ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH DERNANCOURT

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

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A — 22nd 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 the last Sunday of the Liturgical calendar, Holy Mother Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. This Solemnity helps us to acknowledge the author of all creation and the due honour we all need to give Him, in our lives.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This feast was instituted as a result of protest against the rise of modern secularism. After the First World War, there was a growing sense of power of humanity to rule itself. God, the creator of the universe was no more the centre of the cosmos, so in order to emphasise the supremacy of God in the universe this feast was instituted.

The Solemnity of Christ the King invites us to look at the manner in which He served the people. Jesus, the King of the universe, does not use His armies to rule the people, rather He rules through His constant love, compassion, forgiveness and mercy. He also goes after the lost sheep and assures them with life and protection. All those who listen to His voice are out of danger and are always assured with life, joy and happiness.

The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel says, "I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them".

So, in all that we do and say and enjoy let us acknowledge the supremacy of God in our lives and also appreciate the sacrifices Jesus made on our behalf, so that we are all united with Him at all times of our lives. Amen.

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

Vinnies Christmas Appeal: The Vinnies Christmas Appeal began last weekend and the Christmas Giving Tree is in the Church foyer until the weekend of 12-13 December to enable parishioners to donate special Christmas grocery items and gifts for Christmas hampers and toys/gifts for children (unwrapped). Wrapping paper can also be donated so that parents can wrap individual gifts. The Dernancourt St Vincent De Paul Society will provide hampers and gifts for their children to approximately 80 needy families in our area this year.

The number of families experiencing hardship has increased. By taking a tag from the tree and making a donation of the marked item, you will be making a difference to a family's Christmas. Of course, you are most welcome to take several tags! Some suggestions for grocery items are: Biscuits (sweet or savoury), long life milk, long life custard (1 Litre), sweets, jellies, small vegemite, small coffee, cordial, beetroot, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit. Special Christmas items would be most acceptable. We have a large number of girls and boys aged between 10 and 16 years and we ask that you consider this age group when taking a tag.

You may also prefer to make a donation through the Poor Boxes in the Church or in the special envelopes available in the Church foyer. Envelopes can be returned on the Collection Plates at Mass.

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 23: Michael Carter, Marie, Thelma, Elizabeth. Our next monthly meeting: Parish Hall, Monday Dec 7 at 7 pm.

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

For people in need, please phone Vinnies 1300 729 202

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday 8th December, the Oblate Parishes (Dernancourt and Tea Tree Gully) in South Australia will have a concelebrated Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at Dernancourt Parish at 7pm followed by light supper in the Church Hall. It is an important feast for the Oblates, so kindly join the Oblates from both the Parishes and pray for their good health and for more vocations to the Oblate congregation. Please bring a plate to share with others.

There will be **NO MORNING MASS ON THIS DAY AT DERNANCOURT**.

A Joyful Celebration – Ordination to the Diaconate

With great joy and gratitude to God, we congratulate our three Oblate scholastics, Br Shing Him Bernard Yeung OMI, Br Trung Hieu Nguyen OMI and Br Ngoc Thai Nguyen OMI, who will be ordained to the Order of the Diaconate. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, on Saturday, 28 November 2026, at 10.00 am, at St John Vianney's Church, Melbourne. Please keep them all in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of service to God and the Church.

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/

Our Sanctuary and Foyer: Your Voice Matters

Dear Parishioners, as we look ahead to 50 years of our Parish Church and 70 years as a Parish next year, we are beginning to explore the possibility of renewing our sanctuary and foyer, so that our church remains a beautiful and welcoming home for everyone in our community.

We are in the early stages of discernment, and nothing has been decided. Before any plans are finalised, we want to hear from you: your hopes for our worship space, what you value about it as it is, and what would help us gather and pray more fully.

