ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH DERNANCOURT

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

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 8th 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

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, the readings invite us to reflect on the end of our earthly journey, the Second Coming of Christ and the final judgement. Through the parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being watchful, prepared and faithful as we await His coming.

As Christians, we all look forward to the day when we will meet Jesus face to face and share in the joy of His eternal Kingdom. However, this hope calls us to do more than simply desire eternal life; it invites us to live each day in a way that reflects our faith and love for God.

The parable also reminds us that certain things in our spiritual lives cannot be borrowed or acquired at the last minute. Our relationship with God, our love for one another, our personal faith and the goodness of our character must be nurtured through our daily choices and actions.

Being prepared, therefore, does not mean living in fear of the end times. Rather, it means living faithfully in the present: making time for prayer, participating in the Eucharist, forgiving those who hurt us, caring for those in need, reaching out to the lonely and showing kindness and compassion to those around us.

Let us remember that every day is an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Christ and allow His love to shine through our lives. May we never postpone the good we can do today but remain faithful and ready to welcome the Lord whenever He calls us. 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 will commence on the weekend of 14–15 November, and the Christmas Giving Trees will be placed 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 indivdual 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/savoury); long life milk; long life custard; 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 9: Dot & Louis; Joe & Jessie Caruana. Our next monthly meeting: Parish Hall, Monday Dec 7 at 7pm.

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

For people in need, please phone Vinnies 1300 729 202

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, next **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.

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.

On the **Solemnity of Christ the King (21–22 November)**, 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:
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom comes to those who are worthy.

Responsorial: Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
God will raise up those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Parable of the ten bridesmaids.

Next Week's Readings:
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Ministry Roster
Weekend 14th & 15th November

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Commentator: Martyn Pearce
Readers: Polly Buerano & Charles McPhee
EMHC: Marie Smith & Joe Buerano
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am
Commentator: Grace Rayappu
Readers: Michael Carter & Roderick Essery
EMHC: Malcolm Davies & Jos Hensing
Music: Vietnamese Group

Sunday 5:30pm
Commentator: Amy Bartjes
Readers: Susan Timpani & Nicole Abeywickrema
EMHC: James Karanja & Esma Gagliardi
Music: Filipino Choir

Altar Linen: Marie
Counters: Charlie & Lyn
Flowers: Elizabeth
Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Raquel & Lloyd
(Team E) Jake; Edwin; Adam W
Morning Tea: (6th December)
Jan Jennella; Doris; Sophie

Upcoming Events

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

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

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)

Saint of the Week: Saint Mariam Thresia

Mariam was born in 1876 in Kerala, India. A young Mariam dedicated herself to the Lord and practiced severe fasts and night vigils. She also made a private vow to remain chaste and was moved by an intense desire to love God. Mariam was heavily involved in apostolic work with poor families and helped the poor, nursed the sick, visited and comforted the lonely people of her parish. Mariam received spiritual experiences like prophecy, healing, aura of light, ecstasies and levitations. She also bore a stigmata.

In 1914 she founded the Congregation of the Holy Family and became the first superior of the order. They led a life of prayer and strict penance. However they continued to visit with the sick and help the poor and needy. In 1926, an object fell on her leg, causing a wound. The doctors deemed her condition to be fatal, and she was moved back to her convent. Mariam died from her leg wound exacerbated from her diabetes. Her final words were, "Jesus, Mary and Joseph; I give you my heart and my soul."

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: Fr Vincent McGillicuddy OMI (his funeral will be held on 13th November in Moe, Victoria)

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