

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

13th 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

This Sunday's Gospel warmly invites us to consider the gift and challenge of forgiveness. When Peter asks Jesus how often he must forgive, Jesus answers not with a small number, but with an overflowing call to mercy: forgiveness is not to be measured but lived generously.

In our own lives, forgiveness can be difficult. Many of us carry hurts, disappointments, or memories that are not easy to release. Yet Jesus gently reminds us that mercy is at the heart of discipleship. Forgiveness does not ignore pain or deny justice; rather, it opens a path toward healing, peace, and freedom of heart.

A moving story from South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission reminds us of the extraordinary power of forgiveness. After suffering the terrible loss of her husband and son, one woman responded not with revenge, but with a courageous desire to honour her loved ones, offer mercy, and make room for love where hatred could have taken root.

This week, we are invited to bring our own stories before God and to ask for the grace to forgive as we have been forgiven. Each act of forgiveness, whether small or great, helps restore kindness, rebuild trust, and bring peace to our hearts, our homes, and our world.

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: This week our priorities are for pasta sauce and tinned tomatoes. Naturally your donations of baked beans, soup, tinned spaghetti, tuna, long-life milk and cereal etc are appreciated by those we serve.

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 14: Dot & Louis; and Joe & Jessie Caruana. 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

September is Catholic Charities Month

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians through the Catholic Charities Appeal. The Appeal supports the important work of Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.

A special collection will be taken up this weekend. Please take a leaflet to learn more about the Appeal and the agencies it supports. Donations can also be made using the reply-paid form in the leaflet or online at: <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qc/cc>

Thank you for your generosity and for the many ways you continue to care for those in need.

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

On **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

On **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.

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/>

Caritas Nepal Appeal

If you know anyone interested in setting up a fundraising page in support of the relief efforts, please direct them to: <https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/nepal> and to show support or learn more, please visit our website: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/>

Healing Weekend

You are invited to a Healing Weekend led by Fr Josy Sebastian MSFS on Saturday 3 October (11am–4:15pm) and Sunday 4 October (9:30am–4:15pm) at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach. The weekend will include talks on healing, prayer, forgiveness, the Sacraments, Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Anointing and Sunday Mass. Tea and coffee provided (please bring your own lunch). Contact Pauline on 0403 002 240 by 1 October.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday - September 27

Each year the Holy Father offers a special message to celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's celebration, the 112th, takes place on Sunday September 27. The theme is "*Even Just One of These Children*" (cf. Mt 18:10).

Pope Leo reminds us that every migrant and refugee child matters, and we are called by faith and humanity to welcome, protect and care for them.

You can find the Pope's letter here:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20260811-world-migrants-day-2026.html>

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.

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:

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Hate and anger lead to death; love and forgiveness to the kingdom

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1–4. 9–12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7–9

Christ is Lord of the living and the dead

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35

Parable of the official who, receiving mercy, does not show it to others

Next Week's Readings:

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6–9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20–24. 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16

Saint of the Week: Saints Cosmos and Damien

Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers born in Syria about 287. They were educated in the science of healing and became physicians. At that time those who were highly skilled and successful often catered to the wealthy, receiving regular salaries from them. They decided to evangelize the largely pagan community by offering their healing services for free! The Emperor Diocletian began to issue a series of edicts that led to an empire-wide persecution and death of many Christians. The Roman Prefect arrested them and they were given the opportunity to publicly renounce their faith and honour the Roman gods to save their lives.

They refused and were sentenced to death. They were first tortured in an attempt to get them to comply with the Prefect's wishes. However, they were miraculously preserved from suffering, sustaining no injuries. Multiple attempts were then made to kill them by drowning, fire, arrows, and stoning, but each attempt failed. Finally, Cosmas and Damian, along with three of their brothers, were beheaded. Later the Pope inserted their names into Eucharistic Prayer I.

Ministry Roster

Weekend 19th & 20th September

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil

Commentator: Martyn Pearce

Readers: Polly Buerano & Charles McPhee

EMHC: Joe Buerano & Elizabeth Paje

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am

Commentator: Rebecca Wood

Readers: Michael Carter & Rafael Indratno

EMHC: Doris Taylor & Jos Hensing

Music: Vietnamese Group

Sunday 5:30pm

Commentator: Van Bonita

Readers: Mark McCarthy & Nicole Abeywickrema

EMHC: James Karanja & Tony Gagliardi

Music: Filipino Choir

Altar Linen: Dot

Counters: Joe & Brigitte

Flowers: Zenia

Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Eileen & Zenia
(Team D) Nicholas; Adrian; Hadrian

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, Des O'Reilly, 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, Denzil Simmons, Luisa Covino.

RIP:

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday 12th-Sunday 13th September 2026

Special Collection - Catholic Charities

Sunday 20th September 2026

Blessing Of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

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)

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