

Dernancourt Catholic Parish



Church of Saint Pius X

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 5th November 2023

Weekly Reflection

Today's Gospel continues to elaborate on the tension between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees. Our Lectionary sequence at this point, however, is not quite a continuous reading of Matthew. In between last week's reading from Matthew and this week's, we find Jesus' question to the Pharisees about the Messiah being "David's son." Having concluded a series of dialogues with the Pharisees and other religious leaders, Jesus now directs his words to the crowds, warning them not to follow the example of the scribes and Pharisees.

The scribes and Pharisees were teachers of the Mosaic Law. They were entrusted with its interpretation and, thus, were influential in determining Jewish practice. In order to appreciate the conflict that is evident in this passage, we must understand that Jesus was basing his teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees. Both were interpreting the Law of Moses in order to better adapt it to contemporary Jewish life. The differences between their teachings, therefore, are often highlighted and amplified by Matthew.

This part of Matthew's Gospel reflects aspects of the conflict between his Christian community and Pharisaic Judaism. Matthew's Church is thought to have included many Jewish Christians who may not have believed that a break with the synagogue was necessary to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus tells the crowd that it is correct to do and observe what the scribes and Pharisees teach; it is their example that is to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Hence, the Gospel reflects the tension of an active internal debate within the early Church.

Jesus references two aspects of Jewish spiritual life prescribed by the Law of Moses. *Phylacteries* are small boxes which contain Scripture verses that are placed on the left forearm and forehead. *Tassels* refer to the fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments; the tassels help to remind those who wear them to keep the commandments.

The warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honour in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all.

(Loyola Press)

St. Pius X Catholic Parish: Ministry Volunteer Form

Dear Parishioners

St. Peter in his first letter says, "Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others. If you are a speaker, speak in words which seem to come from God; if you are a helper, help as though every action was done at God's orders; so that in everything God may receive the glory, through Jesus Christ, since to him alone belong all glory and power for ever and ever. Amen".

(1 Peter 4:10-11).

I invite you to spend some time personally and think how best you can express your faith in action through various ministries in our Parish life. Please visit our Parish Website to access the online form.

[St Pius X — Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Australia \(omi.com.au\)](http://www.stpiusx.org.au)

Yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate

Fr. John Sebastian OMI, Parish Priest

Parish Office Hours

Thursday-Friday (9am-2pm)

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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.

National Oblate Youth Encounter

The National Oblate Youth Encounter will be back in January 2024! National Oblate Youth Encounter is an event that brings together young people from around Australia who wish to share their Catholic faith in tandem with the charism of St Eugene De Mazenod. It will be a great chance to grow in faith and reflect, as well as sharing plenty of fun with other young people. NOYE provides a balance of prayer, workshops, open-forums, liturgy and community time.

This year's camp theme will be "You Are the Light of the World". Young people (Year 12-30 years old) are invited to come and explore this theme while sharing the charism of the Oblates.

Thurs 4th–Sun 7th January 2024. Mazenod College, Victoria. Cost: Interstate participants (\$50).

Registration: <https://bit.ly/NOYE24> Contact Emma Rice (e) erice@oblates.com.au (ph) 0422705230

November Mass Offering Envelopes

During the month of November it is our custom to offer Mass for the departed members of our families and friends and pray for their souls. All November Mass offering envelopes are available in the foyers of the Church.

There will be a special Memorial Mass on Saturday 18th November at 10:30 am in our Parish where you can bring a small photo of the deceased person and leave it under the foot of the altar. They will be specially remembered during that Mass too.

Caritas Australia 2023

Our Parish donated \$3,090.60 for Project Compassion this year. Thank You for your generous donations.

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

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'Reilley, Tracy Mifsud, Michael, Catherine Walsh, Cynthia Edwards, Peter Comas, Helen, George Marshall, Jim Corkill, Claire Hokin, Lisa Johnstone, Margaret Musolino, John Jordan, Colleen Wallace.

RIP: Mary Mestheringham
Sr Edoarda Lo Curcio FSP

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



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 31st Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

This Week's Saints & Feasts

9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; 10th St Leo the Great;
11th St Martin of Tours

Saint of the Week – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

The first basilica of Rome, a renovated palace of the Lateran family, was consecrated on 9 November 324 as the Church of the Most Holy Saviour. Nearby communities of monks lent it the name of St John. St John Lateran is the Pope's cathedral. Fire and earthquake have repeatedly destroyed the structure; each time it has been rebuilt with care. "The beauty and the harmony of churches, destined to render praise to God, invite us human beings too, though limited and sinful, to convert ourselves to form a 'cosmos', a well-ordered construction, in close communion with Jesus, who is the true Holy of Holies" (Pope Benedict XVI).

