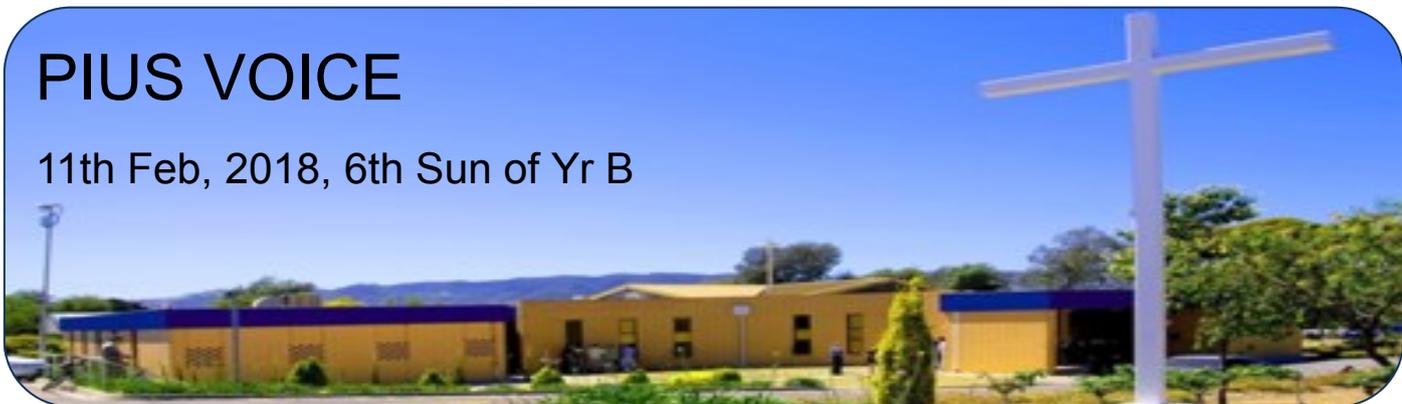


# PIUS VOICE

11th Feb, 2018, 6th Sun of Yr B



## UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

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**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**

**Rosary: Tues, Wed,**

**Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am**

**Adoration (During term time)**

**Fridays : 10 am— 12 noon &**

**6 pm — 9 pm**

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon**

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**Dear brothers and sisters,**

We are now into the great season of Lent. During the season of Lent, the church invites us to examine our lives, to repent of our sins and do penance. By means of fasting, penance and prayers, the faithful obtain strength they need to overcome the sinful tendencies. The purpose of Lent is to provide that purification by weaning human persons from sin and selfishness through self-denial and prayer, by creating in them the desire to do God's will and to make his kingdom alive by making it first come into their hearts. The real aim of Lent above all else, is to prepare Christians for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The better the preparation for this day, the more effective the celebration will be. One can effectively relive the mystery only with purified mind and heart. The Church invites all to repent from evil ways and return to the Lord who is eagerly waiting for each one to come to him.

In the first reading we have the story of Noah and the deluge that destroyed evil persons. At the end of the deluge only Noah and his family were saved. God then established a covenant with Noah and humanity. The rainbow in the clouds serves as a sign of this covenant. In the second reading we have Peter telling us how our Baptism unites us with Christ's death and resurrection. We are cleansed of all evil and made right with God. In the Gospel we have the Temptation narrative. After his Baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the evil one. After his victory over the Satan, Jesus enters his public life to proclaim the message of the Kingdom of God. By this time John was arrested and Jesus commences his message of the Messiah.

The story is said about the Salt Doll which wanted to have a look at the Ocean and see for itself how big the ocean was. It had heard a lot about the ocean from other dolls around him. So it set on its great mission and first encountered a lake and it asked whether it is an Ocean. The lake said that the Ocean was much bigger and it was but so little before it. The Salt Doll then met the river and asked whether it is the Ocean and river said no but it would ultimately join it. Further the doll went traveling and finally came face to face with the Ocean. It asked the huge mass of water whether it was the Ocean and it got the reply that it was indeed the Ocean. Then the Doll asked the Ocean how it could believe it. The Ocean replied and said if it really wanted to know, then it should come forward and touch it.

