

1 Avoca Street, Dernancourt, S.A.

# St. Pius X Catholic Church

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

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: Year B

### Sunday 12th May 2024

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#### **Parish office Hours**

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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,

Holy Mother Church today celebrates the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord. "All the other writings of the New Testament assume that the Ascension took place immediately after the Resurrection, which would be according to the nature of things. This was also the belief of the Church for the first three centuries; the Ascension was then closely associated with the resurrection ceremonies. It was only from the fourth century that a special feast of the Ascension, forty days after Easter (following the Lucan date), came to be celebrated writes Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, OFM.

This Solemnity, in fact, gives us the strong hope that we will be united with our Heavenly Father as Jesus is united with his Father, having completed his earthly ministry. There is also a strong parting command given to the Apostles. Jesus said to them, "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." These words of Jesus tell the Apostles how the church should become Missionary in nature. The Apostles were given the command to go beyond Jerusalem and carry out the message of the gospel. As we know from the tradition of our Church, how each apostle, carried out this command of Jesus by going to the ends of the earth to proclaim the good news of Christ, even by sacrificing their lives.

Therefore, friends this Solemnity is a strong reminder to all who are baptised that we too must share in this missionary nature of the Church through words and deeds. The book entitled, "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren says, "the primary mission of each Christian is to introduce Christ to others." This introduction of Christ can take place through various means today. God has given each of us innumerable talents and gifts; these gifts are to be used for the good of society, not just for one's own growth. We need to be generous with the gift of God to others. So let us put our resources towards the benefit of all and thus invite and introduce Christ to others.

So, let us constantly trust in the Lord and carry out the mission of Christ through our words and deeds because Jesus says, "I am with you till the end of times" (Matthew 28:20). God bless!

*Yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate*

*Fr. John Sebastian OMI*

*Parish Priest*

## St. Vinnies, Dernancourt Conference

Under the spotlight in 2024 are the homeless and the working homeless, as you heard at Mass today. Did you know nearly 40% of our homeless are working part or full-time?

Beyond collecting and delivering food for those struggling with poverty, donations are also used for core programs to fund people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is a big contributor to funds. Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible and can be made in the envelopes available in the church foyer, online at the Vinnies website, or by phoning 13 18 12. If you are donating online please insert **Dernancourt** in the Comments/Conference box on the donations page.

The **Winter Appeal** runs to August. Students and staff in our schools, will be collecting food items and donations over coming weeks. Their wonderful generosity has served us so well over the years. Please keep donating non-perishable items, clothing and bedding. These donations make a huge difference to the lives of those in need!

There will be a leaving collection for the **Winter Appeal on the 25/26th May**. We thank you in advance for your support, kindness and generosity.

## Saint for the Week: Our Lady of Fatima

For six successive months in 1917, Mary appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal, dressed in radiant white, as if “adorned with the sun” (Rv 12:1). She told them to pray a daily rosary and taught them a prayer to add to each decade of the rosary: “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.” On her final appearance, she revealed herself as the Queen of the Rosary. The crowd of 70,000 onlookers, including many non-believing sceptics, that day saw the sun whirl and dance, the “miracle” Mary had promised.

## Roof Work - Commenced

Dear Parishioners, the Church Roof has commenced. Please pray for its successful completion. The roof work will not affect any of our weekday or weekend Masses. Please pray for the successful completion of the work. If you wish to donate, please find the bank details below:

BANK: NAB  
NAME: DERNANCOURT PARISH  
BSB: 085 005  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4789 090 10

## Feast of St Eugene De Mazenod - 21st May- Oblate Feast Day

Dear Parishioners, the Oblates invite you to join with them on Tuesday 21 May at 10am at St David's Church, for Mass to Celebrate their feast day. Please stay for a shared brunch after Mass. The Feast Day will be hosted by the De Mazenod Family who meet on the first Monday of each month at 6pm. Please place this date into your diaries. **Please note on this day there will be no Morning Mass at Dernancourt at 9.15am.**

## 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, Giuseppina Parella, Jim Corkill, 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.*

## Parish Prayer Network

All you need to do is call one of the following: Marie S 0427 601 068 or Marie T 8266 2223

## Next Week's Readings:

Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2: 1-11; Gal 5:16-25;  
Jn 15:26-27; 16: 12-15

## Planned Giving

The Planned Giving Programme is an important part of the Parish and assists us to maintain all aspects of the Church and Priests.

