

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH DERNANCOURT

In the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

15th March 2026

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Office Hours

Thursday - Friday 9am-2pm

Safeguarding Officers

Judith Mohanaraj, Grace Rayappu,
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Finance Committee

Jean Canil (Chair), Peter Roberts,
James Lloyd, Charlie Baldacchino &
Nicholas Perera.

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

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. (Source: Loyola Press)



St Pius X Primary School

8 Windsor Grove,
Windsor Gardens
Ph: 8266 9400



Catholic Schools in our Parish

Kildare College

96 Valiant Road,
Holden Hill
Ph: 8369 9999



St Paul's College

792 Grand Junction Road,
Gilles Plains
Ph: 8266 0622

PARISH, OBLATE & ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Vinnies
good works

St Vincent de Paul News

Our Parish Foodbank

Next week, if you can, we'd especially like cereal, canned tomatoes and canned spaghetti and we'd love the usual non-perishables such as long-life milk, tuna, baked beans and white rice.

Wool

Donations of wool are appreciated. They can be left in the Church foyer.

Bread Collection and Meeting dates

Next pick up: **Monday March 16:** Philip, Narelle, Margaret & Mary Hern

Next meeting date: **Monday April 13** at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Want to get involved?

If you, or perhaps a friend, would like information about us, please contact our members (phone details are available from the Parish Office) or email: dcourtvinnyies@outlook.com

For people in need, please phone **Vinnies 1300 729 202**

Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation

(DERNANCOURT-TEA TREE GULLY-MOGBURY-PARA HILLS)

To celebrate the joy of Easter, spiritual preparation is essential. On **Tuesday 24th March at 7pm**, there will be the Second Rite of Reconciliation at St. Pius X Parish. Please save this date in your diary and make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare well and to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Stations of the Cross are held in our Parish every Friday during Lent until Good Friday, at 6.30pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commences at 6.00pm prior to the Stations. Please take the opportunity to share in this great spiritual tradition of the Church during Lent.

Lenten Reflection Group

Lent is a sacred time of prayer, reflection and renewal. The Church encourages us to set aside time each day to look at our lives in the light of the Gospel. Our Parish Lenten Reflection is held every Tuesday during Lent, immediately after the 9.15am morning Mass and continuing through to Holy Week. All are warmly invited to join us.

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter

Please see the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter at:

<https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-people/archbishop-patrick-o-regan-dd/messages>

or scan this QR code to view the Pastoral Letter.



Annual Archdiocesan Chrism Mass

Most Reverend Archbishop O'Regan, our Archbishop, wishes to invite all parishioners to attend the Annual Archdiocesan Chrism Mass on **Monday of Holy Week, 30th March 2026** in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral beginning at 6.00pm. It will be a great opportunity to pray for our Archbishop and clergy in our diocese. Please save this date in your diary.

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/>

Altar Servers Training

All altar servers are kindly invited to attend a training session in preparation for Holy Week.

Date: Tuesday, 31 March

Time: 5:00 pm

Your presence is greatly appreciated as we prepare for the upcoming Holy Week liturgies.

Project Compassion

A special collection for Project Compassion will be held at all Masses this weekend of 14th-15th March. Your support will help make a real difference to those in need.

Marian Procession

Each year the Archdiocese hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Our Lady. This year on **Sunday 17th May 2026 at 2.00pm**, the event will celebrate 77 years and continues to be the longest standing consecutive event in the Australian Catholic Church. Please place this date in your calendars. Further details to follow.

Marist Brothers Alberton – 100th Anniversary

The Marist Brothers are celebrating 100 years since their move from Port Adelaide to Alberton. 1926 – 2026: A century of faith, education and community spirit. Friends and Old Scholars are invited to join us.

The invitation is also extended in a particular way to Old Scholars of Mount Carmel Girls School, whose shared history and close association forms an important part of this story.

Details: 12pm Tuesday 2 June 2026 at Alberton Hotel (124 Port Road, Alberton)

Good Friday Night Walk

Young people and families are warmly invited to join an evening pilgrimage walk through the heart of the city. As we journey together into the stillness of the night, we will pause to reflect on the significance of this sacred day and create space for hope, even in moments of darkness.

