tax-collectors and sinners. Tax-collectors were hated because they worked for the despised Roman occupiers and exacted their wages from their compatriots. People whose occupations prevented them from regular observance of the Law were considered sinners. These were the people who came to hear Jesus. The Pharisees and scribes, who dealt with the Law, criticised Jesus for the company he kept. The parable has a double focus. While it is clearly about the mercy God shows repentant sinners (the younger brother), it also contrasts God's openness with the closed-mindedness of those who consider themselves faithful (the older brother). The picture of the father shatters the traditional patriarchal image and offers us a radically different picture of fatherhood, a picture that was totally incomprehensible to both sons.

The passage from Joshua provides modest sketches of two significant transitions through which Israel passed. The first was social. The people were transported into a land where they could worship their own God freely and openly. The reproach of Egypt had been removed. The second transition was their passage from total dependence for their nourishment on bread from heaven (manna) to a dependence on the bread from the earth. This was a new period in their history. The promise of a land flowing with milk and honey has been fulfilled. This account probably grew out of a liturgical celebration of Passover/Unleavened Bread, a celebration that included some form of historical recital.

The psalm is less a prayer than an instruction. Its teaching is the conventional understanding of retribution: the righteous will be blessed and the wicked punished. The psalmist thanks God for having been delivered from distress and invites others to join in praising God. The attitude of the psalmist develops into a pedagogical technique. By confessing the goodness of God, the psalmist is teaching others to act in the same way.

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SCHEDULES

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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

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Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

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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

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Reflection for Young People

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Which one are you most like, the 'good' sibling who does the right thing and sits in judgment of the 'bad' sibling? Or the 'bad' sibling who does the wrong thing and comes home to partying and presents and a jealous 'good' sibling? Why?

Have you ever been surprised by someone's willingness to forgive you? Have you ever felt the simple, patient compassion of a parent like the one in this story? What happened? What is your relationship like with that parent now?

Next Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

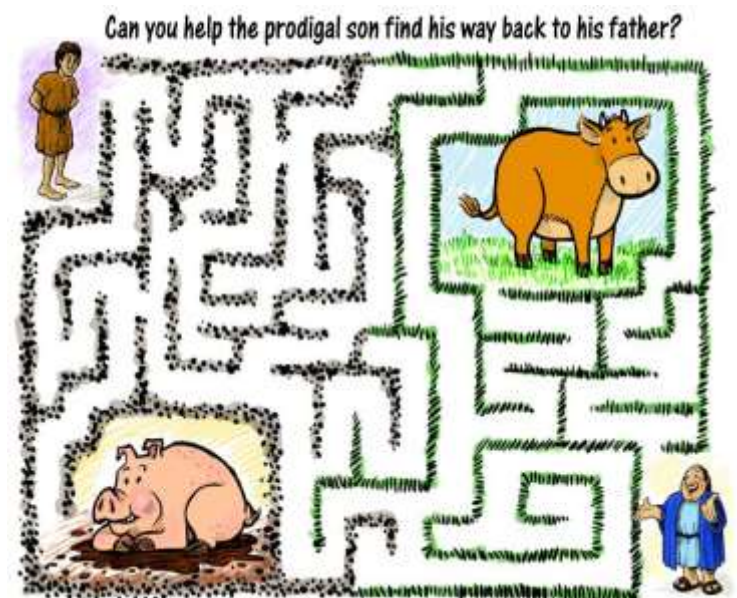
6th April 2025 - Year C

First Reading: Isaac 43:16-21

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

CHILDREN'S CORNER



ROSTER		Weekend of 29/30 March	Weekend of 5/6 April
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Edith Handojo	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Norma Fernandes
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Barbara Thompson	Adolph de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Hugh White
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Corrie Barnes
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	Sun 7.30am	Marie Chaperon	Marie Chaperon
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St Pius X Church Masses		
Mar Mon 31	8.00am	Communion Service
Apr Tue 1	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent)
	Wed 2	8.00am
Thu 3	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent)
Fri 4	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent)
Sat 5	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (5th week of Lent)
Sun 6	7.30am	Mass (5th Sunday of Lent)
	9.00am	Mass (5th Sunday of Lent)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (5th 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**

Morning Tea



Our host for morning tea in April is Mitchell Cota.

Please join us next Sunday 6 April after the 9.00 am Mass.

All are welcome

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.

Margaret Tatasciore, Admin Officer
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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.

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7:00pm each Friday during Lent

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