

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

6th September 2026

Parish Priest

Fr John Sebastian OMI
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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

The Word of God lovingly invites us to walk the path of forgiveness and reconciliation. In our daily lives, we do not always meet people who think as we think, speak as we speak, or act as we would hope. Misunderstandings, hurts, and differences can easily arise. Yet the Gospel calls us not to remain trapped in resentment, but to take the first humble steps towards healing. In Matthew chapter 18, Jesus offers guidance for relationships within the Christian community, especially when division or conflict arises.

There is a simple story told of a tribal leader who once advised his people: "If you have quarrelled with a brother and feel anger rising within you, first sit down quietly, fill your pipe, and smoke it. By the time you have finished, you may realise that the punishment you first imagined is far too harsh. Then fill your pipe a second time and smoke it slowly. You may then see that even strong words would be too much. Finally, when you have filled your pipe a third time and smoked it to the end, your heart may be ready for the better choice: to go to your brother, speak with peace, and embrace him."

This week let us take a little quiet time with the Lord and ask: Is there someone I need to forgive? Is there a relationship that needs patience, honesty, or healing? Forgiveness is not always easy, and reconciliation may take time, but every step taken in love opens the way for God's grace to work in us. Let us allow love to be our guiding force, so that our families, friendships, workplaces, and parish community may grow in unity, peace, and mercy.

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. We have knitters who do a great job for those in the cold. Our grateful thanks to them.

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 Sept 7 at 7 pm

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

For people in need, please phone Vinnies 1300 729 202

Ongoing Formation

Fr John will be attending the Ongoing Formation meeting in Melbourne from Tuesday 8 September-Thursday 10 September. The Weekday Masses will be celebrated by the visiting priests when Fr John is away.

Special Collection - Catholic Charities

Next weekend 12-13 September, a special collection will be taken up for Catholic Charities. This appeal supports the charitable works of the Archdiocese of Adelaide, including Aboriginal Catholic Ministry SA, Hutt Street Centre, St Patrick's Special School, Our Lady of La Vang Special School and Centacare Family Services. 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/>

Father's Day Raffle & Devonshire Morning Tea – Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Raffle by purchasing tickets, and to everyone who joined us for our Devonshire Morning Tea Parish Fundraiser.

Father's Day Raffle winners:

1st Prize: Alberto (Green C 40); 2nd Prize: Dozi (Blue B 55); 3rd Prize: John (Yellow D 83)

4th Prize: Bill (Green C 62); 5th Prize: Carlo (Blue B 53)

Together, these fundraising activities raised **\$1225.00** for our Parish.

Thank you Louis, Dot, Marie and Philip for organising these wonderful parish fundraising initiatives. We also thank Ruth, Chris, Elizabeth and Jun for donating scones and cream. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Our Lady of Good Healthy (Velankanni) Feast Day Mass

The Adelaide Tamil Community warmly invites everyone to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Velankanni (Our Lady of Good Health) on Sunday 13 September at 2.15pm celebrated by Fr James McEvoy at Annunciation Church, 20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073.

More information contact: Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on (e) jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday is celebrated on 13 September at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week, we renew our commitment to ensuring our parishes, schools and ministries are places where children, young people and adults at risk are welcomed, valued and protected.

This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversations to Action", reminds us that listening, speaking up and responding with care are essential in building a culture of safety, trust and inclusion.

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/>

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 the 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 to admin@gwparish.org.au by 1 October.

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 or to register, visit: <https://omi.com.au/dmf-gathering>

Readings:

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ezekiel is to be the watchman for Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love your neighbour.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Find ways to win others over; prayer shall be answered.

Next Week's Readings:

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Saint of the Week: Saint Mariam Baouardy

Mariam was born in 1846 in Palestine. She was the thirteenth child born to her parents but all the others died in infancy. Later a brother was born but then her parents died so they were adopted by an uncle. At age 13 she refused an arranged marriage and her uncle beat her. She was almost killed by a Muslim man and there experienced her first mystical encounter: the Blessed Virgin Mary took Mariam to a grotto and stitched her wound.

Mariam's eventful life continued and she offered service to poor families throughout the Middle East. At age 21 she entered a Carmelite Convent in France where she would experience ecstasies and her stigmata. At 24 years old, she went with the founding group to establish the Carmel Convent in Mangalore, India. After several years, she returned to France where she was professed as a Carmelite nun and continued her work. Later she went to the Holy Land where she built a monastery in Bethlehem. Mariam died at age 33 in Bethlehem in 1878.

Ministry Roster

Weekend 12th & 13th September

Saturday 6:30pm Vigil

Commentator: TJ San Diego

Readers: Jean Canil & Yalena Senathirajah

EMHC: Clifford Quadras & Marie Smith

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am

Commentator: Olivia Jins

Readers: Sarah Alford & Carlo Librino

EMHC: Malcolm Davies & Charlie Baldacchino

Music: Peter Roberts

Sunday 5:30pm

Commentator, Readers & Music (Youth)

EMHC: Judith Mohan & Tony Gagliardi

Altar Linen: Lucy

Counters: Grace & Francis

Flowers: Jennie

Church Cleaners: (Dusting) Amy & Tessa
(Team C) Jijo; Jobi; Sheldon

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 Feircloagh, 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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