

# Dernancourt Catholic Parish



## Church of Saint Pius X

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B

### Weekly Reflection

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. (Loyola Press)

### Anointing of the Sick

Dernancourt Parish will be holding *Anointing of the Sick* within the Parish Mass on the First Wednesday of every month. The first *Anointing of the Sick* will be held on **3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.15am Mass**. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who need God’s healing in their lives.

### **Catholic Schools in our Parish**

<b>Saint Pius X Primary School</b> Principal: Mr Ashley Keane APRIM: Ms Rita Campbell 8 Windsor Grove, Windsor Gardens Phone: 8266 9400	<b>Saint Paul’s College</b> Principal: Mr Paul Belton APRIM: Mr Dale Clarke 792 Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plains Phone: 8334 8300	<b>Kildare College</b> Principal: Mrs Tina Neate Liturgy Coordinator: Ms Bianca Bruno 96 Valiant Road, Holden Hill Phone: 8369 9999
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### Parish Office Hours

Thursday-Friday (9am-2pm)

Secretary (e) [officedernancourt@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Lenten Reflection Book

Lent is a season of renewal and transformation. Kindly take a free copy of the 2024 Lenten Reflection book from the foyers of the Church.

### 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 & 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, Scott, Anne & Don Brown, Catherine King.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Year B

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

### This Week's Saints & Feasts

11<sup>th</sup> St. Constantine; 12<sup>th</sup> St. Maximilian; 15<sup>th</sup> St. Leocrita

### Saint of the Week – St Maximilian

This is an early account of the martyrdom of Saint Maximilian in modern-day Algeria. Brought before the proconsul Dion, Maximilian refused enlistment in the Roman army saying, "I cannot serve, I cannot do evil. I am a Christian." Dion replied: "You must serve or die." Maximilian: "I will never serve. You can cut off my head, but I will not be a soldier of this world, for I am a soldier of Christ. My army is the army of God, and I cannot fight for this world. I tell you I am a Christian." Dion: "There are Christian soldiers serving our rulers Diocletian and Maximian, Constantius and Galerius." Maximilian: "That is their business. I also am a Christian, and I cannot serve." Dion: "If you will not do your service I shall condemn you to death for contempt of the army." Maximilian: "I shall not die. If I go from this earth, my soul will live with Christ my Lord."

Maximilian was 21 years old when he gladly offered his life to God. His father went home from the execution site joyful, thanking God he had been able to offer heaven such a gift. St. Maximilian's liturgical feast is celebrated on March 12.

### Chrism Mass

All are welcome to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday March 25 in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Please note there is NO onsite car parking available.

For more information contact Events Office on (p) 82108220.

### World Day of Prayer

*A message to us from the Christian women of Palestine's writing group:*

"We call on you sisters and brothers in every part of the world, to bear with us in love. We call upon you to unite your prayers with ours for a just and peaceful solution that would bring an end to human suffering. We call upon you to stand in solidarity with us to achieve security and peace for all people around the world."

***We are a 'Child Safe' organisation***



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 8 April**.

**Volunteers:** If you are interested in our Vinnies people or Vinnies generally, check out our other notice in this week's Bulletin.

**Bread Roster:** We have a bread collection this Sunday evening.

**Vinnies Foodbank:** 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. It can be left in the Church foyer.

**Blankets:** the Vinnies Shop (Valley View) is in need of blankets, quilts and pillows.

**For Vinnies assistance, please ring 1300 729 202**



**Morning Tea hosted by Vinnies - Sunday 17 March**

Join us in the hall for tea, coffee and biscuits after 9.30am Mass. There will be a welcome by our new Vice-President Alex Powell who will introduce himself and we might also have a 2 minute Vinnies' video. Relaxed. Informative.

**Regional Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation (DERNANCOURT-TEA TREE GULLY-MOGBURY-PARA HILLS)**

To celebrate the joy of Easter, spiritual preparation is essential.

On **Wednesday 13 March at 7pm**, there is **Second Form of the Rite of Reconciliation** at **St David's Church, Tea Tree Gully**.

Please save this date in your diary, make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare well and celebrate the joy of Easter.



**Oblate Youth SA (all youth 16-30 are welcome!)**

**Youth Mass & Dinner** - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
St Pius X, Dernancourt 5:30pm Mass, Dinner to follow

**Games Night** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
St David's, Tea Tree Gully 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Good Friday** - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
St David's, Tea Tree Gully

**Parish Prayer Network**

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

**Diary Dates**

**Fridays in Lent:**

6.00pm Adoration                      6.45pm Stations of the Cross  
**Wednesday March 13:** 7pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation  
(St David's Tea Tree Gully)  
**Wednesday April 3:** 9.15am Anointing of the Sick Mass

**2024 Easter Raffle**

This year's Easter raffle has commenced. Tickets: \$1 each. Books of (5) tickets or (10) tickets are also available. All proceeds go directly to the parish. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Dear Parents, if your child has received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation and would like to serve at Mass, please contact Fr John. Your help in this ministry is highly appreciated.

**PLANNED GIVING**

The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2024–2025 commence next month.

If there are any parishioners who would like to alter their method of donating to the parish, if you could please go to the **GOOD GIVING APP** on your mobile phone or visit <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/giving> and go to:

*Donate to a Parish*  
*Donate Now.*

If you follow the **GOOD GIVING APP** please advise the Parish Finance Officer via email [financepiusx@gmail.com](mailto:financepiusx@gmail.com) you no longer require your replacement envelope pack.

Thank You.  
Rodney Hern, *Parish Finance Officer*

**Ministry Roster Weekend 16/17 March**

**Saturday 6.30 Mass**

**Commentator:** Huguette Riganese  
**Readers:** Jose Paje & Vincent Trinh  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Estelle Curtale & Dennis Rodrigues  
**Music:** James Lloyd

**Sunday 9:30am Mass**

**Commentator:** Felicity Smyth  
**Readers:** Annamaria Jins & Michael Carter  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Jos Hensing & Malcolm Davies  
**Music:** Catherine & Grace

**Sunday 5:30pm Mass**

**Commentator:** Amy Bartjes  
**Readers:** Aaron Jeremiah & Ananya Jose  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Judith Mohan & Maria Cid  
**Music:** Filipino Choir

**Altar Linen**                                      **Counters**  
Patricia    Grace & Francis

**Church Cleaners**

**Team A:** Martyn; Kaminski; Diane; Michael; Joshua

# This Week's Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

### **(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)

2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)

3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)

4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life. God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel

John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.'

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'