



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2026

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9am - 3pm

Closed from 12.30pm - 1.00pm

Mass Times

Monday & Tuesday 9.00am

Wednesday 9.00am & 7.30pm

Thursday & Friday 9.00am

Saturday 9.30am & 6.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am & 5.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am - 10.30am

Baptisms

By Appointment

2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month
at 11.15am

Marriages

By Appointment Only

**NO Funerals on Friday, Saturday
& Sunday**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of one of the most important teachings of Jesus: **we are called to forgive one another.**

Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or sister who wrongs me?" Jesus answers, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Jesus is not giving us a number to count. He is teaching us that **forgiveness should have no limit.**

Jesus then tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. A servant is forgiven a huge debt by his master, but he refuses to forgive a much smaller debt owed to him by another servant. The message is clear: **because God has forgiven us so generously, we are also called to forgive others.**

Forgiveness does not mean that what happened was right or that we simply forget the hurt. Rather, forgiveness means choosing not to allow anger, resentment and bitterness to control our hearts. It is an act of love and mercy.

Every one of us needs God's forgiveness. At the same time, there are moments when we need to forgive a family member, a friend, a neighbour or someone in our community.

As we gather around the Eucharistic table this Sunday, let us ask God for the grace to have **merciful and forgiving hearts.** May we remember the words of Jesus: **"Forgive from the heart."**

May our parish community always be a place where mercy, reconciliation and forgiveness are at the heart of our relationships.

SJV YOUTH GROUP

Are you a young person in our SJV parish looking to connect, grow in faith, and have some fun along the way? Our parish youth group is a welcoming space where you can build friendships, explore your faith, and be part of a supportive community. Whether you are new to the parish or have been coming for years, there is a place for you here.

Come along, bring a friend, and be part of something meaningful. We would love to see you! The SJV Youth Group meets every second Sunday at 4:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room, next to the Parish Hall.

Our next meeting will be this Sunday, 13 September, at 4:30 pm.

Please keep our young people and their leaders in your prayers.

Fr. David Francis OMI





FEAST DAYS

Monday 14 September- The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century; after the celebration the wood of the cross was venerated. The feast spread in the West after the recovery of the relics of the cross from Persia in the seventh century. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the 'lifting up' of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.



SJV GARDEN CLUB- FASHION PARADE

Fan Fashions : You are invited to attend the Fashion Parade to be held on **Monday 14th September at 11.00am** in Parish Hall.

A wide range of clothing will be available for purchase. Entry fee \$5.00 includes morning tea. All enquires please phone Alice Dobeli 9561 2269

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER—OFFICE CLOSED

As we will be attending an Administrative Forum.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME—Please note: On Thursday 17 September, **Holy Mass will be held at 8.30am.** Thank you for your understanding.



SVDP

Donations are required:- Pasta sauce, sugar, tea, coffee, UHT full cream milk, jams, noodles, peanut butter, cereal, biscuits & rice. Please place in Vinnies tubs in the church. Please check "Use by" dates.

THANKSGIVING



Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73
First Collection - \$1349.55
Second Collection - \$ 918.00
(envelopes only)

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday,

10th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne

Wear pink and blue for the Babies!

www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

A free bus is being offered for your parish – if you can recruit 58 people, a number required by those who are financing this offer. Departure from your church or similar



Please join us on the 18 year anniversary, as we march for the babies. Attendance is **completely free**, we just ask that you **please book in advance** for yourself, your family or group through the link shown.

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS



marchforthebabies.com

Our march is a family-friendly event with a peaceful police presence. trybooking.com/events/landing/1626138



Please turn off your mobile phone or put it on silent before Mass begins.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR SICK

Contact Parish Office for names to be included in this list. Names will be taken off after a short time unless otherwise instructed.

Paul Sirini, Gareth Tucker, Llewelyn Fernandez, Upali Fernando, Janet Badwal, Layla Wilson, Mario Santilli, Mary Thomas, Gary Aguiar, John Weir, Theresa Weir, Trisha Vanloon, Anne Kerlin, Rosemarie Thomas, Jill Aurisch, Ronald Dovaston & Lizzy.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Gabriele Marinelli (1 month)
Gerard Collins (1 yr)
Ronald Carron (5 yr)

RECENTLY DECEASED

FUNERALS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING

14 September 2026

Monday 9.00am - Walter Witt (R.I.P.)
Tuesday 9.00am - Tom O' Shaugnessy (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 9.00am - Dawn Rodrigues (R.I.P.)
7:30pm - Vocations
- Peter Browning (R.I.P.)
- Gabriele Marinelli (R.I.P.)
Thursday 8.30am - Gerard Collins (R.I.P.)
- Rex & Rita Prosser
- Marguerite & Maximien Castel (R.I.P.)
- Lawrence Steer (R.I.P.)
- Brian Carron (R.I.P.)
Friday 9.00am - Patrick Collins Snr (R.I.P.)
Saturday 9.30am - For those in Aged Care
Saturday 6.00pm - For peace in our world
Sunday 8.30am - Ronald Carron (R.I.P.)
10.00am - Colin & Charmaine Rodrigues
5.30pm - For all parishioners

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 14 September: Team A- Geraldine Fennelly, Miriam Leeson & Pauline Perera

COUNTING TEAMS

Monday 14 September: Team 2- Julie Carr, Richard Fernandes, Paul Ho Fi & Brad Tate.



