ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH DERNANCOURT

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

All Saints Year A — 1st November 2026

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Mass Times

Weekend Masses
Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6:30pm
Sunday 9:30am & 5:30pm

Weekday Masses
Tuesday - Friday 9:15am

Rosary
Tuesday - Friday 8:55am

Adoration
Friday 9:45am-11am
(during school terms)

Reconciliation
Saturday 11:30-12 noon

Parish Sunday School
Sunday 4:30pm-5:15pm
(during school terms)

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals
Please call the Parish Office to arrange

Parish Prayer Network
All you need to do is call:
Marie S 0427 601 068 *or*
Marie T 8266 2223

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

We are committed to the NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

On 1 November every year, Holy Mother Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. In the preface to the Constitutions, St. Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, refers to saints twice. First, on a personal level, he desired that all his brothers should strive to be saints. Then, in the context of mission, he explains what each member of the congregation should do. He says, "we must lead men to act like human beings, first of all, and then like Christians, and, finally, we must help them to become saints." This is the aim and motivation St. Eugene gave to all his brothers who embraced his vision of preaching the good news to the poor.

The Solemnity of All Saints is an open invitation to every baptised Christian to become a saint. Genesis, the first book of the Bible, says that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. God is both human and divine. So, we are invited to share in this nature of God by conducting our lives becomingly.

The holy men and women whom we celebrate today were teachers, preachers, founders of religious orders and scholars. Some were married people, missionaries and martyrs. They came from all walks of life and from various parts of the globe. Through their lives, they show us how to live faithfully according to the Beatitudes that Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus says, "Be holy as my Heavenly Father is Holy." How can we attain this holiness? We can become saints by accepting the daily challenges of our lives. St. Catherine of Siena says: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." St. Augustine asked: "If she and he can become saints, why can't I?" St. Teresa of Avila says that we should recharge our spiritual batteries every day through prayer, namely, by listening to God and talking to Him. So, friends, we are on a journey. Let us make every effort to become saints by living out our daily commitments and taking up our daily crosses.

So, we shall draw inspiration from the saints who have gone before us. May their example encourage us to persevere in faith, embrace our daily crosses with courage, and strive each day to become the people God has called us to be. **May we never be content merely to admire the saints but be inspired to follow their example and become saints ourselves.**

Fr. John Sebastian OMI

Catholic Schools in our Parish

St Pius X Primary School
8 Windsor Grove,
Windsor Gardens
Ph: 8266 9400

Kildare College
96 Valiant Road,
Holden Hill
Ph: 8369 9999

St Paul's College
792 Grand Junction Road,
Gilles Plains
Ph: 8334 8300

PARISH, OBLATE & ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

St Vincent de Paul News

Christmas Giving Tree: Our Giving Tree goes up in the St Pius X church foyer on the weekend of 14–15 November, when you will be asked for special foods to make up our Christmas Hampers, so please take a well earned break from your weekly donations - we have appreciated them very much. The Giving Tree tags are for children's gifts, with boys' and girls' tags showing the child's age (up to 15 years).

New Members Welcome: If you have any free time and would consider learning about how we visit and assist those in need, please drop us a line to the email below. We'd love to hear from you.

Wool: Donations of wool are appreciated and can be left in the Church foyer. Our knitters appreciate your donations.

Bread and Meeting date: Our next bread pick up is Monday Nov 9: Dot & Louis; Joe & Jessie Caruana. Our next monthly meeting: Parish Hall, Monday Nov 2 at 7 pm.

To contact us: Please email: dcourtvinnies@outlook.com

For people in need, please phone Vinnies 1300 729 202

All Soul's Day Masses and November Mass Offering Envelopes

Monday 2nd November is All Soul's Day. On this day there will be two masses: **9.15am** and **7.00pm**.

In November, we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Masses will be offered for deceased family and friends.

November Mass offering envelopes can be found in the pews. You may place a small photo of your loved one under the altar; we will include them in prayers at all Masses on 2 November.

Mass in the Memorial Garden

On **Saturday 7th November at 9.15am** there will be a special Memorial Mass followed by blessing of the Memorial Garden. For this special Mass you could bring a small photo of the deceased person to be left under the foot of the altar, where they will be specially remembered during that Mass too.

Supporting Our Priests and Deacons

Next weekend (8th November) throughout the archdiocese is Supporting our Priests and Deacons Sunday. At all our Masses we will be invited to thank God for their ministries and offer them our prayerful support. In particular, we will be asked to renew our commitment to their financial support through our weekly contribution to the First Collection.

Parish Christmas Raffle

The annual Parish Christmas Raffle commences next weekend. Tickets: $1.00 each or available in books of $5.00 or $10.00. There are many great prizes to be won! Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Oblate Youth SA

All youth aged 16-30 are welcome to join Oblate Youth in South Australia. For more information regarding upcoming youth events, please refer to the noticeboard in the Church foyer.

De Mazenod Family

St Pius X Catholic Parish Dernancourt contact person: Jos Hensing (m) 0452 300 063
For more information please visit https://demazenodfamily.com.au/

New Altar Server Training Session

Dear parents, if you would like your children to participate as altar servers during Mass in our Parish, we warmly invite you to encourage them to join us for an upcoming training session. Serving at Mass is a meaningful way for children to be more involved in our community and deepen their faith.

Training Session will he held on **Friday 13th November at 4.30pm**.

We kindly ask that you support and encourage your children to take part in serving at Masses. Your cooperation and encouragement are greatly appreciated as we foster the next generation of parish leaders. Thank you for your co-operation.

Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass

We would like to extend a special invitation to all the volunteers within our Parish community to join us for a **Thanksgiving Mass, on Sunday 15th November during 9.30am Mass**.

