

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

16<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Christ our Anchor

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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



somehow directs the outcome of one's behaviour, a life that is faithful to this order will enjoy its fruits; a life that is unfaithful will reap the consequences of such behaviour. The psalmist draws on experience rather than religious tradition to illustrate the point of the instruction.

Paul proclaimed and interpreted the good news of Christ's resurrection. He defends belief in bodily resurrection against those who do not believe in it. The Sadducees rejected any development of the law. Belief in reward and/or punishment after this life was one of the concepts that they rejected. Some Christians believed that, through baptism, believers were joined to the risen Christ and were already living the resurrected life. In their eyes, there was no need for any further resurrection after death. Based on his understanding of union with Christ, Paul argues that Christians' failure to rise suggests that Christ never rose before them. Their resurrection is dependent on his and demonstrates the fruitfulness of his resurrection.

Jesus singles out four life situations that make people blessed. He then identifies their opposites and declares them as being woeful. The blessed are those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, or persecuted, while the woeful ones are the rich, the satisfied, the joyful, the respected. Jesus has overturned the standards of this age and has established new standards, those of the reign of God. Perhaps the heart of this teaching is found in the last beatitude and the last woe. The followers of Jesus will be hated and marginalised and scorned; they will be like the prophets of old. Conversely, the disciples should be wary when they are accepted and esteemed; this could mean that they enjoy approval because they deliver a message that contains no call to conversion.

Jeremiah's oracle contains a curse and a blessing. He uses nature imagery to contrast two individuals. The one who turns away from God is barren and desolate, like a desert, while the one who trusts in God is firmly planted near water, the source of life. This one is not spared the hardship of heat, but, because the source of life is so near and because its roots have forged their way underground to that source, the drought that often accompanies heat is not a serious threat. The one who trusts in the Lord is secure and productive. This passage exhorts the hearers to choose the way that guarantees security and productivity.

This psalm contrasts the way of the wise or righteous and the way of the foolish or wicked. The former live in harmony with the order set by God. They delight in the law and they follow it. The latter prefer to live against God's order. They choose the way of the wicked, the sinners, the insolent. Since the order within the world, established at the time of creation,

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### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1.00 pm

## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

### Sacrament of Baptism

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6pm Vigil Mass - Harry Rai

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9am Mass - Tina Fernandes 0411 821 065

11am Chinese Mass

Gregory Lo 0435 383 417, Andrew Tai 0435 950 532

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### Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

## 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

*Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5*

(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

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**23 February 2025 - 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

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What do you think your rewards in heaven will be?

| ROSTER                   |                 | Weekend of 15/16 February | Weekend 22/23 February |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Special Ministers</b> | Sat 6.00pm      | Janine Banks              | Janine Banks           |
|                          | Sun 7.30am      | John Miles                | John Miles             |
|                          | Sun 9.00am      | Sandra McLlheney          | Sandra McLlheney       |
| <b>Readers</b>           | Sat 6.00pm      | Christine Carvalho        | Susanna Hooper         |
|                          | Sun 7.30am      | Mitchelle Cota            | Les Price              |
|                          | Sun 9.00am      | Ian Lane                  | Vincent Whyte          |
|                          | <b>Counters</b> | Terry & Meagan Scanlan    | H & F Tay              |

| St Pius X Church Masses |         |                                       |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Feb Mon 17              | 8.00am  | Communion Service                     |
| Tue 18                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time)        |
| Wed 19                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time)        |
| Thu 20                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time)        |
| Fri 21                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time)        |
| Sat 22                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 6 in Ordinary time)        |
|                         | 6.00pm  | Vigil Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time)  |
| Sun 23                  | 7.30am  | Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time )       |
|                         | 9.00am  | Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time)        |
|                         | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (Week7 in Ordinary time) |



### Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays  
10am - 12noon \$7 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

## Permanent Part Time Employment Opportunity

### Parish Secretary, Manning Catholic Parish

The Catholic Parish of Manning has a vacancy for a permanent part time Parish Secretary, 12 hours per week (days negotiable)

Applicants must have proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook, the ability to upload Parish Website content, strong organisational and time management skills, attention to detail, accuracy in data entry, and excellent verbal and written skills. Familiarity with MYOB accounting software would be highly advantageous.

An understanding of parish life and support of the ethos and values of the Catholic Church is expected.

Applications close 5 March 2025. A job description is available on request.  
Please submit your application via email to Fr Anthony Vu at [tung.vu@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:tung.vu@perthcatholic.org.au) (mailto:tung.vu@perthcatholic.org.au)



### Seniors Lunch

**20 Feb 2025, 12 Noon - 2.00pm**  
Our first Seniors Lunch for this year will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 20 February 2025.  
If you wish to attend, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer of the Church.



### Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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 at 3.00pm.

## 2025 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools and are ready to receive the Sacraments of either Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist or Confirmation you must enrol your child/children for the Sacramental programs in the Parish. Classes will be held after school on Tuesday afternoons.

You can contact the parish office to obtain the Enrolment Form or visit our website to download a form - [manningparish.org.au/sacraments](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments) or collect the appropriate form from the Church foyer.

**\*Please note that the deadline for all enrolments is Friday 28 February 2025**

**First Holy Communion**  
Commitment Mass  
17 May 2025 Saturday 6.00pm

**First Holy Communion Mass**  
22 June 2025 Sunday 5.00pm

**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
Commitment Mass  
9 August 2025 Saturday 6.00pm

**Confirmation Mass**  
14 September 2025 Sunday 5.00pm

**First Reconciliation**  
Commitment Mass  
18 October 2025 Saturday 6.00pm

**First Reconciliation**  
28 October 2025 Tuesday 5.00pm

**For further enquiries please see Fr Anthony Vu**

## Parish Bank Details

### First Collection

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