This weekend, on the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, we will share some initial thoughts and begin a conversation about how this project might unfold. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and share your ideas after each Mass:

- Saturday 6.30pm Mass followed by sausage sizzle hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross
- Sunday 9.30am Mass followed by a special morning tea with our morning tea group
- Sunday 5.30pm Mass followed by a sausage sizzle hosted by the Oblate Youth

Each will be by a gold coin donation. We warmly invite you to come along, to listen and to speak. Please keep this important discussion in your prayers.

Parish Sacrament Program

Children who are currently in Yr 3 or Yr 4 or above and have been Baptised Catholic, are invited to attend Parish Sacrament program to commence their journey for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Please enrol your child by visiting our Parish website. The enrolment will close on 25thJanuary 2027, and the classes will begin on 7th February 2027. Registration is compulsory to commence the Sacrament program in the parish.

Parish Sunday School Program

With the support of some dedicated parishioners, we are running the Sunday School Program. The classes will be held on Sunday from 4.30pm to 5.15pm leading into Sunday Evening Mass at 5.30pm.

If you wish to send your children to the Sunday School next year, please visit our parish website for the registration. Registration is compulsory. Please actively encourage your children to grow in their faith journey.

Parish Christmas Raffle

The annual Parish Christmas Raffle commences this 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.

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

For more information contact: Emma Rice (e) erice@omi.com.au (m) 0422 705 230

Readings:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
The Lord will rescue his sheep.

Responsorial: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1
(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
When all has been subjected to Christ, all will be one in Him.

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9-10
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.

Next Week's Readings:
First Sunday of Advent Year B
First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Ministry Roster
Weekend 28th & 29th November

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Commentator: Hughette Riganese
Readers: Jack Boettcher & Nicholas Perera
EMHC: Jose Paje & Clifford Quadras
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am
Commentator: Sue Griffith
Readers: Sarah Alford & Adam Slater
EMHC: Malcolm Davies & Grace Rayappu
Music: Vietnamese Group

Sunday 5:30pm
Commentator: Stephanie Gabbana
Readers: Mark McCarthy & Hithna Padayahill
EMHC: James Karanja & Esma Gagliardi
Music: Filipino Choir

Altar Linen: Elizabeth
Counters: Joe & Brigitte
Flowers: Zenia
Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Wynne & Nicole
(Team G) Van Vu; Tuyen; Judith; Ravi
Morning Tea: (6th December)
Jan Jennella; Doris; Sophie

Upcoming Events

Saturday 21st - Sunday 22nd November
Our Sanctuary and Foyer: Your Voice Matters
sausage sizzle after 6.30pm Mass (hosted KSC)
morning tea after 9.30am Mass (hosted morning tea group
sausage sizzle after 5.30pm Mass (hosted Youth)

Wednesday 2nd December
Anointing of the Sick (9:15am Mass)

Tuesday 8th December
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (7pm)
followed by shared supper in the Parish Hall
*(Please Note: **NO morning Mass** at Dernancourt)*

Saint of the Week: Saint Carlo Acutis
Carlo was born in 1991 in London but then his parents moved with him back to Italy. Carlo is known for his deep devotion to the Catholic faith and his adept use of technology to share religious content and is the first millennial saint. Carlo's life was characterized by a remarkable integration of faith and reason. He exhibited an exceptional intellect and a keen interest in understanding the mysteries of technology and Catholicism.

Carlo died in 2006 at the age of 15 due to leukemia but had created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles worldwide. He was able to catalogue 187 Eucharistic miracles during a period of two-and-a-half years. Through his expertise in computer programming, Carlo sought to share the profound reality of the Real Presence with others, inviting them to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. Carlo is celebrated not only for his faith and holiness, displayed by participating in daily Mass and the Rosary, but also for his ability to integrate his faith with modern technology. Saint Carlo is often referred to as the patron saint of the internet.

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

Giovanni Famularo, 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, Colleen Wallace, Matt Basedow, Helen Starr, Anne & Don Brown, Luisa Covino.

RIP: Mrs Ursula Suharto(funeral Mass will be held on Nov 24th at 10:30am)

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