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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 4th 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

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways - through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers? *(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: 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 on the weekend of 17th-18th October 2026. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 foyeWorld Mission Month - Leaving Collection.

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/

Rosary Rally - Legion of Mary

Why a Public Rosary?

We will be holding our annual Public Rosary on **Saturday 10/10/2026 2pm at Balmoral Reserve, Dernancourt**. We look forward to your valued attendance and support.

A Public Rosary is:

(1) Powerful

"Public prayer is more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated it in times of disasters and general distress." - Saint Louis de Montfort

(2) Public Witness

The Public Rosary is a great way to witness the Catholic faith. Your public witness will inspire other Catholics to persevere in their faith and demonstrate the faith to non-Catholics.

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.

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. St Eugene's Retreat Centre, Newborough, Victoria (Thursday 22-Sunday 25 October 2026)

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!



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100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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catholicmission.org.au/united

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

Readings:
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Israel is the vineyard of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7
(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
God's peace will reign in your heart and mind.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:15
Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43
Parable of the tenants.

Next Week's Readings:
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Ministry Roster
Weekend 10th & 11th October

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Commentator: Anna Szczepanik
Readers: Racquel Go & TJ San Diego
EMHC: Clifford Quadras & Nicholas Perera
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am
Commentator: Olivia Jins
Readers: Rebecca Wood & Zenia Indratno
EMHC: Malcolm Davies & Jos Hensing
Music: Peter Roberts

Sunday 5:30pm
Commentator, Readers & Music (YOUTH)
EMHC: Judith Mohan & Tony Gagliardi

Altar Linen: Elizabeth
Counters: Charlie & Lyn
Flowers: Jennie
Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Wynne & Nicole
(Team G) Van Vu; Tuyen; Judith; Ravi
Morning Tea: (1st November)
Lucy; Margaret; Wynne

Upcoming Events

Sunday 4th October 2026
Parish Morning Tea (after 9.30am Mass)

Wednesday 7th October 2026
Anointing of the Sick (9.15am)

Saturday 10th October 2026
Rosary Rally (2pm)
Balmoral Reserve, Dernancourt

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 Agnes Ying

Agnes was born in China in 1821 and her family died at a young age. Agnes was supported in her faith journey from those she stayed with and from the local bishop. Agnes married a local farmer at age 18 but because of her faith she was treated as an outsider. Agnes was shunned and starved by his family when her husband died two years later. Agnes was then baptized.

A French missionary asked Agnes to move to another province and teach about 30 Catholic families who lived there. She agreed and taught them not only about the Christian faith, but household management and cooking as well. In 1856, when the local government accused the missionary of insurrection and an angry mob sought to arrest him, Agnes was among those Catholics captured with him. They were subjected to interrogation and torture, but eventually all were released except Agnes and the missionary who soon died in prison. Agnes died shortly thereafter, but her prayers were continuous until the end: "God have mercy on me; Jesus, save me!"

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 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.