

Dernancourt Catholic Parish



Church of Saint Pius X

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 12th November 2023

Weekly Reflection

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? (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.oblates.com.au)

Yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate
Fr. John Sebastian OMI, Parish Priest

Parish Office Hours

Thursday-Friday (9am-2pm)

Secretary (e) officedernancourt@gmail.com or

Parish Priest (e) ppdernancourt@gmail.com

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.

Parish Memorial Book

The memorial book on the stand under Our Lady's statue is available for all parishioners to record the anniversaries of loved one's deaths so that we can all pray for their souls.

Please email Tanya (officedernancourt@gmail.com) if you would like to add your loved ones' names to the book.

Columban Calendars 2024

Orders have arrived! If you ordered a Columban calendar, please collect and pay for your copy this weekend from the church foyer.

Note: limited copies are available. If you forgot to order your calendar or would like an extra copy, contact Tanya in the parish office (Thursday-Friday).

Columban calendars are **\$10.00**

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

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, Matt Basedow, Helen Starr, Darryl Ferguson.

RIP: Mary Metheringham

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 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

This Week's Saints & Feasts

15th St Albert the Great; 16th St Gertrude, St Margaret of Scotland; 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary; 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul

Saint of the Week – Dedication of Basilicas Sts Peter & Paul

There are moments in our lives when everything feels heavy, terrifying, beyond our control. Times when we feel separated from God and the night, the wind, the water all conspire to overwhelm our faith. But Jesus comes to us still: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." Like St Peter, we feel the need to put his promise to the test. "Lord...if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." And then we are surprised that our fear drags us under. Jesus knows our weakness, however, and stretches out his hand. Even our doubts can be of service to him: for it is in saving us that the Son of God reveals himself most fully. Then, like St Paul, we can teach "the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ with complete freedom".

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. 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.



DONATIONS

Thank you to the generous individuals and organisations who have kindly donated prizes for this year's Christmas raffle.

Tony Zappia MP: \$50.00

Para Hills Community Club: (4) x \$25.00 vouchers

Bickfords Australia: wine & drinks

Smokemart & GiftBox: picnic basket

Bosisto's: Health Product Basket \$150.00

Stuart Feirclough: Smith's Chips

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



Our Dernancourt Vinnies Christmas Appeal for families in the district commences this weekend. The Christmas Giving Tree will be in the Church foyer until the weekend of 9-10 December so parishioners can donate special Christmas grocery items for Christmas hampers and toys/gifts for their children (unwrapped). Wrapping paper can also be donated, that way parents can wrap individual gifts.

The Dernancourt St Vincent De Paul Society will provide hampers and gifts for their children to approximately 75 families this year. Sadly, 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.

Christmas cards are on sale in the Church foyer for the coming weekends; \$8 per a pack of ten.

Our next meeting is on Monday 4 December in the hall.

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/>



Volunteers Wanted!

In 2024 St Paul's College Primary Years will be establishing a Sustainability Garden aligning Pope Francis' message in Laudato Si, to care and show stewardship for our common home. We are currently looking for volunteers to support our garden as we establish and maintain it. If you are interested in volunteering in the garden and being welcomed into the St Paul's Primary Years community in 2024, please make contact with me and we can begin the volunteer clearance and registration process.

Kind regards, Miranda McGlaughlin (Religious Identity Leader) mmcgloughlin@stpauls.sa.edu.au

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 18/19 November

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Hughette Riganese

Readers: Shani & Sheya Quadras

Extraordinary Minister: Marie Smith & Roman Szczepanik

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Dorothy Nappa

Readers: Vin Thomas & Michael Carter

Extraordinary Minister: Charlie Baldacchino & Sue Griffith

Music: Catharine & Grace

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Commentator: Alex Kaminiski

Readers: Abitha Jose & Hithna Padayahil

Extraordinary Minister: Doris Taylor & Maria Cid

Music: Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Altar Linen

Dot

Counters

Keith & Cathy

Church Cleaners

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

This Week's Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8.

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible. The foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.

The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."

At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves."

They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed.

The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'