

# 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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

27<sup>th</sup> September 2026

### Parish Priest

Fr John Sebastian OMI  
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### Parish Secretary

Ms Tanya Batty  
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### Office Hours

Thursday – Friday 9am–2pm

### Safeguarding Officers

Judith Mohanaraj, Grace Rayappu,  
Malcolm Davies & Dennis Rodrigues

### 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 weekend's Gospel invites us into a very human family scene: a father asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first son says no but later has a change of heart and goes. The second son says yes with respectful words but does not follow through. In this simple story, Jesus speaks tenderly and truthfully to the human heart. He knows that our first response is not always our best response, and that grace can still move us toward what is good.

William Barclay observes that this parable does not simply praise one son and condemn the other. Rather, it shows us two imperfect responses. Neither son brings complete joy to the father, yet the son who eventually obeys reminds us that it is never too late to turn back, begin again, and respond to God's invitation with a willing heart.

This is encouraging for all of us. There are times when we say no to God—not always in words, but through hesitation, tiredness, fear, pride, or neglect. Yet the Lord does not give up on us. He continues to call gently, giving us opportunities to rethink, to return, and to take one small step toward faithfulness.

The parable also invites us to look honestly at the gap that can sometimes exist between our words and our actions. It is possible to speak beautifully about faith, love, forgiveness, and service, but the Gospel asks us to let those words become visible in daily life—in our homes, our parish, our workplaces, and the quiet choices no one else may see.

The good news is that God values our sincere turning more than our perfect record. What matters is not that we have always answered rightly, but that we are willing to listen again and respond today. May this Gospel encourage us to bring together what we profess and how we live, so that our yes to God may be seen in patience, kindness, mercy, and generous service. Amen

*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 - 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](mailto:dcourtvinnies@outlook.com)

**For people in need, please phone Vinnies 1300 729 202**

## First Holy Communion during 9.30am Parish Mass

**This 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](http://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 foyer. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## 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, then you can directly access the Application Form and Rules for the Scholarship by visiting the following website: [www.kscsa.com.au](http://www.kscsa.com.au)  
The link to the Application Form and the Rules can be found at the top of the opening page.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact:

Ms Catherine Wiggett, KSC (SA) Scholarship Administration Officer via email: [kscsa@kscsa.org.au](mailto:kscsa@kscsa.org.au)

Please note: Applications close on the 13th November 2026

## **Calvary Home Care**

Calvary Home Care supports 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 provides personalised care and support tailored to individual needs. A trusted Catholic provider, Calvary is here when a little extra help is needed. For more information, contact Calvary Home Care.

## **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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

#### First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Those who turn away from sin shall live.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Jesus humbled himself to the point of death.

#### Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

The man with two sons.

#### Next Week's Readings:

#### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

## Ministry Roster

### Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October

#### Saturday 6:30pm Vigil

**Commentator:** Hughette Riganese

**Readers:** Rod Hern & Jack Boettcher

**EMHC:** Marie Smith & Roman Szczepanik

**Music:** James Lloyd

#### Sunday 9:30am

**Commentator:** Jos Hensing

**Readers:** Adam Slater & Roderick Essery

**EMHC:** Grace Rayappu & Doris Taylor

**Music:** Peter Roberts

#### Sunday 5:30pm

**Commentator:** Amy Bartjes

**Readers:** Susan Timpani & Nicole Abeywickrema

**EMHC:** James Karanja & Tony Gagliardi

**Music:** Michael & Tim Carter

**Altar Linen:** Mary

**Counters:** Keith & Cathy

**Flowers:** Elizabeth

**Church Cleaners:** (Dusting) Marie & Surani

(Team F) Joe; Mohan; Christine

**Morning Tea:** (4<sup>th</sup> October)

Diane & Hans; Esther

## Saint of the Week: Saint Joseph Vaz

Joseph was born in 1651 in Goa, India. In 1676 he was ordained a priest. He felt a call to minister in Sri Lanka which was a Buddhist Country and the Catholics there were persecuted by the Protestants. He was sent to serve the abandoned Catholics in south-western India. In 1684 he went back to Goa and joined a small community of priests and was elected superior. In 1687 he arrived in Sri Lanka as a poor beggar, the only priest there. Later he was arrested on the orders of the King and sent to prison. In 1693 the King set him free. In 1696 there was a prolonged drought and the King asked him to pray after the other religions had failed and that brought about huge rains. He was allowed to stay in the country. Joseph was soon appointed as Vicar General and other priests arrived from India. Joseph died in 1711 at age 59. He left a marvellous legacy: 70,000 Catholics, 15 churches and 400 chapels. He translated various prayers and a catechism into the local languages, Singalese and Tamil.

## 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](mailto: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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

First Holy Communion (9.30am)

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

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Parish Morning Tea (after 9.30am Mass)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Anointing of the Sick (9.15am)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Rosary Rally (2pm)

Balmoral Reserve, Dernancourt

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser OYSA (after all Masses)