

# PIUS VOICE

4th March, 2018, 3rd Sun of Lent Yr B



## UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

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Fr. Mathewraj OMI

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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

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 in Christ.**

The liturgy of the Third Sunday of Lent begins with the acknowledging God's holiness and his claim on us that we belong to him. It recognizes the fact that we are his own people, and must live in a way that reflects his holiness. God offers us the gift of faith as our path towards holiness. At the same time we all want and desire to live a peaceful life in accordance with God's will. We all want to make sense of our existence. We all desire to live a life where we can make a positive contribution to ourselves, to our families and to those around us. Challenges are always with us, difficulties surround us. However the more we long, desire and develop a personal and ultimate relationship with Jesus Christ as our best friend, there is absolutely nothing that we cannot face and overcome. Indeed we become the "power and the wisdom of God".

Our first reading tells about the covenant God made with Israel by giving them Ten Commandments to live by. God gave them to Moses so that his chosen people will live by the norms given by him. They had to observe them faithfully in order to live the covenant fully. In our second reading Paul calls us to embrace divine wisdom though the world may see it as foolishness. He tells them that we preach Christ crucified. He tells them that God's weakness is greater than human strength. In the gospel Jesus reacts with anger to abuses in the Temple, which he perceives as the violation of the covenant and shows himself as the Lord of the Temple. He drove the traders out of the Temple and predicted that he himself would be the Temple of the new people of God.

As we are called to be the living temple of the Holy Spirit (1Cor 6: 19) and this great season of Lent invites us to give up something that could cleanse our mind and heart.

### ***What to Give up....***

Give up Complaining.....Focus on Gratitude

Give up Pessimism.....Become an Optimist

Give up negativism.....Be Positive

Give up worry.....Trust Divine Providence

Give up hatred.....Return good for evil  
Give up gossiping .....Control your tongue  
Give up anger ..... Be more patient  
Give up pettiness .....Become mature  
Give up sin.....Turn to virtue

***We Pray.....***

Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give us a new and expanded vision for our life. Help us to live full of faith. Teach us to find hope in the face of adversity. Whatever plans we have in mind, Lord we surrender them to you. We will do the best we can but in the end, let Your will be done. Amen.

***Why do make the sign of the Cross.....***

The Sign of the Cross is a sacramental, if we make it with right hand by touching the forehead showing our belief in the Cross, the breast showing our love of the Cross, and the shoulders showing our readiness to bear the Cross. Sometimes a triple Cross is made with the thumb for example at the reading of the Gospel. It is made on the forehead, on the lips, and on the heart to ask God to enlighten our mind, be on our lips and in our heart.

God Bless..... Fr. Mathew

**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.

**Prophetic Pastoral Leadership: the Adelaide Archdiocesan Pastoral Team 1986-2001**

This book, by Paul Hawkes, describes the context of renewal within the archdiocese, the formation of team ministry, and many other aspects, including the impact of our shared story of collaboration and consultation. *Prophetic Pastoral Leadership* will be launched on Saturday 10 March 2018, 2pm-3.30pm, at St Peter Claver Church Hall, Cnr Stuart Rd & Grandview Gr, Dulwich. There will be time to mingle with friends and share stories over tea and coffee, as well as purchase a copy of the book (\$20). At approximately 2.45pm, Dawn Sullivan, Executive Officer, Diocesan Pastoral Council in mid 1980s-mid 1990s, will invite Archbishop Leonard Faulkner to launch the book. RSVPs for launch to Geraldine [sacc1@picknowl.com.au](mailto:sacc1@picknowl.com.au)  
Books may also be purchased by contacting Geraldine [sacc1@picknowl.com.au](mailto:sacc1@picknowl.com.au) - cost \$20, plus P&P.

**Stational Mass Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Supper**

As we are hosting the Northern Deanery Parishes we need to provide enough supper for our guests (100-125) Please find a clip board in the foyer to indicate what type of finger food you will bring. Items of food can be left in the hall before the 7.30pm Mass. Thank you.

**Scott Road**

Due to roadworks please do not park in Scott Road this week 5th—9th March

**Dates for your diary**

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

**Lenten Groups continue this week.....**

Tue 10am—Janine Crowe's Group (hall)

Tue 7pm—Amy Bartjes Group (Church)

Wed 7pm—Sr Pat's Group (Klemzig Convent)

Thur 5pm—Liz Carter's Group ( call Liz for venue 82612846)

Fri 10am—Jos Hensing Group (hall)

Books cost \$8 payable to your leader this week  
Please.

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

Alison Hellams, Barbara Stirling, Charlie Bell, Christine Brassier, 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, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Tony Petrie, Trina Roberts and Ursula Suharto, Vic, Angus Mackintosh.

Recently Deceased

Angas Mackintosh

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

7th Philomona Dieso, recently deceased; Quah Keowhuah, recently deceased

This Week's Saints

7th Sts Perpetua & Felicity; 8th St John of God; 9th St Frances of Rome

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday Lent Year B:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**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.



Third Sunday of Lent  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, providing just futures for others like Bayan.**

**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.

**Saint of the Week—Sts Perpetua & Felicity**

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity were Christian martyrs who lived during the early persecution of the Church in Africa by the Emperor Severus. In the year 203, Vivia Perpetua, a well-educated noblewoman, made the decision to follow the path of her mother and become a Christian, although she knew it could mean her death during the persecutions. Perpetua was arrested with four other catechumens, including two slaves, and their teacher. One of the slaves, Felicity, was 8 months pregnant. The four new Christians and their teacher went to the arena with joy and calm. Perpetua and Felicity stood side by side and were killed by sword at Carthage in the Roman province of Africa. Sts. Perpetua and Felicity are the patron saints of mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers and butchers. Their feast day is celebrated on March 7.

**Ministry Roster 10/11 March**

**6.30pm** C Anna Szczepanik, R1 Jean Canil, R2 Mary Grace Estrada, E1 Roman Szczepanik, E2 David Lloyd, E3 Hilda Cheah, E4 Terence Cheah, M James Lloyd.

**9.30am** C Margaret Duggan, R1 Bernadette Davies, R2 Thelma Weber, E1 Joe Colangelo, E2 Brigitte Colangelo, E3 Jos Hensing, E4 Tommy Morrison, M Peter Roberts

**5.30pm** C Heather Hier, R1 Mark McCarthy, R2 Alex Kaminski, E1 Sunil Mohanaraj, E2 Stuart Feirclough, E3 Jijimol Poulouse, E4 Elsa Jones, M Michael & Tim Carter

**Church Cleaners:** Team E: Pearce/Kaminski/Charlie & Val

**Altar Linen:** Victorine

## **First Reading** Ex 20:1-17

### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 18:8-11.

### **(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

## **Second Reading** 1 Cor 1:22-25

### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## **Gospel Acclamation** Jn 3:16

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

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

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## **Gospel** Jn 2:13-25

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.