

St. Pius X Catholic Church

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

Third Sunday of Easter B

Sunday 14th April 2024

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Parish Secretary

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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,

We continue in the joy of Jesus' resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus continues to instil in us hope, joy and peace in our lives. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles, once again reminds us that the plan of God cannot be defeated. When Jesus was put to death, the enemies of Jesus thought that they have won the fight against Jesus' life. But the witnesses of the Apostles remind us that Jesus is not defeated but he is only glorified again.

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the topic of Jesus' resurrection was a constant one among those who put Jesus to death, because they constantly denied the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But the witnesses of the Apostles to the resurrection of Jesus Christ were entirely contrary to that of his enemies. The Apostle Peter courageously proclaims in the street of Jerusalem, saying, "It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses." (Acts 3:13-15).

It was not just the courageous proclamation of the Apostles: served as a witness to Jesus' resurrection, but also the miracle of curing the crippled man, in the name of Jesus by the Apostle Peter (Acts 3:1-10) was a wonderful opportunity for the people to witness to the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, there were lots of people, who came to believe in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:4). The growth of the infant Church in Jerusalem and in Gentile lands is sufficient proof to show how the Apostles and the others believed in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As people of resurrection, let us continue to invite and lead people towards Christ. The experience of Jesus' resurrection brought forth lots of transformation: both in the lives of the Apostles and in the Jewish community. We shall also become an agent of God's love and compassion to others and thus lead many more faithful towards God.

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 6 May**. 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:

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

Next Week's Reading:

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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

Good Shepherd Sunday

Next Sunday, April 21 is Good Shepherd Sunday, and once again World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the context of the unique vocation that we all have through Baptism we “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) and specifically we pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life, Diaconate and Priesthood.

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 are going to use 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 & 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. If you can give some time to support the Parish please call Keith (m) 0407 602 717. Thank you.

Marian Procession

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

Marian Procession Volunteering

The Archdiocesan Events Office is seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19. If you are able to help, please contact (p) 8210 8220 or (e) events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Ministry Roster Weekend 20/21 April

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Anna Szczepanik

Readers: Martyn Pearce & Nicole Abeywickrema

Extraordinary Minister: Clifford Quadras & Roman Szczepanik

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Jos Hensing

Readers: Michael Carter & Roderick Essery

Extraordinary Minister: Malcolm Davies & Joe Colangelo

Music: Catharine & Grace

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Commentator: Stephanie Gabanna

Readers: Akhil Jeremiah & Nella Mathew

Extraordinary Minister: Maria Cid & Amy Bartjes

Music: Filipino Choir

Altar Linen

Patricia

Counters

Grace & Francis

Church Cleaners

Team F: Mohan; Zammit; Adam Slater; Joe Caruana

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 1st May

Anointing of the Sick

Sunday 5 May

Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 12 May

Youth Mass

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

Youth Mass

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts: 3: 13-15,17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9.

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading: 2:1-5

A reading from the First Letter of John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 34: 35-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.