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St Pius X Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

3 April 2022



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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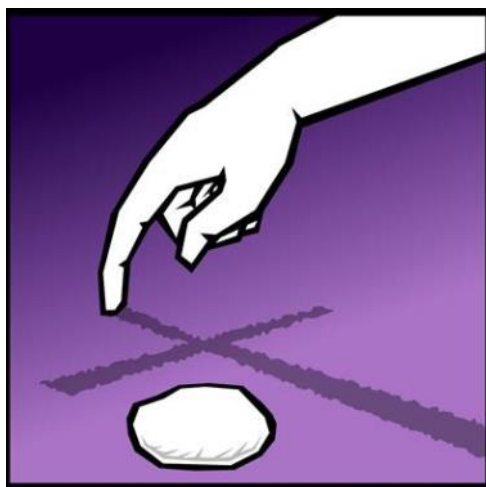
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### New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



The episode of the woman taken in adultery is clearly an important story in the life of the early Christian communities. Scholars are not sure exactly where this episode belongs since some very early manuscripts place this episode in Luke's Gospel, and others place it at some point in John's Gospel. The variations testify to an uncertainty about where the episode belongs, but they also testify that the story is so significant that it must appear within the Gospel tradition.

There is hypocrisy in the actions of the scribes and Pharisees. These were the scholars of the Jewish Law, perhaps the equivalent of today's lawyers. Firstly, they only bring along one of the guilty parties, the woman, while the male partner is free from public condemnation. Secondly, their concern is not really with this woman. She is a pawn in their real purpose, which is to find something against Jesus. In this, they have no real respect for the Law they claim to uphold. And finally, as Jesus points out, they too are sinners.

Why might this story be so important for the early Christian communities, so that even though there is uncertainty about its location there can be no doubt about its inclusion within the good news Jesus offers? Perhaps John's or Luke's community needed to be reminded that for all our Christian ideals and desires, we are all frail followers of Jesus, but sin is no barrier to discipleship. The only barrier is the despair that comes from self-condemnation and a failure to trust in God who refuses to condemn. Jesus does not condemn the woman even as he encourages going and striving to live without sin. As the journey of Lent moves to its end, let us place our confidence in the loving mercy of God.

The reading from Paul to the community at Philippi comes straight from the depths of his heart and is one of the richest expressions of Christian spirituality: 'All I want is to know Christ'; everything else is so much rubbish.

Sometimes our efforts to be a disciple of Jesus can lead us astray. We can put our focus on pious practices, or the efforts we make, when all that is required is to keep our focus on Jesus and what God has already done for us. Paul has grasped this insight, as have the great spiritual leaders within our tradition. For Paul, knowing Jesus means living a life that conforms to the pattern of Jesus' life – it will involve times of suffering as well as peace. For Paul, such times provide a means of identifying with Jesus, knowing that this will also mean identifying with Jesus in his resurrection. This reading invites us into prayerful surrender of our lives with and in Jesus. This might be a good week to review how Lent has been for you, and a chance to recommit yourself to more deliberately continue in these final weeks.

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### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

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### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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Monday 8.00am Communion Service

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**Weekend 2/3 April**

**Weekend of 9/10 April**

<b>Readers</b>	Sat 6.00pm	Barbara Thompson	Carmen de Sousa
	Sun 7.30am	Deb Hegarty	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Shirley Whitfield
<b>Counters</b>		Colleen & Pat Lowry	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan

**Parish Calendar**

Apr Mon 4	8.00am	Communion Service (Fifth week of Lent) Church
Tue 5	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
Wed 6	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
Thu 7	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
Fri 8	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 9	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Palm Sunday Year C) Church
Sun 10	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Palm Sunday Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Palm Sunday Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Palm Sunday Year C) Church

**Stations of the Cross**  
Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent



**2022 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**

**6.30pm Friday, 10 June 2022**  
Commitment Mass 6pm 30 April 2022

**First Holy Communion**

**9am Sunday, 11 September 2022**  
Commitment Mass 6pm 30 July 2022

**First Reconciliation**

**10.30am-12pm**  
**Saturday, 29 October 2022**  
Commitment Mass 6pm 15 Oct 2022

**Tai Chi Group**

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**2 & 3 April**

Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities - and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

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## First Reading

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 125. R. v.3*

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

## Second Reading

*Philippians 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 2:12-13*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel

*John 8:1-11*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by

stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Have you ever been caught doing something you knew was wrong? What happened?

Have you ever done something with a friend of yours, and your friend got away with it, but you didn't? How did you feel? Did you want your friend to get into trouble as well? Or were you thankful that at least both of you didn't get caught?

What sins, mistakes, or faults from the past would you like to forget? What stops you from letting go of them and moving on? What new ways or new habits would you like to be yours from now on?

Jesus stopped a mob of men from stoning a woman to death. They could easily have turned on him, but they did not. Why do mobs want to commit acts of violence? Why do you think violence has become such a major part of the entertainment business, such as movies, video games, and so forth? What is fun about violence?

## Next Sunday Readings

10 April 2022

**Palm Sunday - Year C**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

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