

# Dernancourt Catholic Parish



## Church of Saint Pius X

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Year B

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Weekly Reflection

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event. The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death. (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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

<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)

Secretary (e) [officedernancourt@gmail.com](mailto:officedernancourt@gmail.com) or

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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, Scott.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Year B

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

### This Week's Saints & Feasts

27<sup>th</sup> St Gregory of Narek; 1<sup>st</sup> St David, Autumn Ember Day

### Saint of the Week – St Gregory of Narek

St. Gregory of Narek is widely revered as one of the greatest figures of medieval Armenian religious thought and literature. Born in Narek in about 950 A.D., St. Gregory came from a line of scholars and churchmen.

He and his two brothers entered monastic life at an early age, and St. Gregory became a priest at the age of 25 and dedicated himself to God. He lived most of his life in the monastery of Narek, where he taught at the monastic school.

Many of his prayers are included in the Divine Liturgy celebrated each Sunday in Armenian Churches around the world. St. Gregory's masterpiece is considered to be his Book of Lamentations. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015.

### Thank You Letter from Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has sent a letter of thanks to the members of Dernancourt parish in recognition of the **\$1100.00** raised by the parish through the leaving collection.

### Fringe Festival 2024 - Pipe Organ Recitals at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier

February 25, 1pm: Festival of Hymns by James Lloyd

February 28, 1pm: Jacinta Jakovcevic

March 6, 1pm: Graham Bell

March 17, 1pm: Young Organists

### Easter Good Friday at The Monastery – Volunteers Needed

Every year, many people from around Adelaide come to The Monastery to walk with Christ on his last journey. It's our busiest day of the year that could not be done without the help from our generous volunteers. If you would like to offer your time on Good Friday leading small groups in prayer around the Sacred Garden or assist with parking, contact (p) 833 8700 or (e) [officeadmin@themonastery.net.au](mailto:officeadmin@themonastery.net.au)

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



Our next meeting will be held in the **Parish Hall on Monday 4 March at 7 pm.**

We love having potential members join us. For more information email [dcourtinnies@outlook.com](mailto:dcourtinnies@outlook.com) or Father can point out a member after Mass.

**Bread Roster:**

Our next bread collection is on **March 4.** The team is Marie, Michael Carter, Trudy & Elizabeth

**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.

**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**

**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). Guest speaker: Jenny Brinkworth.

**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 & 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**

**Fridays in Lent:**

6.00pm Adoration                      6.45pm Stations of the Cross  
**Wednesday March 13:** 7pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation  
(St David's Tea Tree Gully)  
**Wednesday April 3:** 9.15am Anointing of the Sick Mass

**Fr John away**

Fr John will be away 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March for ongoing Oblate formation. Morning masses will be covered by a visiting priest.

Please Note there will be **no exposition** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March after 9.15am Mass or in the evening. Stations of the Cross **will still be held** at 6.45pm.

**2024 Easter Raffle**

This year's Easter raffle commences this weekend.  
Tickets: \$1 each.  
Books of (5) tickets or (10) tickets are also available.  
All proceeds go directly to the parish. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Dear Parents, if your child has received their 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Ministry Roster Weekend 2/3 March**

**Saturday 6.30 Mass**

**Commentator:** Martyn Pearce  
**Readers:** Hughette Riganese & Jean Canil  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Marie Smith & Elizabeth Paje  
**Music:** James Lloyd

**Sunday 9:30am Mass**

**Commentator:** Jos Hensing  
**Readers:** Annamaria Jins & Chris Clift  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Malcolm Davies & Rebecca Wood  
**Music:** Peter Roberts

**Sunday 5:30pm Mass**

**Commentator:** Alex Kaminski  
**Readers:** Stephanie Gabbana & Mariya Lawrence  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Sanjay Mohanaraj & Tony Gagliardi  
**Music:** Michael & Tim Carter

**Altar Linen**  
Dot

**Counters**  
Charlie & Lyn

**Church Cleaners**

**Team G:** Claude & Greta D'Souza: Charith DeSilva: Adam Winkler

# This Week's Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19.

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.