

# Dernancourt Catholic Parish



## Church of Saint Pius X

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024



### Weekly Reflection

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing. (Loyola Press)

### **Catholic Schools in our Parish**

<b>Saint Pius X Primary School</b> Principal: Mr Ashley Keane APRIM: Ms Rita Campbell 8 Windsor Grove, Windsor Gardens Phone: 8266 9400	<b>Saint Paul's College</b> Principal: Mr Paul Belton APRIM: Mr Dale Clarke 792 Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plains Phone: 8334 8300	<b>Kildare College</b> Principal: Mrs Tina Neate Liturgy Coordinator: Ms Bianca Bruno 96 Valiant Road, Holden Hill Phone: 8369 9999
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### 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.

### Lenten Reflection Book

Lent is a season of renewal and transformation. Kindly take a free copy of the 2024 Lenten Reflection book from the foyers of the Church.

### NEED FOR A NEW CHURCH ROOF

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I am pleased to share with you a significant decision made by our dedicated Finance Committee. After careful consideration and thorough assessment, it has been determined that our church roof is in a state of disrepair, requiring urgent attention. In light of this, the Finance Committee has taken the thoughtful initiative to replace the roof to ensure the structural integrity of our beloved place of worship. Three competitive quotes were obtained and with pre-approval from the Diocese, we are ready to embark on this essential project.

Your continued support and contributions have always been the backbone of our vibrant community, and we are confident that together we can undertake this essential project. The upcoming roof replacement is not only a practical necessity but also an investment in the long-term well-being of our sacred space. We trust that this endeavour will enhance the safety, comfort, and beauty of our church for generations to come.

In the spirit of unity and shared responsibility, we humbly request your prayers and support as we embark on this endeavour. The Finance Committee will keep you informed of the progress, and we look forward to witnessing the positive impact of our collective efforts.

May our church continue to be a beacon of faith, love, and community for years to come.

### We Pray...that the sick will be strengthened by Christ

Virginia Lampe, Garnet Gamet, Ken Porter, May Green, Louise Rhodes, Viv and 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.

**RIP: Antonio Baggio, Traquillo Milani**

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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Year B

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

### This Week's Saints & Feasts

14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday, Sts Cyril & Methodius;

17<sup>th</sup> Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

### Saint of the Week – Sts Cyril & Methodius

Born in Thessalonica to a senatorial family, brothers Sts Cyril and Methodius began a mission to Moravia (present day Czech Republic) in response to the request of Prince Ratislav for "a bishop and teacher able to explain to them the true Christian faith in their own language". Sts Cyril and Methodius set about translating the Scriptures into the Old Slavonic language, using an alphabet devised by St Cyril.

After St Cyril died in Rome in 869, St Methodius carried on with the mission for a time suffering imprisonment at the hands of a fellow bishop. St Methodius spent his final years creating the Nomokanon a manual of Byzantine ecclesiastical and civil law. He died in 885.

### Religious Education Classes for State School Children

Children who are currently in Yr 3 or Yr 4 or above and have been Baptised Catholic, are invited to attend Religious Education Classes to commence their journey to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Enrolments can be made by contacting the Parish Office (Tuesday-Friday) to collect a form or sending an email to [officedernancourt@gmail.com](mailto:officedernancourt@gmail.com) or [ppdernancourt@gmail.com](mailto:ppdernancourt@gmail.com)

**Please Note:** Enrolments close today, **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.

Classes will recommence **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 4-5pm** and are held in the Parish Hall.

(*Children are asked to bring their pencil cases with them to these classes.*)

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

***We are a 'Child Safe' organisation***



Our first meeting for 2024 will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 12 February at 7 pm.

