

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

### Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A

19<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The move from darkness to light is the principal metaphor used by the author to describe the radical change that has taken place in the lives of the Christians as a result of their commitment to Christ. The three qualities that are produced by the light – goodness, righteousness, truth – are merely symbolic of the complete transformation of character that this light can effect. The passage ends three phrases closely associated with Christian initiation that describe the transition from inertia or restriction to vibrancy. From sleep to wakefulness; from death to new life; from darkness to illumination. Christians have entered into a new state of being, which will require of them a new way of living.

The search for the new king and the choice and anointing of David open a new chapter in the story of the Israel. Each step of the way is determined by God, making the history of Israel a history of salvation. David was considered too young or unimportant to be considered. Yet he is the one selected. Once again, God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the strong. David's anointing was a solemn action that ceremonially sealed God's election. Following the ritual, the spirit of the Lord, the principle of dynamic divine action, rushed upon David. God's saving power would be brought to the community through the agency of this particular individual.

This responsorial psalm is one of the most familiar and best loved psalms of the entire psalter. It paints vivid pictures of a carefree existence, peaceful rest and abundant fruitfulness. Although 'shepherd' suggests a flock rather than merely one sheep, here the focus is on the individual. To characterise the Lord as a shepherd is to trust that God will lead, guard and protect the flock. In addition to this image, God is characterised as a host, who supervises a banquet and within whose house the psalmist ultimately dwells. This banquet is a public witness to God's high regard for the psalmist, who will continue to enjoy God's favour in God's house.

The healing of the blind man is not a restoration, for the man was born blind. By means of the water that washed away his blindness, he is made a new creation. He progresses from knowing the name of the one who cured him, to professing that Jesus is a prophet, to proclaiming that he comes from God. The struggle between darkness and light, between blindness and sight runs throughout this account. Jesus is the light of the world. The man, who is gradually brought from physical blindness to sight, also progressively moves from spiritual blindness to religious insight. The Pharisees were blind to the truth that the newly cured man saw so clearly. The one who was blind sees, and those who can see are blind.



### 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

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

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### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm  
Or anytime by appointment

### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
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)

### Sacrament of Baptism

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	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Antonia Chandra
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Janine Stanley, Julie Pearson, Nancy Permadi	D & B Molony

Parish Calendar		
Mar Mon 20	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 21	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent) Church
Wed 22	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent) Church
Thu 23	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent) Church
Fri 24	8.00am	Mass (4th week of Lent) Church
Sat 25	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (5th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
Sun 26	7.30am	Mass (5th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (5th Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (5th 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](http://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**



### Line Dancing Classes

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### Tai Chi Group

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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 this Sunday at 3.00pm.

## First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

## Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Stevie Wonder, the famous singer and musician who is blind, once remarked that just because a man lacks the use of his eyes doesn't mean he lacks vision. What do you think he meant? What do you think we need to learn from him?

Jesus cured a man born blind. That man had more 'vision' than the Pharisees, who could see. What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us about spiritual and physical blindness?

What is the most incredible thing you have ever seen: a lunar eclipse? a rainbow? a shooting star? a peacock showing off its feathers? a butterfly on a flower? fireworks? How could you describe this incredible sight to a person who is blind?

What do you think would be the most difficult part of being blind? If you are blind, talk about what the most difficult part is for you.

## St Pius X Manning School Fete

Sunday 2 April 2023  
10am- 3pm

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## Next Sunday Readings

26 March 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year A

First Reading: Ezekial 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

## Manning Parish Youth

Quest Youth Ministry

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