



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 August 2024

Parish Priest

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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**

"Thank you very much for your prayers"



2024 Oblate Annual Retreat participants

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, the Australian Province Oblates gathered in a Country Place, Victoria. Dr Frances Baker RSM was the retreat preacher, who is a Senior Lecturer at Catholic Theological College and a religious of the Sisters of Mercy (RSM) and the Academic Dean of Corpus Christi College. She is a member of the Department of Moral Theology and Canon Law and the Department of Systematic Theology. She lectures in Moral Theology and Systematic Theology.

Sr. Frances helped us to experience a deeper understanding of "Becoming a Merciful Church: An Obligation, not an Option". She emphasised that "MERCY" is the Church's Life and Mission. Mercy is the foundation of the Church's life. Without a witness to Mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look at the future with hope.

'The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel. Her language and her gestures must transmit mercy, so as to touch the hearts of all people and inspire them once more to find the road that leads to the heavenly Father. Wherever the Church is present the mercy of the heavenly Father must be evident in our parishes, schools, communities, associations, and movements. We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart to see how much generosity everyone is capable of. No one can be excluded from the mercy of God; everyone knows the way to access it and the Church is the house that welcomes all and refuses no one.'

Sr. Frances concluded saying that "we are called to play the good Samaritan on life's roadside; but that will be only an initial act. One day the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be beaten and robbed as they make their journey through life. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it understands that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring." We all need to journey together in prayer to become the messengers of Mercy of God.

"Jesus Christ is the face of God's mercy".

Fr David Francis OMI



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 27 August—St Monica.

Wednesday 28 August—St Augustine, bishop, doctor.

Thursday 29 August—The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr.

The execution of John the Baptist is recorded in the gospels of Matthew & Mark and is placed by the historian Josephus at the fortress of Machaerus near the Dead Sea. As early as the fifth century, a commemoration of John the Baptist was kept on this day at Jerusalem. It probably marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$1,346.00

Second Collection - \$1,019.00
(envelopes only)



CUPPA & CHAT AFTER MASS

We will have a Cuppa and chat on Sunday 1 September after the 5.30pm Mass. Come along and meet other parishioners, the youth group and Father.

Cuppa Organisers—The Youth Group.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024

This year we are streamlining our approach to fundraising in parishes across the Archdiocese. **The appeal will be held this weekend at all Masses.** There are envelopes on the pews, which contains more information. These envelopes also has a QR Code which you can scan and donate using your credit card online. I know that times are tough at the moment, but I encourage you to think about the future of a vital and vibrant faith community means for you and your family and consider making a personal gift to support the vital ministries that serve our Archdiocese.



PLANT SALE—SJV GARDEN CLUB

Sunday 25 August from 9.00am until 11.30am.

Most plants priced at just \$5.00

Please enter via the wooden gate at the side of the hall.



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 3 October at 7pm in the Felix Gavin Room.

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.



Llewelyn Fernandez, Anna Visini, Janet Badwal, Baby Raffie, Grace Nanfra,

Joe Psaila, Layla Wilson, Mario Santilli & Roger MacFarlane.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Pasquale Ventieri (1yr)

Eileen Wilkin (10yr)

Michael Thompson

Lalani Fernando (6yr)

RECENTLY DECEASED

FUNERALS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 26 August 2024

Monday 9.00am—For the homeless

Tuesday 9.00am—Eardley Gonsalvez (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 9.00am—Chris Young

Rueben & Mary O'Connor (R.I.P.)

7.30pm—Vocations

Thursday 9.00am—For peace in the world

Friday 9.00am—For the sick

Saturday 9.30am—Brian Duarte (R.I.P.)

Saturday 6.00pm—Pasquale Ventieri (R.I.P.)

Eileen Wilkin (R.I.P.)

Sunday 8.30am—Patrick Collins Jnr (R.I.P.)

Michael Thompson (R.I.P.)

10.00am—Maximien Castel & Emanuel Rose (R.I.P.)

5.30pm—Lalani Fernando (R.I.P.)

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 26 August: Team C—Judy Gonsalves & Debbie Zevgaras.

COUNTING TEAMS

Monday 26 August: Team 4—Pia Eichenberger, Kevin Fennelly, Rita Santucci & Marlene Shillong.



BINGO
THURSDAY AT 7.30PM
FRIDAY AT 11.45AM

Thursday 29 August: Team C
Keith Gilmour, Anthony Doran, Mai Dinh, Xavier Tran & James Dobeli.

CANTEEN: Marion Marshall & Judy Wilkinson.