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

Thursday 17 September: Team B
Paul Buhagiar, Chris Dickinson, Arul Balappa, Joseph Silva and James Dobeli.

CANTEEN: Marion Marshall & Judy Wilkinson.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The Church welcomes those who want to join themselves to Christ through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation. She also welcomes Christians from other Christian communities who, already are baptised, wish to complete their sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office if this is of interest to you or someone you know. An information night will be held on Thursday 1 October at 7pm in the Felix Gavin Room.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Workshop: Saturday 24 October at 11am

The Sacrament will be held:

Saturday 14 or 21 November at 6pm Masses or Sunday 15 or 22 November at 10am Masses

SJV FETE - 17 OCTOBER 2026 10am to 4pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SJV FETE

If you can help in any way with the Fete please put your name down on the clipboard in the foyer or contact the Parish office. All are welcome.

Please be sure to check out our socials:

Facebook: bit.ly/sjvparishfacebook

Instagram: www.instagram.com/sjvparishspringvalenorth

FETE FLYERS

We require **14 more volunteers** to drop off the fete flyers into household letterboxes on the weekend of 10/11 October or the very latest by Wednesday 14 October. This is a great way to get some exercise in. If you can assist please put your name on the list provided in the foyer. Thank you.

RAFFLE BOOKS FOR COLLECTION

If you would like extra raffle ticket books to sell, please call the parish office to arrange pick up. Thank you.



CAKE STALL

Calling all bakers!!! If you are able to make a cake/slice/ biscuits (no nuts or cream) for our Fete please bring these to the hall on the afternoon prior to the Fete or on the morning of the Fete. If you are unable to bake you can still help by donating raw materials including: **caster sugar, flour, condensed milk, rice bubbles, corn flakes, chocolate baking chips or chocolate melts.** Thanks for your support! Please place donations in the Cake Stall box (located at the western side entrance of the church and in the foyer near the tables).

WHITE ELEPHANT DONATIONS

Donations can be left at the green shed, Tuesdays & Saturdays 9am-11am. Please do not leave donations outside the church or the Parish Office. We cannot accept any electrical items. Thank you.



DONATIONS NEEDED



We require donations of large (170g - 200g) sized chocolate blocks (No Nuts please) and packs of soft drinks such as:- Lemonade, Fanta, Sprite, Lemon Squash, Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi as well as small bottles of Water. Please place these items in the Fete tubs provided at the entrances to the church.

If you prefer to donate money instead of making donations this will be most welcome as it will greatly assist in purchasing much needed items for the Fete, please contact the parish office.



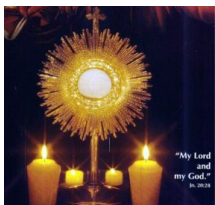
End of Year EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

**SEOUL SEARCHING: A WORLD YOUTH DAY
EXPERIENCE**
SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 3.30PM BEFORE YOUTH MASS
+ KBBQ 7PM AFTER YOUTH MASS

A NIGHT IN AIX: FOOD, FRIENDS AND FAITH
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 7PM AFTER YOUTH MASS

THE SAINTS SPECIAL
SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 7PM AFTER YOUTH MASS

FOR 18-30 YEAR OLDS
REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/OBLATEYOUTHSJV](https://bit.ly/oblatelyouthsjv)



Devotions



Wednesday 7.00pm - Marian Devotion (Novena), Exposition & Benediction.

1st Saturday of the Month - 9.00am Eucharistic Adoration, Marian Devotion followed by Mass.

1st Thursday of the Month - Mass at 9.00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration till 10.00am.



“PRAYER REQUEST CIRCLE”

Our small but dedicated Prayer Group offer up ‘Prayer Requests’ daily, on behalf of anyone, anywhere. If you would like us to offer up prayers on your behalf all you need to do is contact the Parish Office on 9546 3831. Also, the SJV Prayer Circle is happy to have more members. So, if you feel you can make the time and commitment, please join the SJV Prayer Circle.

Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 55: 6 – 9
Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27
Matthew 20: 1 - 16



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

St John Vianney's Safeguarding Representatives have been appointed by Fr David in response to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne request that all parishes are proactive in establishing a safe environment for every parishioner and parish related activity. Your representatives are undergoing training so that we can further assist, educate, train and answer questions related to safeguarding in our parish. In the foyer of our church is a poster 'Reporting Abuse or Safety-related Misconduct' that summarises our responsibilities. The ACSL website is an information site that clearly explains many facets of Safeguarding. Please feel free to contact either of your representatives:

Tishan Lokuge 0488007130 Michael Keady 0437536998

We are child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have the right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child Safety Officers, who are mentioned above.

DE MAZENOD FAMILY GATHERING

Join members of the De Mazenod Family from across Australia as we gather for a weekend of prayer, formation, community and celebration while reflecting on the bicentenary of the Constitutions and Rules.

When: 22-25 October 2026

Where: St Eugene's Retreat Centre, Newborough, Victoria

Registration: from \$100

Whether you've been part of the De Mazenod Family for many years or are just beginning the journey, everyone is warmly invited.

For more information or to register, visit:
<https://omi.com.au/dmf-gathering>



SJV JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP



Nikhil Perera is our new SJV Youth Minister. If you are in Year 7 or up to Year 12 and you are interested in joining St John Vianney's youth group, please scan the QR code and fill out the form.

SJV Junior Youth Group -
Expression of Interest



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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MAZENOD COLLEGE

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