

# Dernancourt Catholic Parish



## Church of Saint Pius X

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B

### Weekly Reflection

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world. (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

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

Thursday-Friday (9am-2pm)

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

Parish Priest (e) [ppdernancourt@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Vinnies**  
good works

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 this Sunday 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.

### 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 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 Palm Sunday Year B

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:47

### This Week's Saints & Feasts

17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick; 18<sup>th</sup> St. Cyril of Jerusalem; 19<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph;  
20<sup>th</sup> St. Martin of Braga;

### Saint of the Week – St. Joseph

St Matthew records that St Joseph "named him Jesus" (1:25). Though not in a direct quotation, the one word attributed to St Joseph in Scripture is the holy name of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. As the Father eternally speaks forth his Son, the eternal Word, St Joseph the foster-father of Jesus speaks the name of the Word-made-flesh in the womb of Mary. This is the mark of sanctity: having Jesus always before our minds, always in our hearts, singing for ever of the Lord's love.

### 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.

### PLANNED GIVING

2024-2025 Planned Giving Envelopes commence next month. If any parishioners would like to alter their method of donating to the parish, please go to the **GOOD GIVING APP** on your phone or visit <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/giving> select:

*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*

### Sunday School

It is with great joy that I inform you that with some dedicated volunteers our Parish can now start Sunday School for our Parish Children. Sunday School will run during School terms, beginning **Sunday 5th May 2024**.

Classes will be held on **Sundays 4.30pm-5.15pm** leading into Sunday Evening Mass at 5.30pm. If you would like your children to attend, please fill out the online registration form on our parish website. Registration is compulsory. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Report to Parishioners from the Finance Committee

We come before you with an exciting announcement about the future of our parish facilities. After careful deliberation, the Finance Committee has decided to undertake major renovations throughout 2024.

These renovations will enhance our worship experience, improve safety and security, and ensure our buildings and grounds remain in excellent condition for years to come. The projects slated include:

- Replacing the aging roof to protect against future leaks and weather damage
- Installing a new internal ceiling for improved acoustics and aesthetics
- Upgrading the projector and the sound system for better audio clarity during Mass
- Relocating air conditioning units to the floor for easier maintenance access
- Installing security cameras around the parish and priest's residence
- Repairing major potholes and cracks in the parking lot
- A fresh coat of interior paint to brighten our worship space

This is a significant undertaking with a projected budget ranging from \$250,000 to \$300,000. While we currently have the funds available, the future financial landscape remains uncertain.

That is why we invite all of you, as proud members of this faith community, to prayerfully consider participating in this venture. Your support, whether through volunteering skills, making a donation, or offering your time, will be invaluable.

Together, we can ensure our beloved parish not only maintains its spiritual home but enhances it for our community today and for generations to come. If you are interested in lending your support, please connect with Father John or any member of the Finance Committee or contact the parish office.

We have great faith that through our combined efforts, we will create an uplifted parish home that brings glory to God. Thank you, and may God bless you all.

If you wish to make direct donation, please find the bank details below. In the reference, please leave a note "towards renovations".

**BANK: NAB**  
**NAME: DERNANCOURT PARISH**  
**BSB: 085 005**

### Candles for Easter Vigil

Dear Parishioners kindly note that battery operated candles will be available for purchase for Easter Vigil celebrations, \$3/candle.

***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

### Diary Dates

#### **Fridays in Lent:**

6.00pm Adoration

6.45pm Stations of the Cross

**Monday March 25:**

6pm Chrism Mass

**Wednesday April 3:**

9.15am Anointing of the Sick Mass



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

**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

### Fr Joshua's Farewell Mass

Fr Joshua will be leaving Adelaide after Easter to take up his new role as Chaplain for Rosie's in Brisbane. There will be a farewell Mass on **Saturday April 6 at 6.30pm**. All Welcome.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Church garden and property maintenance. Please call Keith (m) 0407 602 717 if you can give some time to support the Parish. Thank you.

### Ministry Roster Weekend 23/24 March

#### **Saturday 6.30 Mass**

**Commentator:** Anna Szczepanik

**Readers:** Nichole Abeywickrema & Jesse Mars

**Gospel Narrator:** James Lloyd

**Other/Crowd:** Jean Canil

**Extraordinary Minister:** Elizabeth Paje & Clifford Quadras

**Music:** James Lloyd

#### **Sunday 9:30am Mass**

**Commentator:** Jos Hensing

**Readers:** Sue Griffith & Rebecca Wood

**Gospel Narrator:** Bernadette Davies

**Other/Crowd:** Jos Hensing

**Extraordinary Minister:** Joe Colangelo & Brigitte Colangelo

**Music:** Michael & Tim Carter

#### **Sunday 5:30pm Mass**

**Commentator:** Stephanie Gabbana

**Readers:** Diya Mathew & Abitha Jose

**Gospel Narrator:** Mark McCarthy

**Other/Crowd:** Susan Timpani

**Extraordinary Minister:** Tony Gagliardi & Sanjay Mohanaraj

**Music:** Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

**Altar Linen**

Elizabeth

**Counters**

Joe & Brigitte

**Church Cleaners**

**Team B:** Peter; Thien Family; Chris

# This Week's Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

### **(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

1. Have mercy on me God in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

## Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel

John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.