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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 18th October 2026

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Office Hours
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Finance Committee
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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

During the last four weeks, through the series of parables: the parable of the landowner and the vineyard (Mt 20: 1-16), the parable of the two sons (Mt 21: 28-32), the parable of the wicked tenants (Mt 21: 33- 43) and the parable of the wedding feast (Mt 22: 1-14), Jesus attacked the religious and the political leaders for their failure to accept the Son of God.

Having been on the receiving end of Jesus' constant attack, now the Pharisees together with the Herodians' attempt to trap Jesus with this question: Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' This trap was set to end the ministry of Jesus on earth. But Jesus asks them for a coin and indicating what is there on the coin and says, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

What is it, then, that "belongs to God"? It is each one of us: every human person, lovingly made in the image of the living God (Gen 1:26–27). So our deepest calling is not simply to offer God a part of our lives, but to entrust ourselves wholly to the One who made us and loves us. This invitation is for every man, woman and child, whatever our background, nationality or citizenship: to return ourselves to our Creator, and to find in him our true home. 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

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 College, 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 26: Philip, Narelle, Margaret & Mary Hern. Our next monthly meeting: Parish Hall, Monday Nov 2 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

There will be a leaving collection this weekend for Catholic Mission, which supports critical Church-run initiatives in remote dioceses across Australia, Africa, Asia, Oceania and South America.Thank you for your generosity.

All Soul's Day Masses and November Mass Offering Envelopes

Monday 2nd November is All Soul's Day. On this day there will be two masses: **9.15am** and **6.30pm**.

In November, we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Masses will be offered for deceased family and friends. November Mass offering envelopes are available in the church foyers. You may place a small photo of your loved one under the altar; we will include them in prayers at all Masses on 2 November.

Mass in the Memorial Garden

On **Saturday 7th November at 9.15am** there will be a special Memorial Mass followed by blessing of the Memorial Garden. For this special Mass you could bring a small photo of the deceased person to be left under the foot of the altar, where they will be specially remembered during that Mass too.

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, on 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/

Thank you message from the Legion of Mary - Public Rosary 2026

The Legionaries would like to thank the following people:

- Rev Fr John Sebastian OMI for his help and support.
- Tanya Batty for her secretarial help.
- Gii Angelada, Wilfredo Cuterr and Dennis Rodrigues for putting up the banner.
- And all Legionaries and Parishioners for their support and attendance.

Thank you, and God bless.
Legion of Mary

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.

Journey Mass - A Celebration of South Australian's Italian Migrants

Saturday, 14 November at 3.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The event will be held during the Adelaide Italian Festival week and will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia. Refreshments available after Mass. All are welcome. For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events on (ph) 8210 8220 or (e) events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1.4-6
I am the Lord, there is no other.

Responsorial Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7
(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Paul greets the Thessalonians.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15. 16
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21
Render to Caesar what is Caesar's.

Next Week's Readings:
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Ministry Roster
Weekend 24th & 25th October

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Commentator: Hughette Riganese
Readers: Racquel Go & Polly Buerano
EMHC: Joe Buerano & Marie Smith
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: Stephanie Gabbana
Readers: Tessa Murenu-Tesolin & Nekeesha Jayasinghe
EMHC: Judith Mohan & Tony Gagliardi
Music: Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Altar Linen: Renita
Counters: Joe & Brigitte
Flowers: Leedia
Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Amy & Tessa
(Team B) James; Adam; Then
Morning Tea: (1st November)
Lucy; Margaret; Wynne

Upcoming Events

Sunday 1st November 2026
All Saints Day

Sunday 1st November 2026
Parish Morning Tea (after 9.30am Mass)

Monday 2nd November 2026
All Souls Day (9.15am and 6.30pm Mass)

Wednesday 4th November 2026
Anointing of the Sick (9.15am)

Saturday 7th November
Memorial Mass (9.15am)
followed by Blessing of the Memorial Garden

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

Saint of the Week: Saint Paul Buong

Buong was born in 1773 in central Vietnam. He came from a multi-generational Catholic family. He served the King as palace guard and was praised multiple times by the King. Once, after defeating a rebel force, the officials and soldiers went to the pagoda to give thanks to "Heaven and Buddha," but he refused to participate. This matter was communicated to the King who became enraged and decided to behead him. Thanks to the intercession of high-ranking mandarins, he was only punished with 80 lashes, stripped of all his titles and ranks, and became a commoner.

In 1832 he was imprisoned and despite being shackled, tortured, and enticed with the restoration of his ranks he refused to renounce the faith. When the Minister of Justice advised him to deny his religion, Buong humbly replied: "If your Excellency has compassion for me, then I am grateful to your Excellency, but please allow me to keep my complete loyalty to God the Lord, the God I worship." On October 23, 1833 he was beheaded at the local execution ground.

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.