

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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

20th September 2026

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Office Hours

Thursday - Friday 9am-2pm

Safeguarding Officers

Judith Mohanaraj, Grace Rayappu,
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Finance Committee

Jean Canil (Chair), Charlie Baldacchino,
Nicholas Perera, James Lloyd, & Bongani
Hlatshwayo.

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 parable for this weekend's liturgy is also known as "the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard" or "the Parable of the Generous Landlord." This remarkable and rather astonishing parable is found only in Matthew. It reminds us that, although God owes us nothing, He gives us abundantly and equally.

In this parable, Jesus talks about a landowner who hired labourers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard but paid all of them the same living wage for a full day's work. Patricia Datchuck Sánchez says, "This is probably one of the most controversial parables ever uttered by Jesus Christ, creating heated debate about the unusual generosity of a benevolent vineyard owner."

This story illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. Perhaps it disturbs our sense of fairness and justice. Our sense of justice seems to favour the labourers who worked all day and expected a wage greater than that given to the latecomers. Perhaps most people would sympathise with the workers who had worked longer and seemingly deserved more. We can understand their complaint since, for most of us, salaries are linked to the number of hours worked. A skilled worker gets more than an unskilled worker. If workers have the same skills, the same hours of work, and similar responsibilities, we expect them to receive the same wages.

But God doesn't see matters in the same way that we do. God thinks of justice in terms of people's dignity and their right to a decent life. This parable, "the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard," speaks about the love, grace, and mercy of God. Pope Francis says: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." Let us become aware of ourselves, of the many times we have been forgiven by God, and of God's great generosity in our lives too.

Fr. John Sebastian OMI, Parish Priest



St Pius X Primary School

8 Windsor Grove,
Windsor Gardens
Ph: 8266 9400



Catholic Schools in our Parish

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: 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. 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.

Recruiting: 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 Sept 28: Michael & Vicki Paris, Philip & Narelle. Our next monthly meeting: Parish Hall, Monday Oct 12 at 7 pm

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

For people in need, please phone Vinnies 1300 729 202

Confirmation for Parish Religious Education Programme, St. Paul's College and St. Pius X School Students

This **Wednesday 23 September at 6.30pm**, we warmly welcome Archbishop Patrick O'Regan to our parish as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children from our Parish Religious Education Programme, St. Paul's College and St. Pius X School.

We invite you to keep these young people in your prayers, that strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they may continue to grow in faith and bear witness to Christ in their daily lives.

First Holy Communion during 9.30am Parish Mass

Next **Sunday 27 September**, during the 9.30am Parish Mass, the children from our Parish Religious Education Programme, St. Paul's College and St. Pius X School will celebrate their First Holy Communion.

As they come to the table of the Lord for the first time, we ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers, that they may always know the love and presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Rosary Month: October

October is traditionally known as the Month of the Rosary. During this month, families are encouraged to honour our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary together.

Please consider setting aside time as a family to dedicate October to the maternal protection of our Blessed Mother.

Let us pray for peace and harmony in our families and throughout the world. If you would like to take the statue of our Blessed Mother to your home, please either scan the QR code or click the link bookings.stpiusxdernancourt.com.au to book your preferred dates.

**Please collect the statue from the Parish Office at 6:00 pm on your booked date.
Kindly return it to the Parish Office by 5:30 pm on the final day of your booking.**



May our Blessed Mother continue to guide you and your family with her abundant blessings.

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/>

Oblate Youth SA - Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Oblate Youth SA will be holding sausage sizzles after Masses on 10 and 11 October to help raise funds for the Oblate Youth Encounter in January and other youth events. Please note that this will be a cash-only fundraiser. For more information, please see the poster in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday Multicultural Mass

We warmly invite everyone to come join us to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday - 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Multicultural Mass at Our Lady of the Boat People Church, Pooraka on Sunday 27 September 2026 at 1.30pm.

