

# Dernancourt Catholic Parish



## Church of Saint Pius X

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



### Weekly Reflection

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer. (Loyola Press)

### Anointing of the Sick

Dernancourt Parish will be holding *Anointing of the Sick* within the Parish Mass on the First Wednesday of every month. The first *Anointing of the Sick* will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.15am Mass. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who need God's healing in their lives.

### **Catholic Schools in our Parish**

#### **Saint Pius X Primary School**

Principal: Mr Ashley Keane

APRIM: Ms Rita Campbell

8 Windsor Grove, Windsor Gardens

Phone: 8266 9400

#### **Saint Paul's College**

Principal: Mr Paul Belton

APRIM: Mr Dale Clarke

792 Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plains

Phone: 8334 8300

#### **Kildare College**

Principal: Mrs Tina Neate

Liturgist Coordinator: Ms Bianca Bruno

96 Valiant Road, Holden Hill

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### Parish Office Hours

Thursday-Friday (9am-2pm)

Secretary (e) [officedernancourt@gmail.com](mailto:officedernancourt@gmail.com) or

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### Bulletin Submissions

The **cut-off time** for current weekly Bulletin submissions is **9.30am Thursday**. All requests received after this time will go into the following week's Bulletin.

### Lenten Reflection Book

Lent is a season of renewal and transformation. Kindly take a free copy of the 2024 Lenten Reflection book from the foyers of the Church.

### NEED FOR A NEW CHURCH ROOF

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I am pleased to share with you a significant decision made by our dedicated Finance Committee. After careful consideration and thorough assessment, it has been determined that our church roof is in a state of disrepair, requiring urgent attention. In light of this, the Finance Committee has taken the thoughtful initiative to replace the roof to ensure the structural integrity of our beloved place of worship. Three competitive quotes were obtained and with pre-approval from the Diocese, we are ready to embark on this essential project.

Your continued support and contributions have always been the backbone of our vibrant community, and we are confident that together we can undertake this essential project. The upcoming roof replacement is not only a practical necessity but also an investment in the long-term well-being of our sacred space. We trust that this endeavour will enhance the safety, comfort, and beauty of our church for generations to come.

In the spirit of unity and shared responsibility, we humbly request your prayers and support as we embark on this endeavour. The Finance Committee will keep you informed of the progress, and we look forward to witnessing the positive impact of our collective efforts.

May our church continue to be a beacon of faith, love, and community for years to come.

### We Pray...that the sick will be strengthened by Christ

Virginia Lampe, Garnet Gamet, Ken Porter, May Green, Louise Rhodes, Viv and John, Anna Cicharello, Barbara Stirling, Kay Morrison, Alison Hellams, Tom Trainor, John, Wendy Lloyd, Barry Whitford, Brenton Powell, Jill O'Reilly, Tracy Mifsud, Michael, Catherine Walsh, Cynthia Edwards, Peter Comas, Helen, George Marshall, Jim Corkill, Claire Hokin, Lisa Johnstone, Margaret Musolino, John Jordan, Colleen Wallace, Matt Basedow, Helen Starr, Darryl Ferguson, Scott, Anne & Don Brown.

RIP:

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



### Dernancourt Parish Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday, 6.30pm

Sunday, 9.30am & 5.30pm

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Rosary 8.55am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 11:30am-12 noon

#### Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings

Please call Parish Office to arrange

#### Adoration

Fridays 9.45am-11am (*during school terms*)

### Next Week's Readings 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Year B

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

### This Week's Saints & Feasts

4<sup>th</sup> St Casimir; 7<sup>th</sup> Sts Perpetua & Felicity; 8<sup>th</sup> St John of God; 9<sup>th</sup> St Frances of Rome

### Saint of the Week – St Casimir

St Casimir, a Polish prince born in 1458, was given the fine education of a future monarch. Yet St Casimir's ambitions tended to the spiritual. He pursued a life of prayer and fasting. Serving at the side of his father, King Casimir IV, St Casimir advocated for the disadvantaged. In 1481, he acted ably as vice-regent in Poland during his father's absence, refusing, however, to marry. He contracted tuberculosis and died in 1484 at the age of 23. St Casimir was devoted to Mary, and requested to be buried with a copy of his favourite hymn, *Omni die dic Mariae*. He is especially venerated in Poland and Lithuania, and in places where immigrants from these countries have settled.

