

Dernancourt Catholic Parish



Church of Saint Pius X

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 19th November 2023

Weekly Reflection

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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

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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.

Parish Memorial Book

The memorial book on the stand next to the votive candles 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.

Vocations Prayer Vigil - Friday 24 November

The vigil will commence 5.15pm with the Evening Prayer of the Church and then Mass at the usual time of 5.45pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to conclude with Benediction at 8.15pm. Supper in the hall will follow and conclude the night. All are welcome to join this Vocations Prayer Vigil at any time during the evening to celebrate and discern God's Call.

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: Monsignor Robert Aitken

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 Christ the King

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

This Week's Saints & Feasts

21st Presentation; 22nd St Cecilia; 23rd St Clement, St Columban; 24th Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions; 25th St Catherine of Alexandria

Saint of the Week – Vietnamese Martyrs

On the 24th we remember 117 martyrs of Vietnam who lost their lives in various persecutions from 1740 to 1883. This group of 96 native Vietnamese, 21 Spanish and French missionaries suffered some of the most brutal tortures known to Christendom. Fr Paul Le-Bao Tinh testified, "The prison here is a true image of everlasting hell: to cruel tortures of every kind – shackles, iron chains, manacles – are added hatred, vengeance, calumnies, obscene speech, quarrels, evil acts, swearing, curses, as well as anguish and grief. In the midst of these torments, which usually terrify others, I am, by the grace of God, full of joy and gladness, because I am not alone – Christ is with me."

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

On Friday 8th December, there will be a concelebrated Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at Dernancourt Parish at 6.30pm followed by light supper in the Church Hall.

It is an important feast for the Oblates, so kindly join the Oblates from both the Parishes and pray for their good health and for more vocations to the Oblate congregation. Please bring a plate to share with others.



Special Christmas Morning Tea and Draw of Christmas Raffle tickets.

On Sunday 17th December there is a special Christmas Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass where the parish Christmas raffle will be drawn.

Tickets will be on sale from 18th November at the end of every Mass on Saturday and Sunday leading up to the draw date.

This year we have few cash prizes and some other amazing raffle prizes. All proceeds from the sale of the Christmas raffle tickets will go towards the parish. So kindly buy as many tickets as possible and support our parish generously.

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.

Advent Reflection

Advent is the journey towards an understanding of the mystery of the Christmas miracle. This year, once again the Charism Team from the Australian province has put together a programme for us to prepare well for the celebration of Christmas.

You can either download the programme and follow it in your own personal space or you can join the discussion group through Zoom. For more information please visit <https://demazenodfamily.com.au/programs/adore/>

90-MINUTE VOLUNTEER BRIEFING

There is an Open 90-minute volunteer briefing scheduled for Tuesday 14th November 6.30pm-8.00pm at Adelaide Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide. This will be the last 90-minute briefing scheduled for this year.

Volunteers interested in attending this training will need to contact Child Protection Unit (ph) 8210 8159 or (e) childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Volunteers will need to provide the following details: First and last name, Parish, Volunteer role, Contact telephone number. Please note this training is for volunteers who do not have a direct role with children or young people.

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

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.

MAMI CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD

Give someone a gift of hope this Christmas.

An ideal meaningful gift for someone special this Christmas is a MAMI gift card: a gift that keeps on giving for the entire year and beyond. You can get the gift cards online. For more information, please refer to the Notice Board.

Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation

(DERNANCOURT-TEA TREE GULLY-MOVBURY-PARA HILLS)

To celebrate the joy of Christmas, spiritual preparation is also essential. On **Thursday 14th December at 7pm**, there will be the Second Rite of Reconciliation at Dernancourt Parish. Please save this date in your diary and make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare ourselves well and to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

The Order of Malta National Day

A lay religious order established to serve the sick and poor and defend the Catholic faith. The Order dates back to 1048 when Crusaders built a church, convent and hospital in Jerusalem to defend and care for pilgrims in the Holy Land. The Order active in 120 countries, cares for people in need through its medical, social and humanitarian works. As a sovereign body in International Law, it has accredited diplomatic missions with 108 countries, including diplomatic status in the United Nations. Dedicated to preserving human dignity and caring for those in need, regardless of race or religion. In South Australia we support people experiencing homelessness and poverty. Information contact Noel Mifsud (p) 0490 485 247 or visit www.orderofmalta.org.au

Ministry Roster Weekend 25/26 November

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Rod Hern

Readers: Jesse Mars & Jose Paje

Extraordinary Minister: Estelle Curtale & Dennis Rodrigues

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Jos Hensing

Readers: Annamaria Jins & Roderick Essery

Extraordinary Minister: Joe Colangelo & Malcolm Davies

Music: Michael & Time Carter

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Commentator: Ana Gulab

Readers: Susan Timpani & Ananya Jose

Extraordinary Minister: Judith Mohan & Amy Bartjes

Music: Filipino Choir

Altar Linen

Marie

Counters

Charlie & Lyn

Church Cleaners

Team A: Martyn Pearce; Kiminski; Diane; Michael; Joshua Ebarvia

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 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."