Dernancourt Catholic Parish



Church of Saint Pius X

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1st Sunday of Lent Year B Sunday 18th February 2024

Weekly Reflection

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross. (Loyola Press)

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.

Catholic Schools in our Parish

Saint Pius X Primary School

Principal: Mr Ashley Keane APRIM: Ms Rita Campbell 8 Windsor Grove, Windsor Gardens Phone: 8266 9400

Saint Paul's College

Principal: Mr Paul Belton APRIM: Mr Dale Clarke 792 Grand Junction Road, Gilles Plains Phone: 8334 8300

Kildare College

Principal: Mrs Tina Neate Liturgy Coordinator: Ms Bianca Bruno 96 Valiant Road, Holden Hill Phone: 8369 9999

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 Marshell, Jim Corkill, Claire Hokin, Lisa Johnstone, Margaret Musolino, John Jordan, Colleen Wallace, Matt Basedow, Helen Starr, Darryl Ferguson.

RIP:

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 in Lent Year B

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

This Week's Saints & Feasts

21st St Peter Damian; 22nd Chair of St Peter; 23rd St Polycarp

Saint of the Week - Chair of St Peter

This feast commemorates the teaching authority of the Vicar of Christ and Magisterium of the Church. In the Gospel, Christ asks Peter, "Who do you say I am?" "It is a clear and direct question," Pope Francis said, "in the face of which it is not possible to flee or remain neutral, or to send the answer or delegate it to someone else. However, there is nothing inquisitorial in it, rather, it is full of love! — love of our only Teacher, who calls us to renew our faith in him, recognising him as Son of God and Lord of our life. And the first called to renew his profession of faith is the Successor of Peter, who bears in himself the responsibility to confirm his brothers."

ALTAR SERVERS

Dear Parents, if your child has received his/her 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation and would like to serve at Mass, please contact Fr John. Your help in this ministry is highly appreciated.

Regional Second Rite of Reconciliation (DERNANCOURT-TEA TREE GULLY-MODBURY-PARA HILLS)

To celebrate the joy of Easter, spiritual preparation is essential. On Wednesday 13 March at 7pm, there is Second Rite of Reconciliation at St David's Church, Tea Tree Gully. Please save this date in your diary, make use of this spiritual opportunity to prepare well and celebrate the joy of Easter.

Leaving Collection: Day of the Unborn Child Appeal

This weekend there will be a special leaving collection for the Unborn Child. Through the Archdiocese this donation supports Birthline Pregnancy support, Mothers without Medicare and Genesis Pregnancy support Inc. Your donation is appreciated.

Parish Morning Tea

Our next Parish Morning Tea will be held **Sunday 3rd March after 9.30am Mass**. Please come along to meet friends and make friends within our Parish Community.

We are a 'Child Safe' organisation



Our first meeting for 2024 will be held in the <u>Parish Hall on</u> <u>Monday, 4 March at 7 pm.</u>

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: dcourtvinnies@outlook.com

Bread Roster:

Our next bread collection will be on <u>February 19.</u> 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 9/10th March

The 2024 Project Compassion Appeal will be held on $9^{th}/10^{th}$ 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!)

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

Youth Mass & Dinner - Sunday 10th March

St Pius X, Dernancourt 5:30pm Mass, Dinner to follow

Games Night Tuesday 19th March

St David's, Tea Tree Gully 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Good Friday - Friday 29th 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

Fridays in Lent:

6.00pm Adoration 6.45pm Stations of the Cross **Wednesday March 13:** 7pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

(St David's Tea Tree Gully)

Wednesday April 3: 9.15am Anointing of the Sick Mass

World Day of Prayer Service 2024

This year's World Day of Prayer Service is on Friday 1 March at 7.30pm, Hampstead Gardens Church of Christ. Theme: "I beg you...Bear with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:1-3). <u>Guest speaker</u>: Jenny Brinkworth.



Ministry Roster Weekend 24/25 February

Saturday 6.30 Mass

Commentator: Jean Canil

Readers: Jesse Mars & Rod hern

Extraordinary Minister: Hilda & Terence Cheah

Music: James Lloyd

Sunday 9:30am Mass

Commentator: Roderick Essery Readers: Olivia Jins & Grace Ryappu

Extraordinary Minister: Joe & Brigitte Colangelo

Music: Michael & Tim Carter

Sunday 5:30pm Mass

Commentator: Amy Bartjes

Readers: Mathew Sebastian & Ana Gulab

Extraordinary Minister: Maria Cid & Stuart Feirclough

Music: Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Altar Linen

Counters

Lucy

Keith & Cathy

Church Cleaners

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

This Week's Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9.

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

- 1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
- 2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison.

Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe.

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'