ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH DERNANCOURT

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

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 25th October 2026

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Office Hours
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Judith Mohanaraj, Grace Rayappu, Malcolm Davies & Dennis Rodrigues

Finance Committee
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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

The Word of God gently invites us to open our hearts to the love that brings us closer to God and to one another. In the first reading from Exodus, God reminds his people to care for strangers, remembering that they too were once strangers in Egypt. This invitation speaks to us as well: when we remember the kindness we have received in difficult times, we can offer that same kindness to someone who feels alone or far from home. A simple welcome can help another person know that they belong.

In the Gospel, Jesus brings us back to the heart of faith: loving God with our whole heart, soul and mind, and loving our neighbour as ourselves. These two commandments belong together. The love we nurture in prayer is meant to find expression in the way we listen, speak and care for others. At times, loving can be difficult, especially when we are tired or carrying worries of our own. Yet we need not be discouraged. We can bring our struggles to the Lord and ask for the grace to take one small, loving step today.

Let us ask ourselves gently: whom can I encourage or care for today? We may not always have money or material resources to share, but we can offer a listening ear, a kind word, a little of our time, or a prayer. A phone call to someone who is lonely or a patient response at home can be a quiet expression of God's love. And if we ourselves are struggling, let us remember that we too are worthy of care and thus willingly receive help and support from others. We also pray that the Lord will strengthen us to love with generous hearts, trusting that even small acts of kindness matter. 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

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 Oct 26: Philip, Narelle, Margaret & Mary Hern. 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 are available in the church foyers. 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.

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.

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/

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.

KSC Scholarships - for Year 12/Stage 2, 2027

The Knights of the Southern Cross (SA) have been awarding scholarships for over 30 years to assist students with their Stage 2 studies. The two such scholarships are now valued at $5,000 each and have proved to be of benefit to and appreciated by the recipients and their parents. If you are interested and your child is currently in Year 11/Stage 1, the Application Form and Rules for the Scholarship can be obtained visiting the following website: www.kscsa.com.au (links to the Application Form and Rules can be found at the top of the opening page)
Enquiries to: Catherine Wiggett, KSC (SA) Scholarship Administration Officer (e) kscsa@kscsa.org.au
Applications close 13th November 2026.

Journey Mass - A Celebration of South Australian's Italian Migrants

Saturday, 14 November at 3.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The event will be held during the Adelaide Italian Festival week and will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia. Refreshments available after Mass. All are welcome. For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events on (ph) 8210 8220 or (e) events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

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:
Thirtieth Sunday Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Treat all people with generosity.

Responsorial Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2
(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Thessalonians have become a model for others.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40
Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment of the Law.

Next Week's Readings:
All Saints Year A
First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Ministry Roster
Weekend 31st October & 1st November

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Commentator: TJ San Diego
Readers: Jack Boettcher & Leedia Quadras
EMHC: Dennis Rodrigues & Roman Szczepanik
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am
Commentator: Jos Hensing
Readers: Sarah Alford & Adam Slater
EMHC: Malcolm Davies & Sue Griffith
Music: Peter Roberts

Sunday 5:30pm
Commentator: Alex Kaminski
Readers: Mark McCarthy & Shaun Thomas
EMHC: James Karanja & Esma Gagliardi
Music: Michael & Tim Carter

Altar Linen: Lucy
Counters: Hans & Dianne
Flowers: Elizabeth
Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Maria & Zenia
(Team C) Jijo; Jobi; Sheldon
Morning Tea: (1st November)
Lucy; Margaret; Wynne

Upcoming Events

Sunday 1st November
All Saints Day

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Parish Morning Tea (after 9.30am Mass)

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)

Saint of the Week:
Saint Marie-Alphonsine Danil Ghattas
Marie was born in Jerusalem in 1843 and joined the Order of St. Joseph of the Apparition at the age of seventeen and made her perpetual vows in 1863. Later she moved to serve in Bethlehem, where the Virgin Mary appeared to her, asking her to found a new congregation, the "Holy Rosary Sisters," which was approved in 1883. She was known for her humility, love, and silence. She kept a profound secret in her heart for 53 years. Her spiritual director instructed her to write down her extraordinary spiritual experience about her apparitions of the Virgin Mary, leaving us with two manuscripts filled with spiritual richness.

The first contains 64 pages detailing the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to Marie between 1874 and 1880. The second manuscript of 17 pages narrates the first missions by Marie and the foundation period of the Order. It highlights the struggles of poverty and adversity she endured, all while maintaining a joyful and surrendered spirit. It also includes stories of healings and miracles attributed to the Rosary before her death in 1927.

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
Simon Halman, Rebecca Killick, Malloy Rolfe, 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, Darryl Ferguson, Anne & Don Brown and Luisa Covino.

RIP: Andrew Arthur Pannell

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