Friday 30 August: Team C
Keith Gilmour, Kevin Fennelly & Alfred & Josephine Pavia.

CANTEEN: Alice Dobeli & Chantal Florent.

SJV FRIDAY BINGO

Friday bingo is not only a fund raiser for the Parish but a great community gathering. It provides a community service for lonely people and friends who are spread through out the South Eastern Suburbs to come together once a week in friendship. We have a lady who comes in from Pakenham to meet up with her friend from Brighton, this is the only time they see each other and Friday bingo provides that opportunity. We have many more players who do the same. **IT WOULD BE A VERY SAD SITUATION IF FRIDAY BINGO HAD TO CEASE DUE TO THE LACK OF A SUPERVISOR.** Not only do the players benefit from the weekly catchups but many of our own parishioners look forward to catching up with the players and each other as they fulfil their turn on the monthly roster.

We are still looking for one or two people to run Friday bingo. A modest remuneration for the role may be negotiated. If you are interested could you please contact Frank Dobeli on 9561 2269 or Fr David. It would be a shame if we had to close Friday Bingo. Please consider whether you can help the Parish in this way as it is matter of urgency.

THANK YOU

Mary Sayers and Family sincerely wish to thank Fr David, Dad's Army & Parishioners for joining with us to celebrate the life of John Sayers. We appreciate all those who have supported us at this time.
God bless.

SJV FETE

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER –10AM TO 4PM

TALENT SHOW

Flyers and application forms are available at the church doors if you are interested in performing at the Talent Show for the Fete.

MAJOR & MINOR RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale commencing the weekend of **31 August/1 September** after all Masses in the foyer. Major Raffle Tickets are \$2 each. Minor Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Donations for the White Elephant Stall for the Fete will be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9am until 11am at the Green Shed. Items must be able to fit into a car boot. We cannot accept any clothing, books or electrical items. Please do not leave any items at the front door of the Parish Office.

WRISTBAND ORDER FORM

Flyers available at the church doors to order your wristbands for the rides at the Fete. Cost \$40 per person for unlimited rides. You can also scan the QR code on the form to purchase your wristband. Pre-Orders close on Friday 11 October.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S FEAST DAY DINNER DANCE SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Tickets on sale after all Masses and from the Parish Office during business hours. Cash or bank transfer to the Parish account.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

On Thursday 29 August as Fr David & Deslene will be attending an Administrative meeting at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

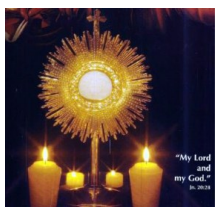
Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick, please return the pyx and pouch to the sacristy immediately. Thank you.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolments are now closed.

Rite of Acceptance Saturday at 6pm Mass or Sunday at either 8.30am, 10am & 5.30pm Masses. Please bring you Rite of Acceptance card to Mass.



Devotions



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

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

3rd Thursday of the Month - Mass at 9.00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration till 10.00am.

Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8
Psalm 14
St James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



MARK'S GOSPEL AT THE OPEN DOOR

Join this supportive group to read from the gospel and listen to the experts to discuss its meaning and how it affects us in our everyday lives.

When: Monday 2 September 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Where: 110 Ann St, Dandenong

Bookings/Enquiries: Ph 9791 8664 or

E: Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au

Gold Coin donation is welcome



DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL

Invites you to the final dinner for 2024 at St John's Regional College, Caroline Street, Dandenong on Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 5.45pm. Cost \$48 for a 3 course meal, wine & beer.

RSVP by Friday 30 August to Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

HEALING MASS

On Monday 2 September commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 9.00pm at St Joseph's Church, Springvale. Celebrant Fr John Ofm Conv.

POSITION VACANT PROVINCE ARCHIVIST

We are seeking a Province Archivist to join the team in the Provincial Office! 2 days per week (12 hours) in the office located at Camberwell on Tuesdays and one other day by negotiation. Please email your application to Fr Christian Fini OMI - cfini@omi.com.au.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Principal: **Mr Andrew Mullaly**
Ph: 8543 4444

Email: sjvmul@sjvmulgrave.catholic.edu.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary, Sacred Heart Parish, Kew.
- Administration Assistant, St Ignatius Parish & St James Parish, Richmond.

Other Positions

- Groundsperson – Newman College, Parkville.
- Safeguarding and Risk Officer - The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst.

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies](#) | [Melbourne Catholic](#)

Humour...



MAZENOD COLLEGE

Principal: **Dr Paul Shannon**
Rector: **Fr Harry Dyer OMI**
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