

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

23th February 2025



Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



mercy that God acts, not requiring the harsh punishment that sin warrants. Although the reference is to a father's compassion, the word itself comes from the word for womb. Here compassion is much more intimate than simple empathy felt for those who suffer; it is womb-love.

Paul contrasts the physical with the resurrected body. He distinguishes between the first man, Adam, and the last Adam, Christ. When the breath of life was breathed into the first man, he became a living being (cf. Gen 2:7). In contrast, those possessing the spirit of the risen Christ have life through him, because he is a life-giving spirit. Adam received life; Christ gives it. Paul further argues that the first man (Adam) was made from dust of the earth, while the second man, the Lord, by his resurrection was from heaven. Those who come from the dust will have natural bodies like that first man; those who are joined to the risen Lord will have resurrected bodies, as does the Lord.

The disciples are told to act toward their enemies in a way exactly opposite of which they themselves are treated; they are not to retaliate in kind. Their love should not be mere passive acceptance, but an active love. Four examples of such love are given. Whether attacked or insulted by a blow to the cheek, one must resist retaliation. This same extravagance is shown in one's willingness to surrender an undergarment when an outer cloak is taken. The disciples are told to give unquestioningly when asked and not to demand the return of items taken. Such behaviour may appear excessive, but it illustrates the extremes to which one must be willing to love enemies. Finally, the way the disciples treat others will be the standard for the way they are treated by God.

Today's story is filled with human intrigue and divine mystery. It contrasts David's respect for the king with the murderous intent of Saul. Although David was the one hunted, Saul was the one caught. The king had an army of three thousand men, while David had one companion. It is clear that God delivered Saul into David's hand. Still, David did not raise it against the king. Though clearly favoured by God, David does not take advantage of this favour. Judgment is in God's hands, and God alone will reward or punish each one according to her or his righteousness and faithfulness.

The psalm opens with a summons to bless the Lord because of God's willingness to pardon, to heal, and to redeem or save. All these acts flow from God's loving kindness and compassion (vv.3-4).

These two attributes are closely associated with covenantal commitment and are integral aspects of God's own name and identity (v.8; cf. Exod 34:6). It is out of

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1.00 pm

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Weekday Masses

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(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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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

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect?

For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

What would you do if someone in need asked you for your coat? Would you give this person the shirt off your back as well? Why or why not? Why do you think Jesus asks you to make this sacrifice?

What else do you think Jesus is asking you to give?

What is the hardest thing for you to give to another person?

When was the last time you spoke negatively of another person?

When was the last time someone spoke negatively to you or about you?

How would life be different if there was no judging or condemning of others – if everyone was forgiven and treated well? Why doesn't that happen?

Do you have any 'enemies'?

Next Sunday Readings

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 March 2025 - Year C





First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

CHILDREN'S CORNER

How can we love our enemies? Tick the best answers in the boxes below.

			
If someone slaps you on the cheek, do you...	If someone teases you and calls you names, do you...	If someone wants to share your favorite toy, do you...	If someone is cruel and mistreats you, do you...
<input type="checkbox"/> A: Slap them back	<input type="checkbox"/> A: Throw a tantrum	<input type="checkbox"/> A: Tell them to go away	<input type="checkbox"/> A: Ask God to bless them
<input type="checkbox"/> B: Forgive them, or...	<input type="checkbox"/> B: Find nice things to say about them, or...	<input type="checkbox"/> B: Let them play with it, but only for 5 minutes, or...	<input type="checkbox"/> B: Tell everyone how bad that person is, or...
<input type="checkbox"/> C: Call the police	<input type="checkbox"/> C: Ask God to punish them	<input type="checkbox"/> C: Let them have it for as long as they like	<input type="checkbox"/> C: Get even with them

ROSTER		Weekend of 22/23 February	Weekend 1/2 March
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Janine Banks	Edith Handoyo
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	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Susanna Hooper	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Corrie Barnes
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	Sun 9.00am	Mary Fernandes	Patricia Lowry
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St Pius X Church Masses

Feb Mon 24	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 25	8.00am	Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time)
Wed 26	8.00am	Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time)
Thu 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time)
Fri 28	8.00am	Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time)
Mar Sat 1	8.00am	Mass (Week 7 in Ordinary time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Week 8 in Ordinary time)
Sun 2	7.30am	Mass (Week 8 in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (Week 8 in Ordinary time)
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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 Xero 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)

Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025

9.00am School Mass
All are welcome

7.00pm Mass



Morning Tea

Our host for morning tea in March is Faye Keeffe

Please join us next Sunday 2 March after the 9.00 am Mass.

All are welcome

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, visit our website to download a form - 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 9.00am

Sacrament of Confirmation Commitment Mass

9 August 2025 Saturday 6.00pm

Confirmation Mass

14 September 2025 Sunday 9.00am

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**

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