

Dernancourt Catholic Parish



Church of Saint Pius X

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Palm Sunday Year B

Sunday 24th March 2024

Weekly Reflection

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son. (Loyola Press)

Parish Office Hours

Thursday-Friday (9am-2pm)

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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.



Vinnies
good works

The next meeting of the Dernancourt conference will be on **Monday 8 April**. We are a lay Catholic organisation working towards a more just and compassionate society.

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 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

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 **3rd April at 9.15am Mass**. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who need God's healing in their lives.

Candles for Easter Vigil

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

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.

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.

RIP: Catherine King

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 Easter Sunday Year B

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

This Week's Saints & Feasts

22nd St. Nicholas of Flue

Saint of the Week – St. Nicholas of Flue

The son of a peasant couple, he married and had 10 children. After serving as a soldier, magistrate and highly respected councillor, in 1467 at the age of fifty and with the consent of his wife and family, he embraced the life of a hermit. Renowned for his holiness and wisdom, he was regularly visited by civic leaders and powerful personages, simple men and women with a variety of needs. One of the most famous religious figures in Swiss history, he was known affectionately as "Bruder Klaus" and was much venerated in Switzerland. He is considered the patron saint of Switzerland.

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 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 **Sundays 4.30pm-5.15pm** leading into 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.

We are a 'Child Safe' organisation

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

Weekly Rosary

Adelaide University Catholic Society presents their inaugural weekly rosary on campus on 26th March 2024. All welcome to come pray with us and express their faith and devotion to our Lord through the mysteries of our Lady's Rosary. Meeting 1pm at Mawson Corner, located on Frome Road, directly across from Adelaide Botanic High School.

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

- Monday March 25:** 6pm Chrim Mass
Good Friday March 29: 10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday: 7.30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday: 9.30am Mass only
Wednesday April 3: 9.15am Anointing of the Sick Mass

March 29th
GOOD FRIDAY
Stations • Retreat • Service

10:00am
Live Stations of the Cross
@ St David's Church

11:30am - 2:30pm
Retreat
@ St David's School Hall

3:00pm
Good Friday Service
@ St David's or St Pius X Church

Registration Essential:
bit.ly/m/oblateyouthsa or scan QR code

Oblate Youth South Australia

Marian Procession

The 75th Marian Procession will be held **Sunday 19th May**. Beginning at Victoria Park, along Wakefield Street and into Victoria Square. The Procession starts 2pm (assembly from 1:30pm). More information: Archdiocesan Events (p) 8210 8220 or (e) events@adelaide.catholic.org.au All are invited to attend.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion for 2024

On Sunday 2nd June candidates from our Parish, St. Pius X School, St. Paul's College and Kildare College will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion during 9.30am Parish Mass and a Special Mass at 2pm. Our Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will confer the above-mentioned sacraments on all the candidates. So kindly keep them all in your prayers and welcome our Archbishop to our Parish Community.

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 30/31 March

Saturday 6.30 Mass Easter Vigil
Please see ministry rosters in the Church foyer.

Easter Sunday 9:30am Mass
Please see ministry rosters in the Church foyer

No 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

Altar Linen
Lucy

Counters
Hans & Dianne

Church Cleaners

Team C:Jijo; Jude Cooray; Michael Paras; Jobi Thomas

This Week's Liturgy of the Word

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'.

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go.

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24.

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!