Please consider joining the Planned Giving Programme. For more information contact the Parish finance officer on [financepiusx@gmail.com](mailto:financepiusx@gmail.com) Thank you!

### EFT First Collection Details

NAME: TRUSTEES OF MOMI  
BSB: 083 347  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1134 904 72  
*Reference: 1st Collection and your name*  
*First Collection supports the Oblate Fathers and brothers.*

### EFT Second Collection Details

BANK: NAB  
NAME: DERNANCOURT PARISH  
BSB: 085 005  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 4789 090 10  
*Reference: 2nd Collection and your name*  
*Second Collection supports the Parish*

## Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion for 2024

On 2nd June our Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will confer the above-mentioned sacraments on all the candidates from our Parish, St. Pius X School, St. Paul's College and Kildare College. So kindly keep them all in your prayers and welcome our Archbishop to our Parish Community.

## Mass Count in May

The Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Mass Count of Attendance for All Masses held on weekends during the month of May each year. This is used in their pastoral planning and financial reporting. Continuing this weekend, the counts will be held from the 4th May through to 26th May. Please make sure when you come to the church during May that you fill out a slip, one per person at each Mass attended each weekend.

## Marian Procession

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

## Pipe Organ Recital

Worldwide known concert organist Colin Andrews will perform at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide on Friday 24 May at 7pm. Free entry.

## Power Up 2024

Come join COYYA and young people of Adelaide at Blackfriars Priory School on Saturday 18 May from 3pm to 9.30pm. The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults will host workshops on ecology and environmental care, social justice, faith formation and music formation (special guest Melbourne based, singer-songwriter Gen Bryant) which are 100 per cent hands-on oriented with minimal sit and speak and maximum fun.

The workshops will be followed by a Vigil Mass or a guided meditation and journaling workshop space. We will finish the night off with some dinner serviced by amazing local food trucks and a praise and worship concert with Gen Bryant. Registration is free via [trybooking.com/CRAXX](http://trybooking.com/CRAXX) for young people 16 to 35 years of age. Follow us via our socials for all the latest information [linktr.ee/coyya](http://linktr.ee/coyya)



## Ministry Roster Weekend 18/19 May

### Saturday 6.30 Mass

#### Commentator:

Rod Hern

#### Readers:

Jose Paje & Vincent Trinh

#### EMHC

Estelle Curtale & Dennis Rodrigues

#### Music:

James Lloyd

### Sunday 9:30am Mass

#### Commentator:

Jos Hensing

#### Readers:

Annamaria Jins & Michael Carter

#### EMHC

Malcolm Davies & Sue Griffith

#### Music:

Catharine & Grace

### Sunday 5:30pm Mass

#### Commentator:

Amy Bartjes

#### Readers:

Aaron Jeremiah & Ananya Jose

#### EMHC

Esma Gagliardi

#### Music:

Filipino Choir

#### Altar Linen

Marie

#### Counters

Charlie & Lyn

#### Church Cleaners Team B:

Peter, Thien Family, Chris

#### Parish Morning Tea for June

Esther, Mary, Christine Clift

## Upcoming Events

Sunday 19 May  
Marian Procession

Tuesday 21 May  
Feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod

Sunday 2nd June  
Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation  
Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

Sunday 5th June  
Anointing of the Sick

Sunday 9 June  
Parish Morning Tea (after 9.30am Mass)

Sunday 9 June  
Youth Mass

# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading: Acts: 1:1-11

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

## Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

## Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers.

This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

## Gospel Reading: Mark 16: 15-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.