

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

6th Sunday of Easter Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergeant CSA



that God has accomplished in the history of Israel. Since subduing chaotic waters was at the basis of all activity in the ancient Near Eastern creation tradition, historical water crossings always contained a dimension of creation in them. In the creation story, after the forces of evil are vanquished, the victorious warrior is acclaimed king over all creation.

Christian suffering is the subject of the teaching from 1 Peter. Believers are told to use their suffering to enhance the spread of the gospel. The sufferings of Christ are offered as an example to follow and in which they can place their trust. The sufferings of Christians is then placed within the context of the holiness of Christ, a holiness that gives Christians both strength to endure patiently and courage to give witness to their faith. The Christians are also told to keep their consciences clear, to give no one justification for finding fault with them that they might then be regarded as innocent sufferers. Christ is the example of one who suffers innocently.

This gospel emphasises the link between love and obedience. Jesus calls for a love that is as self-sacrificing as his own. Obedience is not a requirement for love, it is the consequence of it. Jesus knows that his departure will leave the disciples feeling abandoned and so he assures them of his return. This passage also argues that this world seems open only to what is tangible. It cannot see the Spirit. The disciples, on the other hand, are motivated by love and so they respond to Jesus in obedience. 'On that day' refers to the time of eschatological fulfilment. Used here it implies that the day of Jesus' return will in fact be the dawning of the eschatological age.

Today we hear how Philip, one of the seven men appointed to attend to the needs of the widows of the Hellenists, travels north to Samaria. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans can be traced back to the period after the death of Solomon when the northern Israelite tribes withdrew their allegiance from the southern Judean monarchy. This breach was re-enforced when those who returned from exile in Babylon rejected the Samaritans' offer to help in the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. Still, the Samaritans shared Jewish messianic hopes. This explains their openness to Philip's preaching. The wonders that he performed convinced them of the trustworthiness of his words.

Today's psalm response begins with a summons to praise God. It is universal in scope, all the earth is called to praise the God of Israel. Second, the name of God is the object of the praise. Third, the praise given to God is glorious, not to be dismissed casually. The works of God to which the psalmist refers are the wonders

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SCHEDULES

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

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	Sun 9.00am	S McLlhenny	S McLlhenny
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Antonia Chandra	Br Rod Ellyard
Counters		Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi	D & B Molony

Parish Calendar		
May Mon 15	8.00am	Communion Service (6th week of Easter) Church
Tue 16	8.00am	Mass - (6th week of Easter) Church
Wed 17	8.00am	Mass (6th week of Easter) Church
Thu 18	8.00am	Mass (6th week of Easter) Church
Fri 19	8.00am	Mass (6th week of Easter) Church
Sat 20	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Ascension of the Lord - Year A) Church
Sun 21	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (Ascension of the Lord - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Ascension of the Lord - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (Ascension of the Lord - Year A) Church



2023 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.

First Holy Communion

9.00am Sunday, 11 June 2023
 Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
 25 May 2023

First Reconciliation

10.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 28 October 2023
 Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023
 Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
 12 October 2023



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session
 All proceeds go to the Parish
 All are welcome; no age limits.
 Line Dancing classes temporarily
 Closed until Monday, 15 May 2023



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

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

CCR Pentecost Mass
Gosnells Parish
Sunday 28th May

Charismatic Renewal will conduct a *Praise, Mass & Healing prayer* event at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Gosnells, commencing with praise at 2:30pm followed by Mass at 3:00pm, with healing prayer teams available after Mass, followed by Tea & Coffee.

What a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Church at that first Pentecost!

A collection will be taken up to defray costs and support the ministry.

Queries to Dan 0409849049

Divine Mercy Sunday

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm.

Please join us next Sunday at 3.00pm.



Please pray for our children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 27th May at 6.00pm vigil mass. May they be blessed with a deeper understanding of commitment to their confirmation.

We would also like to thank their parents and teachers who are preparing them for their special day.



In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For any questions or itinerary and application form, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or Ph 02 89124818

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus often spoke about himself and his significant relationship with his disciples, saying things like, 'I am the vine, you are the branches', 'I am the Resurrection and the life', 'You are the light of the world', 'You are the salt of the earth', 'I am the Good Shepherd'.

When a significant relationship is healthy, it has a positive impact on the life of the people involved. That is a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work.

Do you ever talk to your close friends about your relationship with them? Why or why not? The Spirit has several names: Paraclete, Advocate, Counsellor, Helper. But the most simple one to remember and understand is Love. God is love. The Spirit of God is love.

It has been said that it is easier to 'love the world' than to actually love your next door neighbour or some of the people in your family. What is meant by that? Do you agree with that? Why or why not?

If love is so simple to understand, why is it so complicated and

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend of 20/21 May 2023

Ascension of the Lord - Year A

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20



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Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord. The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus loves us and asks us to keep his commandments. Name some of the commandments?



Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments". Draw pictures that show you following these commandments.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love one another, as I have loved you.

