



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23 November 2025

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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, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you and also the SJV school community for your patience, understanding, co operation and prayers while the foyer renovation was underway. Although the project took a little longer than we had anticipated, we are truly grateful that it is now completed and ready to be put to good use for the benefit of our whole community.

We are immensely thankful to the architect Mark, builders and tradespeople from Schedule Constructions, in particular Paul, Phillip, Hayden, Andrew, Nick, Tommy and their team for their dedication and hard work in bringing to life the vision I had for this space.

A very special thank-you goes to all those who helped over the course of this project especially Dao from the Archdiocesan property office, Frank, the Parish Finance Chair and the members of the Finance Committee for their advice, wisdom and commitment in bringing this project to completion.

In a special way I thank our parish staff Fr. Antony, Margaret & Annalene. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Tien (audio visual work), Dad's Army, John and all the sacristans who generously gave their time to repair, re organize and move items back and forth as needed. I am equally grateful to the many parishioners who volunteered their time to help during this construction period. Thank you so much for all your support and hard work.

You are all a blessing to our parish.
May God bless you all abundantly.

Fr David Francis OMI



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 November - Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions

Andrew (1795-1839) , baptised at the age of 15, worked first as a lay missionary and then as a diocesan presbyter before being beheaded at Hanoi (Vietnam). Listed among 117 canonised martyrs who died in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862: 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spanish Dominicans, and 10 presbyters from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Remembered as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the 17th and 19th centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious and lay people.



JUBILEE OF CHOIRS

22-23 November - The Jubilee of Choirs is a time to recognise choir members as a gift of God's grace in our churches and cathedrals.

Choirs, be they large or small, give praise to God in song and lead others to do the same.

PRAYER

Gracious God, You gift us with music and the song of choirs to sing of your glory, offering you rich praise. Bless us as we gather here today and fill our hearts with love for you so that our lives may reflect this love to all those we meet. May the ministry of our sacred song inspire others to know and follow you more closely, love you more deeply and sing joyfully of their faith. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$ 1,676.45
Second Collection - \$ 1,140.00
(envelopes only)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you require a Mass intention/offering during January please make your booking by Friday 19 December by contacting the parish office. Mass intentions for 2026 are also now open. The newsletter is printed on Fridays, so intentions are for the week commencing the Monday of the coming week. Please advise the parish office by the Wednesday of your Mass intention.



SJV GARDEN CLUB - PLANT SALE

SJV Garden Club is having a plant sale

When: Sunday 30th November 2025

Time: 9:00am till 11:30am

Most plants priced at \$5.00 each

Cash Sales only.

Entry via wooden gate beside Parish Hall.

QUOTE FROM ST EUGENE DE MAZENOD

"You will arrive at your goal by mildness, thoughtfulness and affection."

(from *The Year with St Eugene de Mazenod*)

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.

Kathy Magee, Gareth Tucker, Llewelyn Fernandez, Janet Badwal, Layla Wilson, Mario Santilli, Mary Thomas, Gary Aguiar, Daniel de Castella, John Weir, Theresa Weir, Trisha Banloon, Anne Kerlin & Rosemarie Thomas.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Brian Wellman (4 yr)
Eliana Vargas
Maria Sacco (1 yr)
Cyril Mc Intyre (1 month)
Russell Mc Lauchlan
Mervyn D'Rozario

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pio Salerno
Father James Staunton

FUNERALS

Wed. 26 November at 11am— Edward Gomes

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 24 NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 9.00am—Royston, Tyrone & Teresa O'Connor (R.I.P.)
- Vaz & De Sousa Families (R.I.P.)

Tuesday 9.00am - Father James Staunton (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 9.00am - Fernando family

Wednesday 7.30pm - Vocations

Thursday 9:00am - Russell Mc Lauchlan (R.I.P.)

Friday 9.00am - For all souls

Saturday 9.30am - Ignatius, Jessi, Mary & Fred Caruana (R.I.P.)
- Tony Portelli (R.I.P.)
- Cyril Mc Intyre (R.I.P.)

6.00pm - For all souls

Sunday 8.30am - For all Parishioners
- Collin D'Rozario (R.I.P.)
- Mervyn D'Rozario (R.I.P.)

10.00am - Sacco family

5.30pm - For all souls

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 24 November: Team A—Judy Gonsalves & Debbie Zevgaras.

COUNTING TEAMS

Monday 24 November: Team 4—Pia Eichenberger, Kevin Fennelly, Rita Santucci & Marlene Shillong.