Join Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and our multicultural communities for a joyful celebration of our shared faith, followed by a procession and fellowship. For more information about the Migrant Jubilee Cross, visit [ACMRO - Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office](#) or contact the Justice, Healing and Inclusion Office at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Feast of St Daniel Comboni Mass

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community for the Feast Day Mass of St Daniel Comboni on Sunday 11 October at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are warmly welcome to this cultural celebration honouring St Daniel Comboni, patron of missionaries and aid workers, whose life was dedicated to sharing the Gospel and serving the people of Africa. Contact: Justice, Healing and Inclusion Office at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au for more information.

100 Year social dinner- St Monica's

St Monica's Catholic Community at Walkerville are celebrating 100 years on site. We would love to have current and previous teachers, students, parishioners and clergy attend this community focused event. It will be a lovely occasion to connect and reconnect with St Monica's community. Saturday 17 October 6pm Mass followed by a shared plate dinner at 7pm under the school's COLA. If you have photos from over the years of the school or church, we would love to use them on the night. Please email them with your RSVP by 1 October to admin@gwparish.org.au.

2026 De Mazenod Family Gathering

One Heart, One Family, One Charism

Join members of the De Mazenod Family from across Australia as we gather for a weekend of prayer, formation, community and celebration while reflecting on the bicentenary of the Constitutions and Rules.

When: 22-25 October 2026

Where: St Eugene's Retreat Centre, Newborough, Victoria

Whether you've been part of the De Mazenod Family for many years or are just beginning the journey, everyone is warmly invited. For more information visit: <https://omi.com.au/dmf-gathering>

World Youth Day Seoul 2027

Created by St John Paul II in 1985, World Youth Day is the Catholic Church's largest international gathering for young people to celebrate faith, encounter new cultures and experience the universal Church like never before. Next year, World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, South Korea.

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) invites all young people aged 16-35 who are interested in attending, or simply curious to learn more, to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Adelaide pilgrimage <https://shorturl.at/rMEu3>

The pilgrimage is planned to take place from 29 July-11 August 2027 (14 days) and estimated cost to be raised is \$7500 per pilgrim (excluding spending money). Join us on the journey to Seoul!

Readings:

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First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Both in life and death, Paul finds joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,

to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Parable of the workers in the vineyard.

Next Week's Readings:

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Saint of the Week: Saint Euphrasia

Euphrasia was born with the name of Rose in 1877 in Trichur, India. During her developing years Rose began to detach herself from earthly possessions and took a great interest in spiritual matters. This was all the more rooted in her at the age of 9 by means of an apparition of the Virgin Mary. She later joined the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel. Rose was often afflicted with various illnesses which caused her intense suffering. In 1897 Rose became a postulant and took the name of Euphrasia. From 1904 to 1913 Euphrasia was entrusted with the duty of novice mistress and the novices saw the heroic virtues of humility, poverty, penance and obedience. She was then elected Mother Superior for 3 years.

She lived a life of prayer and holiness and the local people called her the "Praying Mother". Her Sisters in community referred to her as the "Mobile Tabernacle" because the divine presence she kept within her radiated to all she encountered. Euphrasia offered her life in sacrifice for love of God and abandoned herself to his will until her death in 1952.

Ministry Roster

Weekend 26th & 27th September

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil

Commentator: Jean Canil

Readers: Shani Quadras & Sheya Quadras

EMHC: Jose Paje & Dennis Rodrigues

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am

Commentator: Sue Griffith

Readers: Olivia Jins & Vin Thomas

EMHC: Malcolm Davies & Rebecca Wood

Music: Michael & Tim Carter

Sunday 5:30pm

Commentator: Alex Kaminski

Readers: Tessa Murenu-Tesolin &

Nekeesha Jayasinghe

EMHC: Judith Mohan & Esma Gagliardi

Music: Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Altar Linen: Marie

Counters: Hans & Dianne

Flowers: Leedia

Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Raquel & Lloyd

(Team E) Jake; Edwin; Adam W

Morning Tea: (4th October)

Diane & Hans; Esther

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

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 Marshall, 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.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Confirmation (6.30pm)

(Parish RE Programme, St Paul's College & St Pius X School students)

Sunday 27th September 2026

First Holy Communion (9.30am)

(Parish RE Programme, St Paul's College & St Pius X School students)

Sunday 4th October 2026

Parish Morning Tea (after 9.30am Mass)

Wednesday 7th October 2026

Anointing of the Sick (9.15am)