Details: Friday 3 April 2026 - 7:30pm start until late (approx. 11:30pm) beginning at Mary MacKillop Plaza (next to St Francis Xavier Cathedral) and concluding at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. Walking distance approximately 6–6.5km. There will be 3 moments of contemporary prayer, reflection, and worship - at the beginning, midpoint and end of the pilgrimage.

Hosted by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), this all-ages pilgrimage weaves together prayer, scripture, music and reflective moments inspired by the faith and leadership of young people across the Archdiocese. We invite everyone - young people, families, and the wider community - to step into this shared journey. Together, we will honour the solemn beauty of Good Friday, lift up the voices and presence of our young people, and deepen our reflection on the mystery and hope of Easter.

Registration <https://www.trybooking.com/DIYHL>

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast

Dear brethren in our Lord Jesus Christ, you, your family and friends are invited to join us to celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday feast as Jesus requested, on Sunday April 12 2026, (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14 Barker Rd Prospect 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

For Divine Mercy materials, please contact Divine Mercy Publications in Melbourne.

- * Don't forget to bring your rosary beads, prayer cards, books, etc, so Fr can bless them.
- * Please spread the good news.
- * Car parking available.

Enquiries: Mario Forte 0412 700 300; Lothar Bukojemski 0422 982 860; Julie Caridi 0422 982 851

Readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13**

Samuel anoints David king.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Live in the light.

Gospel Acclamation: John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9:1-41

On the Sabbath, Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth.

**Next Week's Readings:
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

Saint of the Week: Saint Frances of Rome

Frances was born in Rome in 1384 to a noble family and was determined to dedicate her life to God as a nun at the age of 11. However, her father forbade it and she married a wealthy young man named Lorenzo. She became close with her sister-in-law Vannozza, who also desired to dedicate her life to God. Together they were committed to a strong spiritual life, attending Mass together, visiting prisons, and serving in hospitals.

Shortly after Frances' three children were born, a flood brought disease and famine to Rome. Frances and Vannozza went out together and distributed corn, wine, oil and clothing to the poor. When war broke out she turned their ruined house into a makeshift hospital and a shelter for the homeless. Frances founded a lay order of women called the Oblates of Mary who lived in the world but served the poor. When Lorenzo died Frances went to live in a house for the widowed members of the community and served as superior for four years until her death in 1440.

**Ministry Roster
Weekend 21 & 22 March****Saturday 6:30pm Vigil**

Commentator: Nicholas Perera

Readers: Shani Quadras and Sheya Quadras

EMHC: Clifford Quadras and Dennis Rodrigues

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am

Commentator: Olivia Jins

Readers: Sue Griffith and Adam Slater

EMHC: Jos Hensing and Charlie Baldacchino

Music: Michael and Tim Carter

Sunday 5:30pm

Commentator: Alex Kaminski

Readers: Mark McCarthy and Nekeesha Jayasinghe

EMHC: Esma Gagliardi and James Karanja

Music: Sonia Mohanaraj and Group

Altar Linen: Mary

Counters: Grace and Francis

Flowers: N/A

Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Susannah and Paul
(Team F) Joe Caruana; Mohan; C Zammit

Morning Tea: (5th April - EASTER)

Please note there is NO morning tea.

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@stpiousxdernancourt.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

Upcoming Events

Every Tuesday during Lent

Lenten Reflection Group (after 9.15am Mass)

Every Friday during Lent

Adoration (6.00pm) Stations of the Cross (6.30pm)

Tuesday 24th March

Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation (7pm)
at St Pius X Parish, Dernancourt

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

Tuesday 31st March

Altar Servers Training for Holy Week (5pm)

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

John McManus, Des O'Reilley, Anna Feirclough, Carmela Vello, Chad Oliver, Frank Habets, Heather Hier, Anne Halman, Virginia Lampe, Garnet Gamet, May Green, Louise Rhodes, Anna Cicharello, Viv & John, Barbara Stirling, Kay Morrison, Alison Hellams, Tom Trainor, John, Barry Whitford, Brenton Powell, Tracy Mifsud, Michael, Cynthia Edwards, Peter Comas, George Marshall, Jim Corkill, Lisa Johnstone, Margaret Musolino, Scott, John Jordan, Colleen Wallace, Matt Basedow, Helen Starr, Darryl Ferguson, Anne & Don Brown, Denzil Simmons, Peter Hensing, Amelia Stone.

RIP:

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