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

Thursday 27 November: Team B

Paul Buhagiar, Chris Dickinson, Arul Balappa, Joseph Silva & James Dobeli

CANTEEN: Mia & Con Dalamagas.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The Church welcomes those who have accepted the invitation to join themselves to Christ through the Sacraments. The next session will be held on Thursday 27 November at 7pm in the Parish Office.

Topic: Sacraments, Liturgy and structure of Mass.



BAPTISMS

We welcome Ava Nguyen, Ari Nguyen, Luca Velez & Lucy Deegan into the Catholic Church through the community of St John Vianney's Parish.



ACYF LAUNCH AND WYD CROSS RECEPTION & PILGRIMAGE WALK— 30 NOVEMBER

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 November as we welcome over 6,000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Let us come together to share in their joy and offer a warm Melbourne welcome.

Program: 1.30pm - Melbourne Catholic Festa
2.30pm - Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon
3pm - Pilgrimage walk (5km to MCEC—ticketed pilgrims only; 3km return option available)



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR 2026

If your child is in Grade 2 this year, they will be eligible to make their First Reconciliation (Confession) in March 2026. **Please attend the Information Session on Tuesday 2 December in the church either at 10am or 7pm.** Please bring your child with you. You will then be given an enrolment form to fill out and return.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR A TRANSPORT POOL

As part of our Parish's pastoral care, we are calling for volunteers to assist with those who are finding it difficult to come to Mass. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help.

VOLUNTEERS LUNCHEON SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER AT 11AM

If you are a volunteer at any of the following:-

Reader/Commentator, Minister of Holy Communion, Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick, Church Cleaning, Counting Team, Bingo Team Member, Bingo Canteen Helper, Garden Club, Dad's Army, Choir Member, Projectionist, Sacristan, Altar Server, Sacramental Team, Events Team, Special Liturgy Team, Cuppa after Mass Team, Finance Team, Parish Leadership Team, Safeguarding Team, Youth Leader, SVDP Member, Fete Committee & RCIA Team.

You are invited to the Volunteers Luncheon. Please put your name down on the sheet provided at the church doors along with any dietary requirements **by this Sunday 23 November**, so that catering can be organised.

MAMI CHRISTMAS CARDS

Looking for volunteers to sell the MAMI Christmas Cards after all Masses commencing Saturday 29 November until Sunday 21 December. If you can assist please contact Margaret/Annalene at the Parish Office.

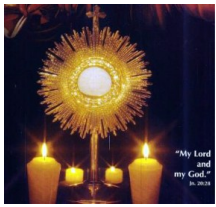
PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE, MON 24 NOVEMBER

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from 10am-11am and from 12-2pm this day.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Whatever term might have more contemporary appeal than "king," such as ruler, sovereign, head, lord, leader etc. there's a more fundamental issue to grapple with today. The choice of a more agreeable title for Christ the King can't disguise the fact that Christ does not appear to be in charge of the world at all. A quick survey of popular opinion about who or what rules the world would yield answers like money, arms, multinationals, ideology, algorithms or fate.

Yet by naming Christ as King we want to claim that it's his defining qualities that have the last say. That means his unconditional love, mercy, freedom of heart, peace, selflessness, truth, faith. Today's festival invites us to cast off the blinkers that lock our attention onto the dark powers rampant in the world. Today we pray to see Christ at play everywhere in the world, even in its grimmest places. Wherever we find the flame of his light and love, we pledge ourselves to nurture it and make it blaze before the world.



Devotions



Wednesday - 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.



“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: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week: Year A

Isaiah: 2:1-5
Psalm 121
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44



ADORE ADVENT PROGRAM

Welcome to Adore, the De Mazenod Family Advent Program for 2025, and to the Year of Matthew in the liturgical cycle, Year A.

Adore, our Advent Program for 2025 is now available to download. This resource focuses on key events leading up to the birth of Jesus - The Annunciation to Mary, the angel's visit to Joseph in a dream, the Visitation, and finally, the Nativity. It can be used in parishes, schools, families, or for personal reflection. May this upcoming season of Advent be a time to pause amid the busyness of life and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. and to stop and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord! Please contact the De Mazenod Family Team – demazenodfamily@gmail.com if you have any questions.



“Do not be afraid of ‘condemnations!’ Have no worries; sooner or later, their criticism will fall through, their condemnations will prove false, and their superficial values will be revealed for what they are: illusions.”

- Pope Francis

ROSIES OBLATE MISSION



Are you looking for ways to put your faith into action? Rosie Oblate Mission seeks to offer a sense of community to Melbourne's homeless & vulnerable. Make a difference today! 18+ welcome.



rosiesvic.com.au

Humour....

laughingcolours.com

Mom:
“Why is everything on the floor...?”

Me:
“Gravity, Mom...”



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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