

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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marginalised rather than the rich and powerful. The prospect that God will intervene to reverse the present social setup makes it better even now to be poor, hungry, weeping and reviled rather than rich, full, etc.

So Jesus is not endorsing poverty or hunger as though they were good things in themselves. In themselves they are evils to be eradicated. He is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages and disadvantages are relativised and indeed reversed in view of a particular vision of God – a God who has pledged to act on behalf of the poor and marginalised rather than the rich and well off. What the Beatitudes basically call for is a preparedness to be vulnerable in the light of this understanding of God and God's faithfulness.

There are hardly any statements in the New Testament more challenging and provocative than the Beatitudes – which include in Luke's formulation read as today's Gospel (Luke 6:17, 20-26) the corresponding Woes. I think it is important to attend in particular to two things: the context in which the Beatitudes are pronounced and the biblical meaning of beatitude.

In the biblical tradition 'blessed' does not strictly speaking commend a moral attitude to be adopted. The formula declares a person to be in a fortunate or advantageous position. It almost amounts to 'Congratulations!' – the sort of thing we might say to a friend who had won the lottery. However, in the tradition of Israel the declaration of a person as 'blessed' is usually in view of a coming action of God.

The First Reading, from Jeremiah (17:5-8), provides a background for this sense of being blessed (or cursed) in that it points to likely outcomes – positive and negative – as the case may be – based upon whether or not one puts one's trust in God.

He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty (Luke 1:51-53)

God is on the side of the poor and

Should we understand by 'poor' the economically poor or the spiritually poor? The 'poor' are certainly the economically poor; the Beatitudes, like the Magnificat, cannot be spiritualised away so as to have no bearing upon economics or social justice. At the same time, in Jesus' day the phrase 'the poor' was a standard self-description for the faithful in Israel who wait upon the Lord – like Simeon and Anna at the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22-38). At the heart of their waiting for economic and structural salvation lies a deep spiritual longing and trust in God. 'The poor' are all whose emptiness and destitution provides scope for the generosity of God.

The Second Reading continues Paul's reminder to the Corinthian community about the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20). Belief in the resurrection of Jesus cannot be separated from belief in the resurrection of all those 'in Christ', that is, believers. His resurrection is the hope and pledge of a more general resurrection to come. This Second Reading thus joins the other two in its sense of God's faithfulness. God's raising of Christ necessarily implies that God will be faithful in raising those 'in Christ' – believers – as well.

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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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ROSTER		Weekend 12/13 February	Weekend of 19/20 February
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Br Rod Ellyard	Vincent Whyte
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		D & B Molony	Mark & Erica Lazarus

Parish Calendar		
Feb Mon 14	8.00am	Communion Service (Sts Cyril & Methodius) Church
Tue 15	8.00am	Mass (6th Week in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
Wed 16	8.00am	Mass (6th Week in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
Thu 17	8.00am	Mass (6th Week in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
Fri 18	8.00am	Mass (6th Week in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
Sat 19	8.00am	Mass (6th Week in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
Sun 20	7.30am	Sunday Mass (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church




Morning Tea Roster 2022

We are in the process of preparing a roster for 2022 and are in need of volunteers to host the Morning Tea.

If you would like to assist in hosting the Morning Tea, please put your name and phone number on the form provided in the foyer.

Thank you, Social Committee



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 & Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits.



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except public 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



Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.
Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.


Thy _____ come, thy _____ be _____.

A good _____ cannot produce bad _____.

I am the _____ of life, he who _____ to _____ shall not _____.

Blessed are the meek, _____ inherit the _____.

I am the light _____.



First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4.

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.'

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

This Gospel is a warning to examine the things that make us happy and sad.

What kinds of things make you the most happy?

If you have plenty of money, high social status, fine foods and expensive material possessions, you might be drifting away from God. Why might this be true?

What kinds of things make you sad?

If you are filled with jealousy, greed and lust, you might be drifting away from God. Why might this be true?

If you yourself are living fairly well, yet things like poverty, oppression and injustice still make you angry because they bring suffering to others, maybe you are coming closer to God. Why might this be true?

If you feel joy and contentment when other people succeed, earn compliments and experience good luck, then maybe you are coming closer to God. Why might this be true?

Next Sunday Readings

20 February 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



World Day of Prayer for the Sick

This weekend is World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We are invited to not only

pray for the sick but all health professions who are providing care for them.

Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them.

The Message of Pope Francis for World Day of the Sick 2022 is attached in Word and PDF formats. The publication of the Message was reported on the Dicastery website on 4 January 2021. It can also be accessed online at:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20211210_30-giornata-malato.html

The Dicastery website includes further information at:

<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/eventi/2022/world-day-of-the-sick-2022-30th-anniversary-celebrationsin-rome.html>



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