The Southern Cross

The November edition of *The Southern Cross* includes coverage of the Synod in Rome, conflict in the Holy Land and launch of the document *Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel*.

Journey: Celebration of South Australian's Italian Migrants

Sunday 12 November at 3pm 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. In this Mass, we reflect on the significance of our Italian migrants with a focus on the 20th Century Patroness St Frances Xavier Cabrini – protector to all immigrants. Refreshments will be available to purchase after Mass.

Young Adult Summer Eco Camp – February 7-12 2024

This four-day event is for students and young adults (18-35) who are concerned for the care of Earth. Participants will engage with the local natural environment, hear inspiring speakers and have time to reflect and share. Through attentiveness to Earth and each other, it is envisaged participants will feel empowered to act for the care of our planet with hope. For more information please visit:

<https://jisa.org.au/2024-young-adult-summer-eco-camp/>

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



The Vinnies Christmas Appeal will commence on the weekend of, 11-12 November, and the Christmas Giving Trees will be placed in the Church foyer until the weekend of 9-10 December to enable parishioners to donate special Christmas grocery items and gifts for Christmas hampers and toys/gifts for children (unwrapped). Wrapping paper can also be donated so that parents can wrap individual gifts. Dernancourt St Vincent De Paul Society will provide hampers and gifts for their children to approximately 75 needy families in our area this year.

This year the number of families experiencing hardship has increased. By taking a tag from the tree and making a donation of the marked item, you will be making a difference to a family's Christmas. Of course, you are most welcome to take several tags! Some suggestions for grocery items are: Biscuits (sweet or savoury), long life milk, long life custard (1 Litre), sweets, jellies, small vegemite, small coffee, cordial, beetroot, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit. Special Christmas items would be most acceptable.

There will be a **leaving collection at all Masses on 11-12 November**, or you might prefer to make a donation through the Poor Boxes in the Church or in the special envelopes available in the Church foyer. Envelopes can be returned on the Collection Plates at Mass.

We have a large number of girls and boys aged between 10 and 16 years and we ask that you consider this age group when taking a tag (some suggested gifts are on the tags).

The members of the Dernancourt St Vincent de Paul are most grateful for your continued support and in particular at Christmas. Our next meeting will be on Monday 7 November at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. New members are most welcome.



Thank you for your generosity with life-changing mission programs supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste

Your gift helps Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

Visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work to learn more about the impact of your support, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real lasting impact.

We are a 'Child Safe' organisation

Parish Prayer Network

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

Join Us on the De Mazenod Family Education Network Charism Pilgrimage

An invitation is extended to all members of the De Mazenod family to embark on a journey of discovery, reflection, and connection. Originally designed for the staff of Oblate colleges attending an international education conference, the De Mazenod Family Education Network Charism Pilgrimage is now open to everyone eager to explore the profound heritage and spiritual legacy of our beloved founder, Saint Eugene De Mazenod.

What to Expect:

A Spiritual Awakening: Immerse yourself in the rich history and spirituality of Saint Eugene De Mazenod. Experience the transformative power of his charism that has touched countless lives around the world.

Historical Exploration: Walk in the footsteps of Saint Eugene, visiting significant sites and shrines where he found inspiration and solace.

Community Building: Connect with fellow members of the De Mazenod family, building friendships and a sense of unity that transcends borders and generations.

Dates: 19th–30th June 2024

Location: PARIS - AIX EN PROVENCE – ROME

Indicative Cost (Land Only!): \$6590 - twin share

Open to All: All are welcome to join and experience the De Mazenod legacy. Don't miss the opportunity to strengthen your connection to the De Mazenod family and deepen your spiritual journey. Visit: www.omi.com.au or contact Tony Coghlan (p) 0488 788 137 or (e) tcoghlan@omi.com.au

The De Mazenod Family Education Network Charism Pilgrimage is your chance to be part of something truly extraordinary and look forward to sharing this unforgettable experience with you.

Ministry Roster Weekend 11/12 November

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Martyn Pearce

Readers: Jesse Mars & Hughette Riganese

Extraordinary Minister: Dennis Ridrigues & Elizabeth Paje

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Roderick Essery

Readers: Sue Griffith & Annamaria Jins

Extraordinary Minister: Malcolm Davies & Charlie Baldacchino

Music: Peter Roberts

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Commentator: Jack Taylor

Readers: Mark McCarthy & Ana Gulab

Extraordinary Minister: Judith Mohan & Tony Gagliardi

Music: Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Altar Linen

Lucy

Counters

Hans & Dianne

Church Cleaners

Team G: Claude & Greta D'Souza; Charith DeSilva; Adam Winkler

This Week's Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. (R.)

2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. (R.)

3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 23:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'