

Dernancourt Catholic Parish



Church of Saint Pius X

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Christ the King Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 26th November 2023

Weekly Reflection

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones. (Loyola Press)

Diary Dates

Friday Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception 6.30pm Mass followed by shared supper in hall. (*No morning Mass.*)

Thursday Dec 14: 7pm Regional Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation at Dernancourt.

Friday Dec 15: 7pm Parish Mass of Thanksgiving at Dernancourt. (*No morning Mass.*)

Saturday Dec 23-Sunday 24: Fourth Sunday in Advent. Masses 6.30pm and 9.30am

Sunday Dec 24: Christmas Eve Masses 6pm Children's Mass

8pm Carols & 8.30pm Vigil Mass

Monday Dec 25: 9.30am Christmas Day Mass

Saturday Dec 30-Sunday 31: Feast of the Holy Family. Masses 6.30pm Saturday, 9.30am & 5.30pm Sunday

Catholic Schools in our Parish

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Parish Office Hours

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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 your loved ones' names added to the book.

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 Parishes and pray for their good health and for more vocations to the Oblate congregation. Please bring a plate to share with others.

Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation

(DERNANCOURT-TEA TREE GULLY-MOGBURY-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.

Friday 15th December: Special Thanksgiving Mass

On 15th December at 7pm there will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving for our Parish Community. It will be a great opportunity to gather as a Parish Community to thank the Lord for all that the Lord has been to us throughout this year. Please come along to Worship the Lord in this Special Thanksgiving Mass.

(PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO morning mass that day)

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: Fr Michael Doherty

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 1st Sunday of Advent Year B

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

This Week's Saints & Feasts

30th St Andrew

Saint of the Week – St Andrew

In St John's Gospel, we learn that St Andrew was following St John the Baptist when St John pointed to Jesus: "Look, there is the lamb of God" (1:36). St Andrew immediately went to his brother, Simon, declaring, "We have found the Messiah" (1:41). According to Pope Benedict XVI, St Andrew was "a man who was searching. He lived with his heart thrown open, awaiting the fulfilment of Israel's great hope. After the Resurrection and the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, St Andrew went to share the Good News. Tradition has him preaching in Greece and dying at Patras. The Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches honour St Andrew with the title Protoclete, or "first-called".

Book Sale – Hectorville Parish

3rd December from 8.30am to 3pm. Donate your old books or take your pick from a collection of books. \$2 each or 3 books for \$5. All funds go towards the new carpet in Church.

Public Rosary – Praying the Rosary for Peace

1st Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady (Saturday 2nd December) praying the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace. Mary MacKillop Plaza (adj St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am. Information contact: Patrick Greenrod, Legion of Mary (m) 0414 769 635.



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 are \$1 each and on sale now.

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.

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 (VIC)
Cost: Interstate participants (\$50).

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

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/>

Parish Prayer Network

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

Children's Christmas Mass Preparations

All children are invited to be part of the Children's Christmas Liturgy on 24th December at 6.00p.m. We will require children for the Gospel enactment, Readings and to be part of the Children's Choir.

Practices commence on the second Sunday of Advent at 4.45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents are encouraged to put the names of their children with a contact number of a parent on the clipboard at the back of the church. Thank you for your participation.

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.



Ministry Roster Weekend 2/3 December

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Anna Szczepanik

Readers: Vincent Trinh & Jean Canil

Extraordinary Minister: Elizabeth Paje & Marie Smith

Music:

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Felicity Smyth

Readers: Sue Griffith & Rebecca Wood

Extraordinary Minister: Jos Hensing & Charlie Baldacchino

Music: Peter Roberts

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Commentator: Jack Taylor

Readers: Mark McCarthy & Akhil Jeremiah

Extraordinary Minister: Sunjay Mohanaraj & Maria Cid

Music: Sonya Mohanaraj & Group

Altar Linen

Patricia

Counters

Grace & Francis

Church Cleaners

Team B: Peter; Thien Family; Chris; Iris

This Week's Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6,

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)

2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'