

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

5th Sunday of Lent - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA



He prayed with loud cries and tears to the one able to save him

biblical laments, it begins with sentiments of distress and helplessness, moves through expressions of trust and confidence, and ends with declarations of thanksgiving for having been heard.

The second reading is confessional in nature. Each one of its three verses offers a slightly different view of biblical Christology. By taking on flesh, Jesus took on human limitations and weaknesses as well. His anguished prayer is probably an example of a righteous person's impassioned prayer. Though Son of God, Jesus learned what every human has to learn, namely, acceptance of God's will in the circumstances of life. Having learned it himself, he can now teach others to do the same. The surest way to learn this lesson, though perhaps the hardest, is through suffering. All of this becomes comprehensible when we examine Jesus' role as mediator of salvation. It was through his suffering that he saved us.

The gospel opens with the approach of some Greeks. Neither Jesus himself nor any of the disciples went out to them; they came on their own initiative. Mention of Greeks suggests the inclusion of the Gentile world in the salvation brought by Jesus. The 'hour' is the time of Jesus' anguish and also the hour of his exaltation. References to death and subsequent fruition apply not only to Jesus' situation but also to that of his followers. They too must be willing to die in order to live. The interior struggle that Jesus endured is revealed in his prayer. He prays that God's name might be glorified, even though this will be accomplished through his own death and exaltation.

Jeremiah's oracle of salvation contains a message that is both inspiring and challenging. At the heart of its eschatological vision is the promise of a new covenant for a people who, because of their infidelities, had been chastened for a time but who would ultimately be restored. This new covenant is made with a sinful people. There is no mention of their repentance or reform, only of God's mercy and generosity. The technical covenant formula, 'I will be their God and they will be my people', marks the specificity and exclusivity of this relationship. God's words possess performative force; what God says, actually comes to be. The hope envisioned for the future begins to take shape in the present.

The penitential psalm consists of a plea for mercy in the face of guilt. Although it pleads that God might be gracious in view of the psalmist's transgressions, its primary focus is on God's goodness. The psalmist invokes God's covenant loyalty and compassion. This is followed by a prayer for inner renewal. Having previously rebelled and violated the covenant bond, the psalmist now begs for an intimate connection with God. The passage ends with a promise to teach other transgressors about God's loving-kindness and merciful love. As with most

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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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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	Sun 7.30am	Volunteer if needed	Volunteer if needed
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Adolph de Sousa	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Michelle Cota	David Jenaway
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Antonia Chandra
Counters		Terry & Meagan Scanlan	Kaz Luczak, G Shankar

St Pius X Church Masses		
Mar Tue 19	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
Wed 20	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
Thu 21	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
Fri 22	8.00am	Mass (Fifth week of Lent) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 23	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Palm Sunday) Church
Sun 24	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Palm Sunday) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Palm Sunday) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (Palm Sunday) Church



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
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Partnership in action



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Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

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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 - 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 this Sunday

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 12:20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Part of growing older is learning how to accept the experiences of loss in our lives, and to have hope in the experiences of growth and new life to come. Experiences of loss could be felt when moving to a new town, after a breakup of a close relationship, or after the death of a friend or relative. Experiences of growth and new life could include meeting new friends in a new town, having a different but honest relationship with someone you care about, or feeling peacefulness in your heart with the memory of someone who has died.

- What are some experiences of loss in your life that have been followed by experiences of growth or new life?
- Jesus said the ones who serve would follow him and the ones who would lose their lives would live forever. What do you think these words of Jesus are all about?
- What does it mean to follow Jesus?
- What do you think it means to lose life in order to live forever?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 23/24 March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

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