Your dedication and service are deeply appreciated, and this special Mass gives us the opportunity to thank you for all your wonderful services your give to our parish community.

Public Rosary for Peace and Vocations

Join the Legion of Mary as we pray the Rosary outdoors for peace. Saturday November 7, 2026 at Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent St Francis Xavier's Cathedral). Rosary begins after 8am Mass. All welcome. Enquiries: Patrick Greenrod (Legion of Mary) 0414 769 635

Men's Public Rosary

The Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade is part of a global movement encouraging men to honour Our Lady, offer reparation, and intentions for an increase in vocations; and take part in the First Saturday devotion. Saturday November 7, 2026 at Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) Rosary begins after 11.30am Mass (Confessions available until 1pm) All welcome. Enquiries: Instagram @adelaidemensrosary or text 0419 824 582

Memorial Mass For Deceased Bishops, Clergy & Religious

Wednesday, 11 November at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese. Mass will begin at 5.45pm and music will be led by the Gleeson College Choir. Contact: Archdiocesan Events on (ph) 8210 8220 or (e) events@adelaide.catholic.org.au for more information.

National Oblate Youth Encounter 2027 - Mission Is Possible!

Registrations are now open for the National Oblate Youth Encounter (NOYE), being held from 4-8 January 2027 at St Eugene's Retreat Centre, Newborough. NOYE brings together young people from across Australia for five days of faith, friendship and community, with talks, workshops, prayer and liturgy, music and plenty of time to connect with others.

This year's theme is "MISSION IS POSSIBLE" inviting us to explore what mission means for us today and how we can live our faith and the charism of St Eugene de Mazenod in our everyday lives. Young people from Year 12 through to 30 years of age are invited to come along.

WHEN: 4–8 January 2027
WHERE: St Eugene's Retreat Centre, Newborough VIC
COST: $350 per person, including accommodation and meals

Registration is now open via the Oblate Youth Australia website: https://bit.ly/noye27
For more information contact: Emma Rice (e) erice@omi.com.au (m) 0422 705 230

Readings:
All Saints Year A

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-146
Vision of those who survive the trial.

Responsorial Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6
(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
We are already children of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
The Beatitudes.

Next Week's Readings:
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Ministry Roster
Weekend 7th & 8th November

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Commentator: Jean Canil
Readers: Hughette Riganese & Yalena Senathirajah
EMHC: Jose Paje & Clifford Quadras
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am
Commentator: Olivia Jins
Readers: Chris Clift & Carlo Librino
EMHC: Charlie Baldacchino & Rebecca Wood
Music: Peter Roberts

Sunday 5:30pm
Commentator, Readers & Music (YOUTH)

EMHC: Judith Mohan & Tony Gagliardi

Altar Linen: Dot
Counters: Keith & Cathy
Flowers: Jennie
Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Eileen & Surani
(Team D) Nicholas; Adrian; Hadrian
Morning Tea: (6th November)
Jan Jennella; Doris; Sophie

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd November
All Souls Day (9.15am and 7pm Mass)

Wednesday 4th November
Anointing of the Sick (9.15am)

Saturday 7th November
Memorial Mass (9.15am)
followed by Blessing of the Memorial Garden

Friday 13th November
New Altar Server Training (4.30pm)

Sunday 15th November
Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass (9.30am Mass)

Saint of the Week: Saint Tarcisius

Tarcisius was a twelve-year-old acolyte during one of the fierce Roman persecutions of the third century. Each day from a secret meeting place in the catacombs where Christians gathered for Mass, a deacon would be sent to the prisons to carry the Eucharist to those Christians condemned to die. At one point, there was no deacon to send and so Tarcisius was sent carrying the Eucharist.

On the way he was stopped by boys his own age who were not Christians but recognised him. They desired to view the Christian "Mysteries,", the Body of Christ. He refused and they became a mob and turned upon Tarcisius with fury. He went down under the blows, but refused to release the box carrying the Blessed Sacrament, until another Christian drove off the mob and rescued the young acolyte. The mangled body of Tarcisius was carried back to the catacombs, but the boy martyr died on the way from his injuries. His final words were "I had to protect the Blessed Jesus. Take Him to those who need Him."

Planned Giving

The Planned Giving Programme is an important part of the Parish and assists us to maintain all aspects of the Church and Priests. Please consider joining the Planned Giving Programme.

For more information contact the Parish Finance Officer on finance@stpiusxdernancourt.com.au

EFT First Collection Details
NAME: TRUSTEES OF MOMI
BSB: 083 347
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1134 904 72
REFERENCE: 1st Collection and your name
The First Collection supports the Oblate Fathers and Brothers.

EFT Second Collection Details
BANK: CBA
NAME: CATHOLIC PARISH DERNANCOURT
BSB: 066 782
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 100 000 048
REFERENCE: 2nd Collection and your name
The Second Collection supports the Parish

We Pray ...that the sick will be healed by Christ

Karen Sommerville, Silvana De Rosa, Adrian Piccolo, Simon Halman, Rebecca Killick, Eva Babon, Ros Venn, Joel Porter, Bo Hayman, Trudy Thain, John McManus, Anna Feirclough, Carmela Vello, Chad Oliver, Frank Habets, Heather Hier, Anne Halman, Virginia Lampe, Garnet Gamet, May Green, Louise Rhodes, Anna Cicharello, John, Barbara Stirling, Alison Hellams, Tom Trainor, John, Barry Whitford, Brenton Powell, Tracy Mifsud, Michael, Cynthia Edwards, Peter Comas, George Marshell, Jim Corkill, Lisa Johnstone, Scott, John Jordan, Colleen Wallace, Matt Basedow, Helen Starr, Anne & Don Brown, Luisa Covino.

RIP:

Please ring the parish office and let us know, whose names you would like listed for prayer.