We opened our year with a wonderful social evening at the Windsor Hotel last Monday. If you're thinking of joining us we'd love to meet you. You may have talents in helping people, record keeping, greeting others etc. Each week we take goods to people in need and if you'd like to try that, we'll guide you at the start. For more information, please contact one of our members. Father John can point us out to you after Mass or email: [dcourtinnies@outlook.com](mailto:dcourtinnies@outlook.com)

**Bread Roster:**

Our next bread collection will be on **February 19.** The collection and packaging team is Dot, Louis & Joe Caruana.

**Vinnies Foodbank:**

We are most grateful for your donations of food for emergency food parcels and, at the moment, 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, would be appreciated by our group of knitters who make beanies, scarves, rugs etc., for those in need. Wool can be left in the Church foyer.

**Blankets**

The Vinnies Shop on Grand Junction Road, Valley View is in need of blankets, quilts and pillows for families in need.

**For Vinnies assistance, please ring 1300 729 202**

**Project Compassion Appeal 9/10<sup>th</sup> March**

The 2024 Project Compassion Appeal will be held on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March in our parish. 'For All Future Generations' is the theme for this year. Your generous donation will support Caritas Australia's Community development and emergency relief programs in partnership with marginalised communities around the world. Please be generous in supporting our brothers and sisters in need.



**Oblate Youth SA (all youth 16-30 are welcome!)**

**Youth Mass & Carnevale** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
St Pius X, Dernancourt 5:30pm Mass, Carnevale to follow

**Gospel Session** - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
St David's, Tea Tree Gully 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Youth Mass & Dinner** - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
St Pius X, Dernancourt 5:30pm Mass, Dinner to follow

**Games Night** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
St David's, Tea Tree Gully 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Good Friday** - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
St David's, Tea Tree Gully

**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**

**Wed February 14:**

Ash Wednesday Masses 9.15am and 6.30pm

**Fridays in Lent:**

6.00pm Adoration

6.45pm Stations of the Cross

**World Day of Prayer Service 2024**

You are invited to attend this year's World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 1 March at 7.30pm at Hampstead Gardens Church of Christ. This year's theme "I beg you..Bear with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:1-3). Guest speaker is Jenny Brinkworth. The women's World Day of Prayer committee in Palestine has prepared this years' service.

**Caritas 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

All Caritas supporters are invited to join the Archbishop on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February for Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (11am) followed by coffee and sausage sizzle to commemorate 60 years of Caritas in Australia, with its foundations proudly in Adelaide! All are invited to join in unity as we continue to support those most vulnerable in our world. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with all parishes, schools and anyone who proudly supports the good work of Caritas Australia - helping us to create a just and compassionate world. Make it a fun day out and join the **Adelaide Fringe – Festival of Hymns Event – Pipe Organ Recitals** 1pm in the Cathedral.

**Leaving Collection 17/18 February: Day of the Unborn Child Appeal**

On the weekend of February 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> there will be a special leaving collection for the Unborn Child. Through this donation our Archdiocese supports Birthline Pregnancy support, Mothers without Medicare and Genesis Pregnancy support Inc. Your generous donation is appreciated.

**Ministry Roster Weekend 17/18 February**

**Saturday 6.30 Mass**

**Commentator:** Hughette Riganese

**Readers:** Martyn Pearce & Nicole Abeywickrema

**Extraordinary Minister:** Clifford Quadras & Roman Szczepanik

**Music:** James Lloyd

**Sunday 9:30am Mass**

**Commentator:** Annamaria Jins

**Readers:** Michael Carter & Rebecca Wood

**Extraordinary Minister:** Malcolm Davies & Sue Griffith

**Music:** Catharine & Grace

**Sunday 5:30pm Mass**

**Commentator:** Stephanie Gabanna

**Readers:** Alex Kaminski Nella Mathew

**Extraordinary Minister:** Tony Gagliardi & Judith Mohan

**Music:** Filipino Choir

**Altar Linen**

Jackie

**Counters**

Hans & Dianne

**Church Cleaners**

**Team E:** Jamine Family; Sue Griffith; Jude Cooray; Perera

# This Week's Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11.

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'

The man went away but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.