

Dernancourt Catholic Parish



Church of Saint Pius X

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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 4th February 2024

Weekly Reflection

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives. (Loyola Press)

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 A/APRIM: Mr Dale Clarke 792 Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plains Phone: 8334 8300	Kildare College Principal: Mrs Tina Neate Liturgy Coordinator: Ms Bianca Bruno 96 Valiant Road, Holden Hill Phone: 8369 9999
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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.

Diary Dates

Wed February 14:

Ash Wednesday Masses 9.15am & 6.30pm

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'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:

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 6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Lev 13:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

This Week's Saints & Feasts

5th St Agatha; 6th St Paul Miki & Companions; 8th St Jerome, St Josephine Bakhita; 10th St Scholasitca

Saint of the Week – St Paul Miki & Companions

A group of 26 Christians were crucified in Nagasaki in 1597. Most were Japanese and most were laypeople, some still youths, and they were the first of many martyrs in a young Church. St Paul Miki, aged 35 years at his death, was a Jesuit scholastic from an aristocratic Japanese family who is remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church in his own time, and in the centuries that followed, to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

Parish Morning Tea

The 1st parish morning tea for 2024 will be held this Sunday February 4 after the 9.30am Mass.

All welcome to come and share a cuppa and fellowship.

Religious Education Classes for State School Children

Children who are currently in Yr 3 or Yr 4 or above and have been Baptised Catholic, are invited to attend Religious Education Classes to commence their journey to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Enrolments can be made by contacting the Parish Office (Tuesday-Friday) to collect a form or sending an email to officedernancourt@gmail.com or ppdernancourt@gmail.com

Please Note: Enrolments close on **Sunday 11th February**.

Classes will recommence **Tuesday 13th February from 4-5pm** and are held in the Parish Hall.

(*Children are asked to bring their pencil cases with them to these classes.*)

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



Our first formal meeting for 2024 will be held in the **Parish Hall on Monday, 12 February at 7 pm.**

We love having potential members join us: you may have talents in helping people, record keeping, greeting others etc. Each week we take goods to people in need and if you would like to try that, we will guide you at the start. For more information, please contact one of our members. Father John can point us out to you after any Mass or you can email: dcourtinnies@outlook.com

Bread Roster:

Our next bread collection will be on **February 5**. The collection and packaging team is Joe and Dominic Colangelo and Thelma.

Vinnies Foodbank:

We are most grateful for your donations of food for emergency food parcels and, at the moment, 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, would be appreciated by our group of knitters who make beanies, scarves, rugs etc., for those in need. Wool can be left in the Church foyer.

Blankets

The Vinnies Shop on Grand Junction Road, Valley View is in need of blankets, quilts and pillows for families in need.

For Vinnies assistance, Please ring 1300 729 202

Walk for Life

The Walk for Life will take place Saturday February 10 at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peters Cathedral, North Adelaide, commencing at 10am.

Our Lady of Lourdes Mass

Saturday 10th February at 10am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on a Sunday therefore, it will be celebrated on the Saturday.

All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing.

Information please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8106 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.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

National Oblate Youth Encounter 2024

We were very blessed to have 11 Oblate Youth (and one very junior youth) from South Australia attend this year's National Oblate Youth Encounter in Melbourne, Victoria. From the 4th to 7th January, youth from St David's Tea Tree Gully, Our Lady of Hope Greenwith and St Pius X Dernancourt joined with 70 other participants from around Australia to share on this year's theme "You are the Light of the World." It was a positive experience for everyone and our SA youth have come back with great ideas for our combined parish youth ministry this year.

Oblate Youth SA are extremely grateful for the support from our parishes. Each participant received \$150.00 contribution from the parishes towards their travel and registration costs, which with the rising costs of travel was greatly appreciated. We are thankful to St David's widows' group and De Mazenod Family who raised \$1,165.25 from the Christ the King bake sale. We are thankful to all the parishioners of St Pius X Dernancourt who supported the youth sausage sizzle which raised \$240.00. These contributions made it possible for our young people to enjoy such a faith-enriching experience.



Ministry Roster Weekend 10/11 February

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Anna Sczcepanik
Readers: Shani & Sheya Quadras
Extraordinary Minister: Dennis Rodrigues & Estelle Curtale
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Grace Ryappu
Readers: Vin Thomas & Chris Tang
Extraordinary Minister: Joe & Brigitte Colangelo
Music: Peter Roberts

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Commentator: Youth group
Readers: Youth group
Extraordinary Minister: Youth group
Music: Youth group

Altar Linen

Patricia

Counters

Joe & Brigitte

Church Cleaners

Team D: Charith deSilva; Adrian; Grace Belsiya Rayappu; Maria Cid

This Week's Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6.

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.