ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH DERNANCOURT

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

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 11th October 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

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy. *(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

Our Parish Foodbank: Our Parish Foodbank: Thank you so much for your wonderful support of items for our "food bank". We have been blessed with a great response for our Winter Appeal from our schools - Kildare, St Pius X Primary School and St Paul's College - and at the moment our cupboards are very full. It won't be long now (November) till we put up our Giving Tree for Christmas 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.

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 12: Kevin, Marie, Louella and Josie Caretta. Our next monthly meeting: Parish Hall, Monday Oct 12 at 7 pm.

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

For people in need, please phone Vinnies 1300 729 202

World Mission Month - Leaving Collection

Catholic Mission provides project support to critical church-run initiatives in remote dioceses within Australia as well as Africa, Asia, Oceania, and South America. There will be a leaving collection next weekend 17th-18th October 2026. Thank you for your generosity.

Calvary Home Care

For more than 140 years, Calvary has continued the mission inspired by Venerable Mary Potter and the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, caring for people with compassion and dignity.
Today, Calvary Home Care continues this tradition by supporting older South Australians to remain safe, independent and connected in their own homes.
Through the Australian Government's Support at Home program, our local Adelaide team can help you or a loved one access high-quality, personalised care and support at home. When the time comes to seek a little extra support, we are a Catholic provider you can turn to. Enquire today by calling 1300 797 522 or scan the QR Code to find out more.

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.

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/

KSC Dernancourt Branch Executive Team Installation 2026/2027

The Knights of the Southern Cross Dernancourt Branch under the leadership of Chairman James Ellery will conduct their annual executive team installation for 2026/2027 at the 5.30pm Mass Sunday 11th October 2026.

What is KSC

The Order in SA was founded in 1922 and is a fraternal society of Catholic laymen with an emphasis on the spiritual formation and growth of individual members.

The Knights of the Southern Cross is an apolitical and charitable Order of Catholic laymen dedicated to the service of the Catholic Church and fellow Australians and is very active in the Dernancourt Parish both spiritual and fundraising, with annual donations to St. Vincent de Paul Dernancourt Chapter Christmas and Winter Appeals.

For more information regarding KSC at Dernancourt please contact James Ellery (m) 0420 355 841, Rodney Hern (m) 0400 196 779 or David Lloyd (m) 0413 625 232

World Youth Day 2027 – Information Night

Curious about World Youth Day Seoul 2027? Join the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) for First Steps to Seoul, an informal evening to learn more about World Youth Day, hear about the Adelaide Diocesan pilgrimage, and connect with others interested in the journey. Whether you're considering attending or simply want to find out more, all are welcome.

Wakefield Hotel (76 Wakefield St, Adelaide) Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 7:30pm.
Light catering provided (full meals available for individual purchase)

Registrations are essential via the URL or QR code https://forms.gle/ifTr1kyoTouenb1i9

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:
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
On this mountain the Lord will provide a feast.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22. R. v.6
(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
With God, Paul has strength for everything.

Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1:17-18
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14
Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

Next Week's Readings:
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading: Isaiah 45:1.4-6
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Ministry Roster
Weekend 17th & 18th October

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Commentator: Anna Szczepanik
Readers: Nicholas Perera & Rod Hern
EMHC: Elizabeth Paje & Dennis Rodrigues
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am
Commentator: Martyn Pearce
Readers: Sue Griffith & Michael Carter
EMHC: Malcolm Davies & Grace Rayappu
Music: Vietnamese Group

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

Altar Linen: Oshi
Counters: Grace & Francis
Flowers: Zenia
Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Susannah & Paul
(Team A) Martyn Pearce; Diane; Michael
Morning Tea: (1st November)
Lucy; Margaret; Wynne

Upcoming Events

Saturday 10th-Sunday 11th October 2026

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser OYSA (after all Masses)

Saturday 17th-Sunday 18th October 2026

Special Collection - Catholic Missions

Saint of the Week: Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Margaret was born in France in 1647 and when young she experienced sickness and a painful home situation. Margaret entered the Order of the Visitation nuns at the age of 24. After three years she experienced the request of Christ that his love for humankind be made evident through her. Christ revealed that his human heart was to be the symbol of his divine-human love. She embraced frequent and loving Holy Communion, especially on the first Friday of each month, and by an hour's vigil of prayer every Thursday night in memory of his agony and isolation in Gethsemane. He also asked that a feast of reparation be instituted.

Some of her own sisters were hostile and theologians who were called in declared her visions delusions. Later, parents of children she taught called her an impostor and an unorthodox innovator. A new confessor recognized her genuineness and supported her. After serving as novice mistress and assistant superior, Margaret died at the age of 43 whilst saying: "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

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:

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