



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 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, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Some worked throughout the whole day, while others arrived at the last hour. Yet the landowner gave them all the same generous wage.



At first, this may seem unfair. But Jesus is teaching us that **God's generosity is not measured by our human standards**. God does not love us according to how much we have achieved, how long we have served, or how important we may think we are. His love and mercy are freely given to everyone. The Gospel challenges us to let go of jealousy and comparison. Sometimes we can look at another person and think, "*Why did they receive more than I did?*" Jesus invites us instead to rejoice in the blessings others receive and to trust in God's goodness. There is always room in God's vineyard. Whether we have followed Him for many years or are only beginning our journey of faith, **God calls each of us to serve with love**. Let us pray for the grace to be generous, grateful and joyful, remembering that everything we have is a gift from God.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, CHRISTINA FERGUSON

It is with great joy that we welcome **Mrs Christina Ferguson** as the new Principal of **St. John Vianney's Parish School** commencing in Term 1 2027.



On behalf of the Parish community, I warmly welcome Christina to our St John Vianney family. We are very grateful to have her join our school community and look forward to the gifts, experience, faith and leadership she will bring to our students, families and staff.

As a Catholic school, our mission is to nurture young people in faith, knowledge and love, following the example of Jesus Christ. We look forward to working closely with Christina as we continue to strengthen the Catholic identity and mission of our school and build a welcoming, caring and faith-filled community.

Christina, please know that you are warmly welcomed and supported by the Parish community. We assure you of our prayers as you begin this new chapter of leadership and service.

May **St. John Vianney**, our patron, intercede for you and guide you with wisdom, courage and compassion. May God bless your ministry abundantly and bless the whole St John Vianney school community.

Fr. David Francis OMI



FEAST DAYS

Monday 21 September– St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle. Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the church.

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER—OFFICE CLOSED

PRE FETE SALE - WHITE ELEPHANT STALL



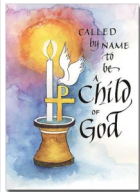
To all parishioners- we are offering you the chance to buy a keyboard, \$50 at a Pre Fete sale. This can be viewed on display at the Green shed on Tuesdays and Saturdays 9am -11am.

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GARDEN WORKS ALMOST COMPLETE!



Works on the Holy Family Garden area are almost complete! Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout these works.

BAPTISMS



We welcome Aliana Rae Lobriza-Kalt, Brooks Raffaele Derkacs and Georgia McLellan into the Catholic Church through the community of St. John Vianney's Parish.

THANKSGIVING



Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73
First Collection - \$1527.10
Second Collection - \$ 950.00
(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 location and return after the event. Details to follow soon.



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/7626138



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

FUNERALS

Wednesday 23 September at 1pm - Agata Ivkovic

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING

21 September 2026

Monday 9.00am - Catherine Costello (R.I.P.)

Tuesday 9.00am - Gerard Collins (R.I.P.)
- Dawn Rodrigues (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 9.00am - Ricardo Calongi (R.I.P.)
7:30pm - Vocations

Thursday 9.00am - For our youth

Friday 9.00am - Hannah Collins (R.I.P.)

Saturday 9.30am - Augusta Eberl (R.I.P.)
- Edward Gomes (R.I.P.)
- Miligrina Gomes
- Edward & Miligrina Gomes

Saturday 6.00pm - For peace in our world

Sunday 8.30am - For all parishioners
10.00am - Jim & Clare Falloon (R.I.P.)
- Antonio Bontempo (R.I.P.)

5.30pm - For the homeless

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 21 September: Team B– Theresa Gilson, Paul Ho Fi & Cindy Gonsalves

COUNTING TEAMS

Tuesday 22 September: Team 3– Hazel Bates, Julie Bouchier, Marie Conyers & Ramona Misquitta



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

Thursday 24 September: Team C
Keith Gilmour, Anthony Doran, Mai Dihn, Xavier Tran and James Dobeli.

CANTEEN: Theresa Gilson & Loraine Browning.



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 **7 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 book 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 please) 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, 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 still require more donations of large 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 any 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 near
to all who call him.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

Ezekial 18: 25 – 28
Psalm 24:4-9
Philippians 2: 1 - 11
Matthew 21:28 - 32



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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