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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — **15th 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

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. *(Source: Loyola Press)*

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 commences this weekend and the Christmas Giving Tree 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 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**.

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, this **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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
A worthy wife is invaluable.

Responsorial: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
You are children of the light.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4. 5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
The rich man, his servants and the talents.

Next Week's Readings:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A
First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Ministry Roster
Weekend 21st & 22nd November

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Commentator: TJ San Diego
Readers: Shani Quadras & Sheya Quadras
EMHC: Dennis Rodrigues & Elizabeth Paje
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am
Commentator: Rebecca Wood
Readers: Olivia Jins & Vin Thomas
EMHC: Doris Taylor & Charlie Baldacchino
Music: Michael & Tim Carter

Sunday 5:30pm
Commentator: Van Bonita
Readers: Tessa Murenu-Tesolin & Nekeesha Jayasinghe
EMHC: Judith Mohan & Tony Gagliardi
Music: Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Altar Linen: Mary
Counters: Grace & Francis
Flowers: Leedia
Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Marie & Surani
(Team F) Joe; Mohan; Christine
Morning Tea: (6th December)
Jan Jennella; Doris; Sophie

Upcoming Events

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)

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 Mark Ji Tainxiang
Ji was born in 1834 in Hebei, China. He became a doctor and he contracted a malady that attacked his stomach and he began self-treatment using opium. He quickly became addicted to the drug, which became his lifelong struggle. Ji maintained his very strong faith, regularly receiving the sacraments, spending time in prayer, and attending daily mass. His parish priest then denied Ji the sacraments, thinking that he must have been of little moral strength, and that continued for 30 years and yet he remained faithful and continued to attend daily mass. After 30 years he was once again permitted to partake in the Holy Eucharist and in Reconciliation.

Ji was one of the many Christians killed during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900. Rebels, protesting Western Imperialism, considered Christianity a distinctly Western religion, and they killed nearly 32,000 Chinese Christians and 200 Western Missionaries in northern China. Ji insisted that he be the last among his group killed so that he could provide spiritual consolation to each of them. Ji was then beheaded for refusing to reject Christianity.

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

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