

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

19<sup>th</sup> February 2023



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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### New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



In the light of Paul's message, today might provide an opportunity to reflect on the teaching of Vatican II that all Christians are called to holiness, that all are created in the image of God and have been gifted with the Spirit of God.

Matthew's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, where, like Moses, Jesus teaches the community his code of behaviour. What he teaches sounds impossible, but it is what he lived and what some others have also been capable of living. Occasionally, in the midst of terrible wars and atrocities, we hear of people who have been able to rise above their own suffering and rage, to find in themselves the ability, the grace, of forgiveness.

When Matthew says, 'Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect', I think this means something like being a whole person. The Greek word used here is 'telos' and it has the sense of completion, of being whole, of having arrived at the end.

With this in mind, Jesus' code of behaviour calls us to be whole people, and this is how we can also be holy people.

Recently I encountered a difficult student in class. His behaviour was poor and at times seemed out of control – he took no notice of my authority as the teacher. I found myself being filled with tension and rage, and of course saw that this student was the cause. When I prayed about this, I began to see that underneath my tension and rage was my own fear. I was afraid that I could not control him, and I was telling myself I should be able to. Eventually I came to see that this self-talk was wrong. There is no way that I can control any other adult, and nor should I see that as a good thing. If this person wanted to behave poorly then he would and all I could do was find my own inner peace with this. Praying with this led me to let go my fear, to be more at peace, and in fact this meant that I was much more at ease in dealing with this student than I had been when I was carrying such tension and anger.

Last week we left the Corinthians in chapter two. This week we have leapt across to chapter three. You can see how difficult it is in the liturgy to develop Paul's line of thought when so much is left out. It would be like watching a football match and moving from the second quarter immediately to the last!

Last week Paul ended by speaking of a true wisdom that can only be given by God, and not by the philosophies of the world. He ends chapter two by saying that those who are unspiritual cannot receive the gifts of God's spirit and remain in foolishness. Then at the start of chapter three he writes crossly to them, calling them unspiritual, mere infants not ready yet to be fed solid food. The reason he speaks this way is that the community is divided into competing factions – as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, you behave according to human inclination – not of the Spirit of God.

He then speaks of the various ministers, Apollos and himself as mere servants with each of them building upon the work of each other. They are not in competition – 'I planted and Apollos watered, but only God gives the growth ... laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it.' These images lead into the reading today, as Paul describes what it is that is being built.

The community is called God's Temple because in the community the Spirit of God dwells.

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## 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

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	Sun 7.30am	John Miles	John Miles
	Sun 9.00am	Fay Collins	Fay Collins
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Susanna Hooper
	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly	Les Price
	Sun 9.00am	Br Rod Ellyard	Vincent Whyte
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Colleen & Pat Lowry	Terry & Meagan

Parish Calendar		
Feb Mon 20	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 21	8.00am	Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time) Church
Wed 22	8.00am	Mass (Ash Wednesday) Church
	9.00am	School Mass (Ash Wednesday) Church
	7.00pm	Mass (Ash Wednesday) Church
Thu 23	8.00am	Mass (Thursday after Ash Wednesday) Church
Fri 24	8.00am	Mass (Friday after Ash Wednesday) Church
Sat 25	8.00am	Mass (Saturday after Ash Wednesday) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (First Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
Sun 26	7.30am	Mass (First Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
	9.00am	Mass (First Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (First Sunday of Lent - Year A) Church

**Stations of the Cross**  
Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent



### 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](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments) - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

#### Confirmation

**6.00pm Saturday, 27 May 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 29 April 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm 10 May 2023**

#### First Holy Communion

**9am Sunday, 11 June 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 6 May 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm 25 May 2023**

#### First Reconciliation

**10.30am-12.30pm**

**Saturday, 28 October 2023**

**Commitment Mass 6pm 16 Sept 2023**

**Parent/Child Workshop 6.00pm 12 October 2023**



### Line Dancing Classes

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Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
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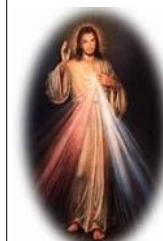


#### FUNERAL NOTICE

Frank Da Silva

Thursday  
23 February 2023

12.30pm Rosary  
1pm Funeral Mass



### Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday.

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.

## First Reading

*Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8*

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 3:16-23*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 5:38-48*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not?

You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

The old law about taking 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' was never meant to be a justification for excessive violence. It started out as a law limiting violence – take no more than a tooth for a tooth – because people were ready and willing to kill someone over a broken tooth. Jesus put a stop to that. To return violence for violence only continues its cycle, and it justifies violence instead of non-violence when settling conflicts.

- Why is the command 'Love your enemies' hard to follow?
- Why is our culture so familiar with methods of violence, yet so ignorant of methods of non-violent conflict resolution?
- What do you think might end the cycle of violence?
- If someone is angry and wishes to do physical harm to you, what are your nonviolent options?
- When it comes to choosing between violent and nonviolent methods, does gender make any difference? If so, why? If not, why not?



## Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

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## Next Sunday Readings

**26 February 2023**

**1st Sunday of Lent - Year A**

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



Jesus taught us to forgive others. He even asked God to forgive those who crucified and taunted him. Write down three other occasions when Jesus showed love for those who were against him.