

1 Avoca Street, Dernancourt, S.A.

# St. Pius X Catholic Church

In the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

Sunday 5th May 2024

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**Parish office Hours**

Thursday-Friday (9am-2pm)

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**Daily Mass & Weekend Masses**

**Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

Rosary 8.55am

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 6.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am & 5.30pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday: 11.30am-12noon

**Adoration**

Friday 9.45am-11am (During school terms)

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals**

Please call the Parish office to arrange

**Parish Sunday School**

Every Sunday 4.30pm -5.15pm

(During School Terms)

**Parish Finance Committee**

Jean Canil (Chair), Peter Roberts, Joe Colangelo,  
Charlie Baldacchino, Nicholas Perera.

**Catholic School & Colleges in our Parish**

**St. Pius X Primary School**

8 Windsor Grove, Windsor Gardens

Phone: 8266 9400

**St. Paul's College**

792 Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plains

Phone: 8266 0622

**Kildare College**

96 Valiant Road, Holden Hill Phone: 8369 9999

**Parish Memorial Book**

The memorial book on the stand next to the votive candles is available for all parishioners to record the anniversaries of loved one's deaths so that we can all pray for their souls. Please email Tanya (officedernancourt@gmail.com) if you would like your loved ones' names added to the book.

**We are a 'Child Safe'  
Organisation**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In last Sunday's gospel, our Lord used the image of the vine and the branches to describe the intimate association between himself and his followers that was necessary if his disciples were to produce fruit for eternal life.

Today, our Lord urges his followers to abide in his love and to love one another. This love for neighbour must have as its model and exemplar Christ's love for his disciples, which made him lay down his life for them. The disciples are not Christ's servants but his intimate associates: they will bear lasting fruit in their lives if they trust in God and are motivated by true love of God and neighbour.

Once there was a young man who was having doubts about the existence of God. So one day he paid a visit to a monk who had a reputation for holiness. He asked the monk, 'Do you believe in God?' Yes, I do,' the monk answered. 'On what evidence do you believe?' the young man asked. I believe in God because I know him, came the reply. 'I experience the presence of God within me every day! But how is that possible?' the youth asked.

When we love, we experience God, and doubt vanishes like early morning mist before the sun,' replied the monk. The youth thought about this for a while, then asked, 'How can I achieve this kind of certainty?'

By acts of love,' came the reply. Try to love your neighbours; love them actively and unceasingly. As you learn to love them more and more, you will become more and more convinced of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. This has been tested. This is the true way!

Yes, the monk was only echoing the words of St John: My dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love' (Second Reading).

The true identity of a Christian is to love one another as Christ has loved me. Yes, the image of God is at its best and brightest in us when we love. Shall we try to imitate and live the message of this week's gospel? Amen.

*Yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate*

*Fr. John Sebastian OMI*

*Parish Priest*

# St. Vinnies, Dernancourt Conference

*Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another . . . St Vincent de Paul*

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6 May**

## Vinnies Foodbank

We are in great need of Long Life milk (full cream), breakfast cereal, tinned tomatoes, soup, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, fish, pasta sauce and rice.

## Bread

Next collection: May 13: Marie, Alex, Trudy, Elizabeth

## 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**

## Saint for the Week: St John of Avila

St John of Avila: Born in Almodovar del Campo, Spain, around 1500, St John experienced a deep conversion in his teens, broke off his law studies, and spent three years in prayer before entering the seminary. He celebrated his ordination in 1526 by serving dinner to twelve poor men in his home. Although he wanted to go to the missions, he answered the call of the bishop of Seville to preach and minister throughout Andalusia (southern Spain). St John fervently promoted holiness for both lay persons and priests. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI declared him a Doctor of the Church – the first diocesan priest to be so named.

## Roof Work - Commences Soon

Dear Parishioners, the Church Roof work will commence on **7th May 2024**. The roof work will not affect any of our weekdays or weekend Masses. Please pray for the successful completion of the work. If you wish to donate, please find the bank details below:

**BANK: NAB**  
**NAME: DERNANCOURT PARISH**  
**BSB: 085 005**  
**ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4789 090 10**

## Feast of St Eugene De Mazenod - 21st May- Oblate Feast Day

Dear Parishioners, the Oblates invite you to join with them on Tuesday 21 May at 10am at St David's Church, for Mass to Celebrate their feast day. Please stay for a shared brunch after Mass. The Feast Day will be hosted by the De Mazenod Family who meet on the first Monday of each month at 6pm. Please place this date into your diaries. **Please note on this day there will be no Morning Mass at Dernancourt at 9.15am.**

## We Pray ...that the sick will be healed 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, Giuseppina Parella, Jim Corkill, Lisa Johnstone, Margaret Musolino, John Jordan, Colleen Wallace, Matt Basedow, Helen Starr, Darryl Ferguson, Scott, Anne & Don Brown.

