

St. Pius X Catholic Church

In the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)
Second Sunday of Easter B (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday 7 April 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

Saint 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,

Dear friends, the Second Sunday of Easter is also known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." On 30th April 2000, when St. John Paul II canonised his countrywoman, Faustina, he said, "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'." In brief, this Sunday invites us to contemplate the mercy of God.

One can tangibly experience the mercy and forgiveness of God through the sacrament of reconciliation. This happens when we have the courage to accept it and make a strong determination not to do it again. Then we can see how the grace and peace, guidance and support of Christ has come into our lives.

The four verses from the First reading today bring home the genuine concern, love, support and the care of the early Christian Community towards the other members in the community. They held everything in common and there was no one in want. It only shows us how they were deeply rooted in the message of Jesus Christ: as God cares for everyone, we have the duty to care for one another in the community. I always believe that it is not by having more that I become happy; rather by being more, I truly live a life of happiness, and this happiness cannot be taken away from me.

This particular practice of the early Christian community sends us a strong message that every baptised member of our community should be willing to share what we have with those who have nothing. Every gift or wealth I enjoy reminds me that we are not the real owners of what we possess: we are only the administrators of the property God has given us.

As we are in the Easter joy, let us continue to witness to the faith we profess and celebrate it in our lives. Always try to reach out to the others who are in need. Amen.

Yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate

Fr. John Sebastian OMI

Parish Priest

St. Vinnies, Dernancourt Conference

The next meeting of the Dernancourt conference will be on **Monday 8 April**. Our first Patron, was Sister, now Blessed, Rosalie Rendu.

On our need for love she said "If you want someone to love you, you must be the first to love; and if you have nothing to give, give yourself."

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.

Bread: Our next collection is April 15. Joe & Dominic Colangelo & Thelma.

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

Parish Prayer Network

All you need to do is call one of the following:

Marie S 0427 601 068 or Marie T 8266 2223

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, 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.

Next Week's Reading:

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Parish Raffle

In the Easter Parish Raffle, we raised \$1378.60. Thanks to Dot and Louis Nappa, Marie Smith and Philip who helped us in raising this amount.

The Winners: (1) Estecca (2) Rafael Indratno (3) Kristian Colangelo (4) Carmel Farrow (5) B. Colangelo (6) James K.

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.

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 Mass). More information contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod, Legion of Mary (p) 0414 769 635

Ministry Roster Weekend 13/14 April

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Rod Hern

Readers: Shani Quadras & Sheya Quadras

Extraordinary Minister: Dennis Rodrigues & Estelle Curtale

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Dorothy Nappa

Readers: Olivia Jins & Chris Tang

Extraordinary Minister: Sue Griffith & Charlie Baldacchino

Music: Peter Roberts

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Youth Mass

Altar Linen

Marie

Counters

Charlie & Lyn

Church Cleaners

Team E: Jasmine Family; Sue Griffith; Jude Cooray; Nicholas Perera

Upcoming Events

Sunday 7th April

Parish Morning Tea

Wednesday 1st May

Anointing of the Sick

Sunday 5 May

Parish Morning Tea

Tuesday 21 May

Feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod

Sunday 2nd June

Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts: 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord 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.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. (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.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the First Letter of John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ

has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded

us; this is what loving God is—keeping his

commandments; and his commandments are not

difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by

God

has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world –

our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you

have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but

still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week,

the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were,

for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He

said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his

hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when

they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be

with you.'

'As the Father sent me,

so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was

not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said,

'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the

holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my

finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my

hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the

disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with

them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood

among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to

Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands.

Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer

but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus

said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the

disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These

are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the

Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may

have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.