

Dernancourt Catholic Parish



Church of Saint Pius X

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Easter Sunday Year B

Sunday 31st March 2024

Weekly Reflection

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

(Loyola Press)

*Wishing everyone a very happy
and blessed Easter.*

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.



Our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, calls on us to do without hesitation whatever lies in our hands. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 8 April**.

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

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.

Project Compassion Boxes

Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes as soon as possible to the Church or the Parish office. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

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: Stefano (Steve) Quattrocchi

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 2nd Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

This Week's Saints & Feasts

Due to the Solemnity of the Octave of Easter there are no Saints days this week.

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.

Adult Confirmation

There will be an opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who are baptised but not yet confirmed.

This celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday 20th July. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the celebrant.

For more information or to register please contact the Office for Worship (p) 8210 8130.

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
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4789 090 10

Public Rosary – Praying the Rosary for Peace

On the first Saturday of every month, you are invited to join Our Lady (*Saturday April 6*) and pray the Rosary outdoors together united to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (next to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after 8am Masses). More information contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod, Legion of Mary (p) 0414 769 635

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

Wednesday April 3: 9.15am Anointing of the Sick Mass

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.

St Francis of Assisi – Divine Mercy Sunday

St Francis of Assisi Newton invites you to join the community for Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday 7th April in the Church at 59 Newton Road, Newton. Veneration at the Divine image will commence 1pm with Veneration of the Image followed by Confessions, Divine Mercy Prayers and the Divine Mercy Chaplet starting 1.30pm and concluding 3pm with the Holy Eucharist. All welcome.

Ministry Roster Weekend 6/7 April

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Nicole Abeywickrema
Readers: Audrine Vaz & Beverly D'Sa
Extraordinary Minister: Marie Smith & Jose Paje
Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Annamaria Jins
Readers: Vin Thomas & Chris Clift
Extraordinary Minister: Malcolm Davies & Grace Ryappu
Music:

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Commentator: Shaun Thomas
Readers: Susan Timpani & Kathy Nicholls
Extraordinary Minister: Amy Bartjes & Maria Cid
Music: Michael & Tim Carter

Altar Linen

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Counters

Keith & Cathy

Church Cleaners

Team D: CharithDeSilva; Adrian; Grace Rayappu; Maria Cid

This Week's Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from *the holy Gospel according to John*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.