

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4th February 2024



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up

Crushed by the torment of his own situation, Job bemoans the harshness of life itself. It is like hard military service, which makes terrible demands on an individual and jeopardises one's very life. It is also like the quandary of a hireling, who is always beholden to another. Finally, it is likened to the predicament of a slave who has nothing to say about anything and is totally dependent upon the slaveholder. Job is also troubled by the transitoriness and ephemeral nature of life. The whole tenor of his complaint suggests that Job believes that he is being treated in a way that ill befits him. Still his complaint is an act of confidence that God will intervene.

The psalm calls for praise of the Lord, because of God's goodness. God gathers the dispersed people and rebuilds Jerusalem. God also comforts them in their suffering, caring for them with tenderness. And God shows this goodness to sinful people. Many people believe that their destiny is determined by the positions of the heavenly bodies. By stating that God is the one who numbers the stars and names them, the psalmist is making a claim of God's creative power over these heavenly bodies. God's power, wisdom and justice are praised. This is evident in God's justice as meted out to the guilty and in God's tender care given to those who suffer.

Paul was not called to preach because of his righteousness or his great proficiency in forms of rhetoric. He was called because God so ordained it. It's clear that Paul's vocation was determined by God, for he had been summoned while he was persecuting the infant Church. The issue was not if Paul preached, but how he preached. He did so with enthusiasm because it was his destiny; it would be woe to him if he did not preach. He was entrusted with the responsibility of stewardship over the most precious treasures of God's household, the people for whom God's word was intended. He preached at no cost, for then he was beholden to no one and was able to preach the Gospel without being concerned about offending his audience.

In curing Simon's ailing mother-in-law, Jesus exempts himself from certain Sabbath regulations. While the story suggests that 'waited on them' (diakonéo) signifies traditional woman's domestic work, it usually connotes ministry or service within the community. Jesus realises that the crowds follow him because they want miracles, while he wants them to hear his gospel. These two works are actually very closely connected. The exorcisms were really confrontations between the power of God in Jesus and the power of evil, and they acted as external proof of the authority of Jesus and of the trustworthiness of the gospel he preached. Therefore, it is appropriate to condense the works of Jesus as healings and preaching.

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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)

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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Sandra McLlheney
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Mary Overton
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Corrie Barnes	Tony Pitchford
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi

St Pius X Church Masses		
Feb Tue 6	8.00am	Mass (St Paul Miki & Companions) Church
Wed 7	8.00am	Mass (Week 5 in Ordinary time 2) Church
Thu 8	8.00am	Mass (Week 5 in Ordinary time 2) Church
Fri 9	8.00am	Mass (Week 5 in Ordinary time 2) Church
Sat 10	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sun 11	7.30am	Sunday Mass (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Mass (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church



**Chinese Lunar New Year
Year of the Dragon**

The Archbishop will celebrate Mass with the Chinese Community next Sunday at the 11.00am Mass



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
All proceeds go to the Parish
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits



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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14 February 2024

Masses
8.00am & 7.00pm (Parish Mass)

9.00am School Mass
(All are welcome)



**Catholic Young Adults Ball 2024
Garden of Eden**

We are thrilled to announce the Catholic Young Adults Ball of 2024. Kick off the new year by joining heaps of Catholic young adults for an incredible evening of dining, dancing, and socialising!
This event is for young adults, ages 18-30

Saturday, 17th February 2024
6:30 pm to 11:30 pm / \$120 per person
Pagoda Resort and Spa
112 Melville Parade, Como WA 6152
For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit
events.humanitix.com/cym-ball



Caritas AUSTRALIA

Next Sunday 11 February is Project Compassion Sunday. You will be invited to take a set of Envelopes or a Box home for your donation during Lent
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14 February

The Theme for this Year

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. **ALL** church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session.

This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish

To register online please visit: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>
Or phone 9221 7762 to book

Morning Tea



Our host for morning tea in February is Vinita who is celebrating the 20th death anniversary of her mother, Sabina Randle.

Please join us this Sunday after the 9.00 am mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

Volunteers are required for 2024.

If you can assist, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer

This is a community building initiative

First Reading

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Reflection for Young People

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see three snapshots from the photo album of life.

Suffering comes to everyone. It can take such a hold of us that the happiness of the past is swallowed up, the beauty of better days is forgotten, and the hope of a brighter future is imperilled. Life ceases to be an adventure and takes on the guise of drudgery. At such times suffering appears to be our permanent fate, and life seems too short for suffering to run its course. If we become identified with our distress, we will be tormented.

Jesus knew the harshness of life, because he was one of us. He saw it in the lives of those he loved, and he was touched by their torment. He came to release people from the demons that possess them, from the illness that undermined their lives. He came to bring the reign of God, the reign of peace and fulfilment. He came to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up their wounds.

Paul was a messenger of this gospel of salvation and fulfilment. He was so committed to his mission that he empathised with all those who heard his preaching – the slaves, the weak, the brokenhearted, all those who knew well the harshness of life. Now it is our turn. We are the disciples who must bring the good news to the brokenhearted, to those who are enslaved, to those who are weak. We are the ones who will then share in the blessings of this good news.

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 10/11 February 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11: 1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Jesus went away to be alone and pray.
Where are some places that you pray?