### Project Compassion Appeal 9/10<sup>th</sup> March

The 2024 Project Compassion Appeal will be held on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March in our parish. 'For All Future Generations' is the theme for this year. Your generous donation will support Caritas Australia's Community development and emergency relief programs in partnership with marginalised communities around the world. Please be generous in supporting our brothers and sisters in need.

### Easter Good Friday at The Monastery – Volunteers Needed

Every year, many people from around Adelaide come to The Monastery to walk with Christ on his last journey. It's our busiest day of the year that could not be done without the help from our generous volunteers. If you would like to offer your time on Good Friday leading small groups in prayer around the Sacred Garden or assist with parking, contact (p) 833 8700 or (e) [officeadmin@themonastery.net.au](mailto:officeadmin@themonastery.net.au)

***We are a 'Child Safe' organisation***



**Vinnies**  
good works

Our next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday 4 March at 7 pm.

We love having potential members join us. For more information email [dcourtinnies@outlook.com](mailto:dcourtinnies@outlook.com) or Father can point out a member after Mass.

**Bread Roster:**

Our next bread collection is on March 4. The team is Marie, Michael Carter, Trudy & Elizabeth

**Vinnies Foodbank:**

We are in need of: Long life milk (full cream), breakfast cereal, tinned tomatoes, soup, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, fish, pasta sauce and rice.

**Wool**

Donations of wool, any colour or quantity. It can be left in the Church foyer.

**Blankets**

The Vinnies Shop, Valley View, is in need of blankets, quilts and pillows.

**For Vinnies assistance, please ring 1300 729 202**

**Tea and Coffee on Vinnies, after 9.30 Mass Sunday 18 March**

Join us in the hall then for tea, coffee and biscuits. We'll have a couple of members, quite possibly some new, to you, speak. Not clear yet, but we might also have an Egyptian companion address us.

Relaxed. Informative. Good.

**Different: from this morning's morning tea!**

**Fringe Festival 2024 - Pipe Organ Recitals at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier**

March 6, 1pm: Graham Bell

March 17, 1pm: Young Organists



**Oblate Youth SA (all youth 16-30 are welcome!)**

**Youth Mass & Dinner - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
St Pius X, Dernancourt 5:30pm Mass, Dinner to follow

**Games Night Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
St David's, Tea Tree Gully 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Good Friday - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
St David's, Tea Tree Gully

**Parish Prayer Network**

All you need to do is call one of the following:  
**Marie S 0427 601 068 or Marie T 8266 2223**

**Diary Dates**

**Fridays in Lent:**

6.00pm Adoration                      6.45pm Stations of the Cross  
**Wednesday March 13:** 7pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation  
(St David's Tea Tree Gully)  
**Wednesday April 3:** 9.15am Anointing of the Sick Mass

**Fr John away**

Fr John will be away 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March for ongoing Oblate formation. Morning masses will be covered by a visiting priest.

Please Note there will be **no exposition** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March after 9.15am Mass or in the evening. Stations of the Cross **will still be held** at 6.45pm.

**2024 Easter Raffle**

This year's Easter raffle has commenced. Tickets: \$1 each. Books of (5) tickets or (10) tickets are also available. All proceeds go directly to the parish. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Dear Parents, if your child has received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation and would like to serve at Mass, please contact Fr John. Your help in this ministry is highly appreciated.

**Regional Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation (DERNANCOURT-TEA TREE GULLY-MOVBURY-PARA HILLS)**

To celebrate the joy of Easter, spiritual preparation is essential. On **Wednesday 13 March at 7pm**, there is **Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation** at **St David's Church, Tea Tree Gully**. Please save this date in your diary, make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare well and celebrate the joy of Easter.

**Ministry Roster Weekend 9/10 March**

**Saturday 6.30 Mass**

**Commentator:** Rod Hern  
**Readers:** Shani & Sheya Quadras  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Marie Smith & Roman Szczepanik  
**Music:** James Lloyd

**Sunday 9:30am Mass**

**Commentator:** Dorothy Nappa  
**Readers:** Vin Thomas & Olivia Jins  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Charlie Baldacchino & Jos Hensing  
**Music:** Peter Roberts

**Sunday 5:30pm Mass**

**Commentator:** Youth  
**Readers:** Youth  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Youth  
**Music:** Youth

<b>Altar Linen</b>	<b>Counters</b>
Marie	Keith & Cathy

**Church Cleaners**

**Team H:** Joe Colangelo; Van Vu; Mauro; Tehani; Chanaka

# This Week's Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11.

### **(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only  
Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal  
life.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

## Gospel

John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.