The Salt Doll went forward slowly and stepped into the ocean. Immediately it noticed a change in its person. Its toes were missing. It shouted at the ocean and said that it had cheated the doll. The Ocean smiled and replied that if it really wanted to know him well it has to be one with him. The Salt Doll smiled and made a decision. It slowly entered the Ocean and soon was melted into it. Then it said, now I know what the ocean is; I am one with it. That is the reason why the Ocean is still salty in taste.

Let us prepare ourselves during this season of Lent to receive the Word of God with open hearts and lead ourselves to our Lord with purified hearts and ask him to make hearts the center of his kingdom.

**God Bless  
Fr. Mathew**

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February: **Lenten Groups commence**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: **Stations of the Cross—7pm**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: **Stations of the Cross—7pm; World Day of Prayer – 7.30pm** at Hampstead Gardens Church of Christ, 28 Gambia Street Hampstead Gardens. All welcome

9<sup>th</sup> March: **Stations of the Cross—7pm**

13<sup>th</sup> March: **Stational Mass —7.30pm**

16<sup>th</sup> March: **Stations of the Cross—7pm**

23<sup>rd</sup> March: **Stations of the Cross—7pm**

26<sup>th</sup> March: **Chrism Mass in Cathedral—6pm**

27<sup>th</sup> March: **Regional Reconciliation at St Pius X—7pm**



## First Sunday of Lent Caritas AUSTRALIA 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

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

Alison Hellams, Barbara Stirling, Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Eddy Pericone, Frank, Fr Jim Fitzpatrick OMI, Gilbert Canil, Gloria & Robert Hopkins, Graham Smith, Heather Jones, Helen Durkin, Lyn Cibich, Margaret Baughen, Margaret Daly, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Habets, Mike Baranic, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Tony Petrie, Trina Roberts and Ursula Suharto, Vic.

**Recently Deceased**

**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

**Mass Intentions this week**

20th Thomas Trainor, anniv; 21st Special Intention; 23rd Special Intention; 25th John Warren

**This Week's Saints**

21st St Peter Damian; 22nd Chair of St Peter; 23rd St Polycarp

**Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday Lent Year B:**

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

**Vinnies Food Bank**

This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, 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.

**LADIES EVENING**

Next Ladies evening will be held this Wednesday 21st Feb, 7pm in the Church Hall. If you have never attended before, you are more than welcome to come along so we can get to know each other by name.

**St Paul's 60th Anniversary Celebrations**

St. Paul's College, Gilles Plains is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year in 2018. All old scholars are invited to visit the College website; [www.stpauls.sa.edu.au](http://www.stpauls.sa.edu.au) or our Facebook page or call on 82660622 for details of all the College celebrations.

**OBLATE PRE-NOVITIATE**

We have a new Pre Novice beginning his journey with us this coming weekend. His name is CHRIS VILLANUEVA. He comes from Salisbury Parish. I met Chris last October while I was in Brisbane where he was part of the NET team working in Iona College. Fr. Sherman has been in touch with Chris for some time, and we thank God that Chris has been accepted as our newest Oblate student for the Priesthood. I am sure you will keep him in your prayers.  
Fr John OMI

**Saint of the Week—Chair of St Peter**

This feast commemorates the teaching authority of the Vicar of Christ. The Catechism teaches that "it is this Magisterium's task to preserve God's people from deviations and defections and to guarantee them the objective possibility of professing the true faith without error" so that "the People of God abides in the truth that liberates" (CCC 890).

**Ministry Roster 24/25 February**

**6.30pm** C Patricia Beaven, R1 Hughette Rignanese, R2 Martyn Pearce, E1 David Lloyd, E2 Jim Kelly, E3 Victorine Kahandawala, E4 Roman Szczepanik, M James Lloyd.

**9.30am** C Dorothy Nappa, R1 Jos Hensing R2 Betty Vowles, E1 Joe Colangelo, E2 Brigitte Colangelo, E3 Doris Taylor, E4 Annette Stone, M Michael & Tim Carter

**5.30pm** C Amy Bartjes, R1 Philip Matthews, R2 Michelle van den Kieboom, E1 Sunil Mohanaraj, E2 Stuart Feirclough, E3 Elsa Jones, E4 Jijimol Poulouse, M Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

**Church Cleaners:** Team C: Anderson/Matthews/Goss

**Altar Linen:** Lucy

**First Reading** Gen 9:8-15

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 24:4-9.

**(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 3:18-22

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**Gospel** Mk 1:12-15

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

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'