## RIP: Esther Jordan

*Please ring the parish office and let us know, whose names you would like listed for prayer.*

## Parish Prayer Network

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

## Next Week's Readings:

The Ascension of the Lord  
Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1:17-23;  
Mk 16:15-20

## Planned Giving

The Planned Giving Programme is an important part of the Parish and assists us to maintain all aspects of the Church and Priests.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Programme. For more information contact the Parish finance officer on [financepiusx@gmail.com](mailto:financepiusx@gmail.com) Thank you!

### EFT First Collection Details

NAME: TRUSTEES OF MOMI  
BSB: 083 347

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1134 904 72

*Reference: 1st Collection and your name  
First Collection supports  
the Oblate Fathers and brothers.*

### EFT Second Collection Details

BANK: NAB

NAME: DERNANCOURT PARISH  
BSB: 085 005

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4789 090 10

*Reference: 2nd Collection and your name  
Second Collection supports the Parish*

## Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion for 2024

On 2nd June our Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will confer the above-mentioned sacraments on all the candidates from our Parish, St. Pius X School, St. Paul's College and Kildare College. So kindly keep them all in your prayers and welcome our Archbishop to our Parish Community.

## Mass Count in May

The Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Mass Count of Attendance for All Masses held on weekends during the month of May each year. This is used in their pastoral planning and financial reporting. Commencing this weekend, the counts will be held from the 4th May through to 26th May. Please make sure when you come to the church during May that you fill out a slip, one per person at each Mass attended each weekend.

## Statue of Mary

During the month of May, parishioners who are interested in taking the Statue of Mary home to pray the Holy Rosary, are asked to complete their details on the Registration of Interest sheet in the church foyer to enable a roster sharing system for all parishioners.

## Vinnies Winter Appeal - Commences May 12

Beyond collecting and delivering food for those struggling with poverty, donations are also used for core programs to fund people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is a big contributor to funds. Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible and can be made in the envelopes available in the church foyer, online at the Vinnies website, or by phoning 13 18 12.

## Marian Procession

The 75th Marian Procession will be held Sunday 19 May beginning at Victoria Park, processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. Commencing 2pm with Group assembly 1:30pm. Contact Archdiocesan Events (e) [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or (p) 8210 8220 for more information.

## WANTED: Pastoral Care Volunteers (Hutt St Centre)

The Pastoral Care Team at Hutt St Centre is looking for volunteers to help provide support to the Centre's clients.

### The Pastoral Care Team:

- Provide support to current HSC clients by offering attentive listening with no agenda. This is listening without trying to solve individual problems.
- Refers clients to services or assist in finding resources as appropriate.
- Provides an opportunity for the client to talk about their spiritual journey without judgement.

Hours: weekdays between 9am-12pm (flexible hours). If you are interested or would like more information, contact the People and Culture Team - Lisa Leach (p) 08 8418 2500 or (e) [volunteering@huttstcentre.org.au](mailto:volunteering@huttstcentre.org.au)

## Ministry Roster Weekend 11/12 May

### Saturday 6.30 Mass

#### Commentator:

Anna Szczepanik

#### Readers:

Shani Quadras & Sheya Quadras

#### EMHC

Marie Smith & Roman Szczepanik

#### Music:

James Lloyd

### Sunday 9:30am Mass

#### Commentator:

Felicity Smyth

#### Readers:

Olivia Jins & Vin Thomas

#### EMHC

Charlie Baldacchino & Jos Hensing

#### Music:

Peter Roberts

### Sunday 5:30pm Mass

#### Youth Mass

#### EMHC

Judith Mohan & Amy Bartjes

#### Altar Linen

Dot

#### Counters

Keith & Cathy

#### Church Cleaners Team A:

Martyn Pearce, Alex Kaminski, Diane, Michael Paras, Joshua Ebarvia

#### Parish Morning Tea for June

Esther, Mary, Christine Clift

## Upcoming Events

#### Sunday 12 May

Youth Mass

#### Sunday 19 May

Marian Procession

#### Tuesday 21 May

Feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod

#### Sunday 2nd June

Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation  
Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

#### Sunday 9 June

Parish Morning Tea

#### Sunday 9 June

Youth Mass

# Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading: Acts: 10:25-26. 34-35, 44-48**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

**Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R.)

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10**

**A reading from the First Letter of John**

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows  
God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known

God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.