

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B

10<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



## God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son

unseemly to pray to the holy God of Israel in such a profane place. Nonetheless, Jerusalem is not forgotten. Loyalty to it is shown in silence and remembering.

The second reading characterises God as one who is rich in mercy; has great love for us; has brought us to life, raised us up, and seated us with Christ in glory. This portrait of God is followed by a glimpse into the meaning of our salvation. Unable to save ourselves, we receive salvation as a pure gift from God. This theme is really the heart of Paul's theology. Salvation is a grace that we receive 'in Christ' and because of Christ. Grace and faith are essential components of salvation; God bestows the grace and we accept it in faith. Good works are important, but only as a result of having been saved, not as a condition for it.

Those were saved who looked upon the bronze serpent that Moses raised up in the wilderness (Num 21:8-9). In like manner, life eternal comes to those who believe in Jesus, one raised up in both ignominy and exaltation. 'Son of Man (Humanity)' refers to a symbolic figure who will inaugurate the last days (cf. Dan 7:13-14). God's love for the world is so deep and magnanimous that nothing is spared for its salvation, not even God's only Son. Those who believe are saved; those who do not believe call down judgment upon themselves. Light expresses the same idea. Christ is the true light, and those who accept him live in that light; those who do not believe are in darkness.

The first reading describes how, despite the sinfulness of the people, God was moved to compassion. The people's callous contempt for prophetic warnings unleashed the avenging anger of God on them. God's fiery wrath purified what had been desecrated through their wickedness. The reading ends on a note of hope. A foreign king, who seems to have known the salvific role that he was playing on the international stage, is inspired by the God of Israel to release the people. The final words of the reading, of the entire biblical book, and of the Jewish canon (this is the last book) exhort them to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. The political implications of this directive continue to be profound.

The psalm describes inconsolable despondency, fierce resentment, and heartfelt commitment. The background of these sentiments is clearly identified; the people had been snatched from their beloved Zion and were held captive in Babylon. To compound the despair that engulfed them as a consequence of this disaster, they were taunted by their captors: Sing for us. They cannot sing their religious songs, because it would be incongruous to extol God's mighty deeds while the nation sat in defeat. Furthermore, since Babylon was considered an unclean land, it was

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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  
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11am Chinese Mass

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ROSTER		Weekend 9/10 March	Weekend of 16/17 March
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Edith Handojo	Edith Handojo
	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer if needed	Volunteer if needed
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Adolph de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Michelle Cota
	Sun 9.00am	Rosa De Nobrega	John Collins
<b>Counters</b>		H & F Tay	Terry & Meagan Scanlan

St Pius X Church Masses		
Mar Tue 12	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
Wed 13	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
Thu 14	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
Fri 15	8.00am	Mass (Fourth week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 16	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
Sun 17	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B) Church



### Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays  
10am - 12noon \$6 per session  
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### 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 or Stephen on 0403 167 838



## Fourth Sunday of Lent



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.

Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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## 2024 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**  
5.00pm Friday, 17 May 2024  
**Commitment Mass - To be notified**  
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm  
Tuesday 30 April 2024

**First Holy Communion**  
9am Sunday, 25 August 2024  
**Commitment Mass - To be notified**  
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm  
Tuesday 6 August 2024

**First Reconciliation**  
5.00pm Saturday  
22 October 2024  
**Commitment Mass - To be notified**  
Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm  
Tuesday 8 October 2024

## Seniors Lunch

### Thursday 21 March

The first Parish Seniors Lunch for this year will be held on Thursday 21 March from 12 noon to 2 pm

If you wish to attend, please enter your name and details required on the form placed in the foyer of the Church

This lunch will be a special one to thank Fr Pat for his support and contribution in all of the lunches, and for the constant care and concern he has shown for the seniors of our Manning Parish

## Divine Mercy Sunday

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

**Please join us next Sunday**

## First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! (R.)

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

### Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Being God's handiwork means God took great pride and care in creating us. What are some of your gifts and talents – characteristics that God takes great pride in? Do you feel awkward when you are asked to list your gifts and talents? Why or why not?

We were created in Christ to do good works. What are some good works you have already participated in? What are some needs in your school, in your family, in your neighbourhood, in your country and in your world? What is one good work you can focus on doing in the near future?

God created a path for us beforehand, so that we might walk on it. Do you think God created a very specific path for each individual? Or do you think God created a very general path of goodness so that each individual might find his or her own way to walk? Explain your answer.

### Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 16/17 March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-30

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Write a prayer about how you would like God to help you.

Dear Lord,




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Amen.