

PIUS VOICE

10th Sept, 2017, 23rd Sunday

60 years



UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

Parish Priest

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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,

Every celebration is an experience, the external fades away, and the internal lingers and echoes in the most depth of our hearts. Last weekend, we are reminded that 60 years of our Church and the Oblates ministry are milestones on the journey of life and reminders of God's fidelity all through life at St. Pius the X Community. I thank the Almighty for accompanying us in marvelous ways, all through these years and keeping our Parish productive in His vineyard. I would like to state my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for making it a memorable day.

As Christians we are responsible and are made accountable for the welfare of those under our care, be it children, parents, elders, or even friends. People holding any office of responsibility have the need to be accountable for the work they do, be it a doctor, a lawyer, an officer or a Pastor. In each occupation, there is a responsibility and full accountability is required of the individuals. As Christians we are not individuals but members of the Body of Christ that is the Church. The readings of today tell us of God's command of spiritual responsibility and accountability that each one of us have towards our neighbours. It speaks of our responsibility of correcting our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in error. This obligation always existed in the Catholic Church, from the early days of the Christian community right up to the present time. They challenge us to care for our brothers and sisters and protect them in their physical and spiritual needs.

The Gospel of today presents to us matters pertaining to the relationship between the members of the Church. Jesus stipulates a process for dealing with a community member who sins against another person. He lays down the guidelines for fraternal correction in the Christian community. At the same time he tells us of his own presence when the community meets in

prayer in his name. In the first reading we hear God appointing a prophet as watchman over his people. He has the duty to warn them about the approaching danger and care for them. God says if he fails to do so he will be responsible for that person's death. Paul in the second reading reminds us of what we owe to others: "you shall love your neighbour as yourself." He tells them to avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love.

Today's exhortation by Jesus is designed to help us create and maintain households of love and forgiveness and communities of reconciliation and peace. Christ promises that whenever we gather in his name, he is in our midst. Sometimes it requires an extra sharp and focused vision of faith to realize and recognize Christ with us, but he is always there. Christ's presence should move us, inspire us, transform us into a community of disciples and witnesses of his resurrection.

As I celebrate my Birthday this Sunday 10th of September I thank God for His unconditional love and the gift of Priesthood and my family, friends for their accompaniment. Please keep me in your prayers.

God BlessFr. Mathew

Child Protection Sunday

Throughout this last week (3-9 September), National child week has invited all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. The week, now in its 27th year, supports and encourages the safety and well being of Australian children and young families. This year the National Association for prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect has focused on the theme '**Stronger Communities, Safer Children**'. This theme emphasizes the importance and value of connected communities in keeping children and young people safe and well. Communities in which children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued and where their families can get the support they need are stronger communities which contribute to keeping children safe and well.

We shall pray...

Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children. We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help. May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help. Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask you God to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.

Nominations for 2017 Archbishops Awards – closing October 19

Archbishop Philip Wilson wishes to recognise current or recent outstanding service by an individual in each of the three categories: 1. For outstanding service to the Archdiocese; 2. For outstanding service in parish life within the Archdiocese. The recipient of the 2017 Archbishop's award for outstanding service to parish life within the archdiocese will: – have provided faithful service to the liturgical life of the parish community; – have made an outstanding contribution to parish life; – have set a personal example of a faith-centred vocation; 3. Award to young people for outstanding contribution to the life and mission of the Church.

Forms for nomination are available from Fr Mathew or the office.

Postal Plebiscite on "Same-Sex Marriage" Announced

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday September 12 and **all votes must be received back by Tuesday November 7.** The Catholic tradition on marriage is based on the belief that God blesses as a sacrament the unique relationship between a man and a woman which gives witness to God's enduring love for all humanity. Have your say by voting in the plebiscite. For more information and statements on this issue, visit www.adelaide.catholic.org.au and www.catholic.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alison Hellams, Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Frank, Fr Pat Moroney OMI, Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Baughn, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Simmons, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Tony Petrie and Vic.

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

Adoration

Adoration is held 10am-12pm and 6pm-9pm every Friday of term time. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for their needs and the needs of the world.

Mass Intentions this week

14th David Taylor 15th Anniversary, 16th Mary Ryan Anniversary, 17th 9.30am Emily Toland 30th Anniversary, 5.30pm Candido Anciano 1st Anniversary

This Week's Saints

12th Most Holy Name of Mary, 13th St John Chrysostom, 14th Exaltation of the Cross, 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

Next Week's Readings 24th Sunday of Year A:

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Vinnies Food Bank

This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, TINS SPAGHETTI, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, Cans of Tomatoes, 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.

Catholic Charities

2017 Appeal (September is Catholic Charities Month) - pick up a brochure from Parishes in September or make a donation today to Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001. For more information please call Annie O'Neill, Manager Catholic Charities on (08 8210 8157) or visit Catholic Charities pages on the website: www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. **A leaving collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you have a member of the family or a friend that would like to know about the Catholic Church, please contact Kay on 8261 8501 or parish office on 82612428. The course is commencing on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm.



Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Oblate Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tues Nov 7th – keep the date free. More information and bookings available soon.

Ministry Roster 16/17 September

6.30pm C Patricia Beaven, R1 Sr Pat Keane, R2 Jean Canil, E1 Jim Kelly, E2 David Lloyd, E3 Anna Szczepanik, E4 Roman Szczepanik, M James Lloyd.

9.30am C Margaret Duggan, R1 Roderick Essery, R2 Sue Griffith, E1 Marie Sterai, E2 Tommy Morrison, E3 Annette Stone, E4 Norma Barretto, M Michael & Tim Carter

5.30pm C Terry Roberts, R1 Mark McCarthy, R2 Amy Bartjes, E1 Philip Matthews, E2 Stuart Feirlough, E3 JuditEsmá Gagliardi, E4 Sanjay Mohanaraj, M Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Church Cleaners: Team C: Anderson/Matthews/Goss

Altar Linen: Dot

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9.

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’