

# PIUS VOICE

25th June, 2017, 12th Sunday



## UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

### Parish Priest

**Fr. Mathewraj OMI**

### Assistant Priest

**Fr. John O'Doherty OMI**

### Parish Manager

**David Cunningham**

### Mass Times

**Tuesday , Wednesday &**

**Friday 9.15 am**

**Thursday 9.30 am**

**Saturday 6.30 pm**

**Sunday 9.30 am & 5.30 pm**

### Daily Morning Prayer

**Tues, Wed, Fri 8.40 am**

**Thurs 8.55 am**

### Rosary: Tues, Wed,

**Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am**

### Reconciliation

**Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon**

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Scripture readings for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time challenge us to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear. Fear is the sign of the shattered energies within us. We experience fear when we drift away from our spiritual centre, the wellspring of courage and confidence. But we should not forget that our spiritual centre is bolstered and sustained by our faith in God.

Jesus would lead us to this awareness of the spiritual strength. If we trust in the Father, we can resist all aggressions on us with self-abandonment, because it is the heavenly Father who takes care of us. Jesus shows this with concrete examples of life. Even the small sparrows that are sold for a penny are under the surveillance of the Father. You are of more value than the sparrows. The heavenly Father will not let even the hairs of your head fall without His will. These words of Jesus are reassuring and empowering. Trust in God will keep us in good stead even in a turbulent world. What we need to do is to turn to our spiritual centre and regenerate our energy. All those external factors, which frighten us, will have no effect on us, as long as our foundation is firm.

Thomas Merton, the Trappist priest, famous spiritual author and peace activist says,

**"I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I can not know for certain where it will end...  
I know that you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore I trust you Lord always;  
I will not fear for you are with me;  
and you never leave me to face my perils alone."**

Yes dear friends the last verse of Psalm 27 sums up today's theme beautifully, **"Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair. Trust in the Lord"**. Let us remind ourselves that God cares – we are each a dear child of His and He cares for each of us.

God Bless  
Fr. Mathew

**Prayerful congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend:**

6.30pm Phillip, Jessica, Liam, Miranda, Riley, Cody, Daniel, Johnny, Benjamin & Conor  
9.30am Mia, Emilia, Jamie, Danielle, John, Abbey, Indiana, Annabelle, Mia, Alessandro & Aleisha



**Soup Sunday**

Vinnies invite you to join them next Sunday 2nd July after the 9.30am Mass in the hall for a cup of soup. Gold coin donation.

**Ministry Meetings**

If you did not get to attend the Ministry Meetings a catch up Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th July at 7pm for Extraordinary Ministers and Thursday 6th July at 7pm for Readers. Please place your names on the clipboard. This will be the last opportunity to attend training.



**Collection for Holy Father**

Our special collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous.

**Date Claimer**

23<sup>rd</sup> July 10am Mass for Fr. John's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood. This Mass will replace the usual 9.30am Mass on this day. To assist with catering a clipboard is in the back of the church to indicate what food you are able to bring. A special collection will be taken up on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> July at all Masses.

3<sup>rd</sup> September 9.30am Mass - 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the arrival of the Oblate Priests in Adelaide and the foundation of our parish. This Mass will be concelebrated by the Oblate Provincial Fr. Peter Daly OMI and a number of Oblates who have served here at St Pius X. More details in the weeks ahead.

**Wanted Church cleaners**

We are looking for Church Cleaners to help on Saturday Mornings once every 8 weeks. If you can assist it would be much appreciated. Contact one of the priests or parish office.

**Draw the border Petition**

Please sign the petition at the back of the church for the Government to finalize as soon as possible a fair and permanent maritime boundary between Australia and Timor-Leste.

**Feast day of the Week   Saints Peter & Paul**

**Thursday June 29th**

Among the twelve Apostles, Peter became the spokesman. He it was who boldly declared: "You are the Christ...the Son of the living God." In the lists of the Apostles he is always given precedence, and at Pentecost he delivers the first fiery sermon of the infant Church. Although not one of the twelve, Paul is also called an Apostle. By his own admission he was the Apostle "born when no one expected it" (1 Cor 15:8), having encountered the resurrected Jesus as he travelled to persecute the Christians of Damascus. Paul's mission field was the vast Gentile territory in the eastern Mediterranean. Both men were martyred in Rome around the year 64.

**Gospel continued:**

counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Vaughn, Marie Kelly, Marj Ryan—Honorary OMI, Mary Meringham, Pam Tully, Tony Petrie.

**Are you between the ages of 16 –29?**

2018 Synod of Bishops, which is to be held in Rome on 'Youth, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment'. The Holy Father has asked that the voices of young people be evident in the Synod conversations, and so every Diocese through out the world has been asked to provide information about their young people.

To accomplish this, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has created an online survey for young people between the ages of 16-29. This survey is for all young people, whether practising or non-practising Catholics, and whether deeply committed or those on the margins. It is very important that we get a wide range of responses from as many young people as possible.

This survey is only available online and the link is <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey> .

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

**Vinnies Food Bank**

This week— **WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE**, Cans of Tomatoes, Jam, Milo, Vegemite. **Items for baby layettes: cotton vests, socks or booties, nappies, nappy pins, disposable nappies, cotton blankets, cotton sheets, towels, soap, wipes, wash cloths, baby shampoo, bibs, onesies, wool.** Items can be left in foyer.



**Next Week's Readings 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:**

2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



**Parish Prayer Network:**

Prayers for any need. All you need to do is call one of the following:

Marie 8264 9569, Maureen 8261 6906 or Beth 8396 2079

<b>MINISTRY ROSTER</b> 1/2/July	6.30pm	9.30pm	5.30pm
	C Anna Szczepanik	C Jos Hensing	C Amy Bartjes
<b>Ministers Please Note:</b>	R1 Rod Hern	R1 Roderick Essery	R1 Michelle v.d. Kieboom
This roster follows the original roster. If you have made any changes they will not be reflected here.	R2 Jean Canil	R2 Sue Griffith	R2 Alex Kaminski
Please check the notice board at the back of the church for any updates.	E1 David Lloyd	E1 Tommy Morrison	E1 Judith Mohan
	E2 Patricia Beaven	E2 Charlie Baldacchino	E2 Michael Wright
	E3 Jim Kelly	E3 Joe Colangelo	E3 Philip Matthews
	E4 Roman Szczepanik	E4 Carmela Panetta	E4 Esma Gagliardi
	M James Lloyd	M Anne Alilio	M Michael & Tim Carter

**Church Cleaners:** Team H: Paras/Pascual/Weber/Crowe

**Altar Linen:** 2nd July: Trish

**First Reading** Jer 20:10-13

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35.

**(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

**Second Reading** Rom 5:12-15

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 15:26, 27

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mt 10:26-33

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been

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