

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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New Testament Commentary Brendan Byrne SJ



Testament reading goes from speech to heart, the instruction of Jesus, using the image of a tree and its fruits, goes in the opposite direction: from heart to words. But both make the same point: get the heart right and all else falls into place. Religion, and above all judgment made in the name of religion, must proceed from conversion of heart, and a truly humble and accurate appraisal of oneself. Otherwise, it will be simply dangerous and destructive.

The Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, offers the highly rhetorical, festive conclusion of Paul's instruction on the resurrection – more specifically since 15:35 on the possibility of believers sharing in the bodily risen existence of Christ. In the section just preceding Paul has described death as the 'last enemy', the one outstanding force not yet totally subject to the power of the risen Lord. Though death continues, Paul, in a vivid image, asserts that Christ has drawn its 'sting'. That is, that he has overcome that which, like the sting of a poisonous spider, gave physical death power to be eternal death: namely, sin. Believers may still die physically but the gift of the Spirit, as a consequence of the resurrection of Jesus, will enable them to live the righteous lives that will ensure their own resurrection and hence death's final conquest (Rom 8:3-17). In this sense the power of the risen Lord operative within them ensures that even now they can claim 'victory'.

Paul's long instruction about the resurrection ends on a strong note of encouragement. 'Keep on working', he says, 'at the Lord's work, knowing that in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.' Though so often we seem to be getting nowhere and are tempted to give up, the hope of resurrection means that nothing is valueless, nothing – even failure and seeming defeat – is wasted. It is all part of a great design in which the power of the risen Lord is at work in us, overcoming the forces of death and negativity to reclaim the universe for life and for humanity. Though, as is usually the case, Paul's instruction has little in common with the Gospel, it is very consoling in its own right.

With the Gospel of today (Luke 6:39-45) we come to the third major section from Jesus' instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. Where the section set for last week dealt with action towards others, now we seem to have something that is trying to reach deeper: to the wellspring of action found in the human heart. Get the heart – the fundamental attitude – right, Jesus seems to be saying, and all else will follow.

The opening commands not to judge and not to condemn are already bound up with this. They raise the issue of just how difficult it is for people to have the kind of understanding that would really allow them to make judgments of others. The illustrations of one blind person leading another and of attempting to remove the speck in a neighbour's eye when one has a log in one's own eye, again, as is so often the case with Jesus' image and illustrations, exaggerated and humorous. It is so hard to know what is in one's own heart – to recognise the 'plank' that may be there, inhibiting right vision and right judgment. Yet, even with such impediment, we are still so confident that we can see and set about rooting out the failings of others.

This leads into a more general reflection on the continuity that must prevail between the heart – the ultimate source of human behaviour – and the external action that flows from it. Where the Old

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	Sun 7.30am	Carol Nicklette	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Elicia Eng	Br Rod Ellyard
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		M Prentice, H & F Tay	Kas Luczak, G Shankar

Parish Calendar		
Feb Mon 28	8.00am	Communion Service (8th Week in Ordinary Time Year 2) Church
Mar Tue 1	8.00am	Mass (8th Week in Ordinary Time Year 2) Church
Wed 2	8.00am	Mass (Ash Wednesday) Church
	7.00pm	Mass (Ash Wednesday) Church
Thu 3	8.00am	Mass (Thursday after Ash Wednesday) Church
Fri 4	8.00am	Mass (Friday after Ash Wednesday) Church
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sat 5	8.00am	Mass (Saturday after Ash Wednesday) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (First Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
Sun 6	7.30am	Sunday Mass (First Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (First Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (First Sunday of Lent - Year C) Church

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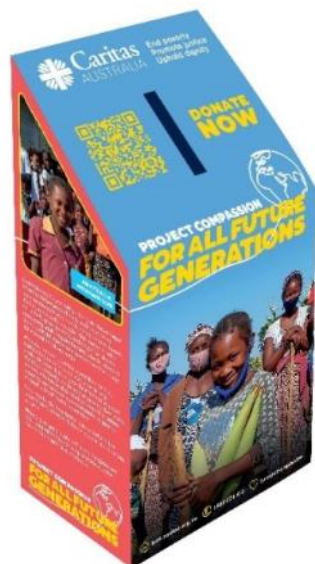


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First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16.

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Next Sunday Readings

6th March 2022

First Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The fruit reflects the tree, just as parents are often reflected in their sons and daughters.

If someone said you were like your parents, would you see that as a compliment or an insult? Why?

What do you do that makes your parents proud?

What do you do that sometimes upsets or embarrasses your parents?

What do your parents do that you are proud of?

What do your parents do that you are uncomfortable with?

Do you like being seen as a reflection of your parents, or would you prefer to be seen as an independent person, free from their influence?

Legally, if you are a minor, your parents are responsible for what you do, even if they are not at fault for your actions.

How does that affect your decisions on how to act?

How does that affect your parents' decisions regarding family rules?

Do you think you are a trustworthy person?

Do your parents trust you? Why or why not?

Do your friends trust you? Why or why not?

Do you trust all your friends or just some of them? Why?

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 ___ eye,
 but do not ___ the
 ___ in your own ___?

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