



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

14 September 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 in Christ, I guess all of us have had the experience of losing things and finding them. Have you ever lost anything? What happened when you lost whatever was dear to you? You felt frustration, sadness and worry. You go searching for it. No wonder, most restaurants, activity centres, airports, movie theatres, Churches and offices have a Lost and Found box. So, we go there hunting to see if our joy had somehow ended up there. Do you know that Luke's gospel is a lost and found box; no, it is a huge container, just like the ones you see at the seaport. Luke specializes in lost property. His whole gospel is filled with the homeless, forsaken, orphaned, abandoned and unclaimed. For example, the whole of chapter 15 consists of three parables on the theme of lost-an-found. There is the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the story of the lost (or prodigal) son. What is Luke trying to tell us?



Today, we learn that it is not only sheep and coins that get lost. People get lost too. People of all ages can get lost in many ways. They can get lost morally and spiritually. For every sort of reason some of them just take off and vanish. People addicted to alcohol or drugs, people who cannot settle down, people who cannot hold down a job or finish a course of studies, people who are unable to maintain a stable relationship – all of these can be said to be lost. And it is very difficult to find them, what makes it so frustrating is the fact that usually they are not far away. They are lost in our midst, lost within the bosom of our own families.

May we discover that forgiveness is our deepest need and greatest achievement! There is need for forgiveness in the family. This is true in the wake of broken families and unavoidable family misunderstandings. And this is true especially of husbands and wives who have hurt one another.



As a faith community, we continue to pray for our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. May Christ bless and guide them during this special time. Please pray for our children that their faith grows stronger each day and always be open to God's grace.

Fr. David Francis OMI



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 15 September—Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday 16 September—Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian

Saturday 20 September—Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

Andrew Kim Tae-Gon was the first Korean presbyter and Paul Chong Hasang a catechist and lay apostle. After more than two centuries of lay leadership, the church in Korea was subject to fierce persecutions between 1839 and 1867. This feast commemorates 103 of the numerous Korean martyrs, representatives from all walks of life: men and women, married and unmarried, the elderly, teenagers and children, missionary bishops and presbyters. Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$ 1,538.0

Second Collection - \$971.10

(envelopes only)



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

The Jubilee of Consolation (15 September)

is an invitation for those who are

experiencing a time of pain and affliction, due

to illness, bereavement, violence or abuse together with their families and friends.

PRAYER

Blessed Mary, Mother of Consolation, I ask you to pray with me now as I come before you as your child.

Kindly be with me, dear Mother; guide me in your gentle way.

Blessed Queen of Heaven,

you are the chosen one of our most loving Father.

You are the Blessed Mother of God, our Savior, Jesus.

You are most close to His heart.

Please join your prayers to mine.

Pray with me, Mary, for my intentions, these needs that are on my mind and in my heart.

Above all, dear Mother, keep me always as your devoted

child. May I ever strive to hold in my heart

the teaching of your most blessed Son,

my Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(From the Missionary Society of St Columban)



SVDP

Donations of the following are required:-

Pasta sauce, sugar, tea, coffee, UHT full

cream milk, jams, noodles, peanut butter, cereal, biscuits

and rice. Please place in the Vinnies tubs in the church on the weekend.



FASHION PARADE—SJV GARDEN CLUB

Fan Everyday Wear

Monday 15 September 2025 at 12.30pm in our Parish Hall

Organised by SJV Garden Club

Entry \$5.00, tea, coffee & light refreshments provided

All Welcome—No bookings necessary

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.

Eugene Magee, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Ronald Carron (4 yr)

RECENTLY DECEASED

FUNERALS

Thursday 18 September at 11am—Dawn D'Rozario

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING

15 September 2025

Monday	9.00am - Peter Bates (R.I.P.) - Mark - Dominic Minh Nguyen (R.I.P.)
Tuesday	9.00am - For the elderly
Wednesday	8.30am - Brian Carron (R.I. P) - Lawrence Steer (R.I. P)
Wednesday	7.30pm - Vocations
Thursday	9.00am - Hernon Ortiz
Friday	9.00am - For the sick
Saturday	9.30am - For the homeless 6.00pm - For all parishioners
Sunday	8.30am - Ronald Carron (R.I. P) 10.00am - Rino & Lou Battistella (R.I.P.) - Marcel & Alice Fernandez (R.I.P.) 5.30pm - For peace in the world

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 22 September: Team B- Theresa Gilson, Paul Ho Fi & Samantha Rosario.

COUNTING TEAMS

Tuesday 16 September: Team 3 - Loraine Browning, Frank Davis, Alice Dobeli & Frank Dobeli.



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

Thursday 18 September: Team D
David Leeson, Aneel Anthony, Frank Davis & James Dobeli.

CANTEEN: Mia & Con Dalamagas.

DIRECT DEBIT & CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTORS

If you notice anything unusual on your bank statement related to your pledge to our parish, please contact the parish office promptly. We'll investigate the matter for you.



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 2 October at 7pm** in the Parish Meeting room (next to the Parish Hall).

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER—OFFICE CLOSED

As we will be attending an Administrative Forum.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME—Please note: On Wednesday 17 September, **Holy Mass will be held at 8.30am** in the Parish Meeting Room.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Workshop: Saturday 25 October at 11am

Preparation: Tuesday 11 November at 6.30pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Saturday 15 November at 6pm Mass

Sunday 16 November at 10am Mass

Saturday 22 November at 6pm Mass

Sunday 23 November at 10am Mass

SJV FETE - 18 OCTOBER 2025 10AM TO 4PM



FACE PAINTER & FACE PAINTS NEEDED

We are in need of a face painter and face paints for the upcoming fete.

If you can help in any way, please call the Parish office.

RAFFLE BOOKS

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

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 clothing, books or electrical items. Thank you.

CAKE STALL – SJV FETE 2025

We're excited to be running a cake stall at this year's fete, and we need your help to make it a success! We are seeking donations of raw materials including: **Chocolate baking chips and chocolate melts**



Thanks for your support! Please place donations in the Cake Stall boxes (located at the entrances to the church near the tables).

FETE FLYERS

We require **20 more volunteers** to drop off the fete flyers into household letterboxes on the weekend of 11/12 October or the very latest by Wednesday 15 October. This is a great way to get some exercise in. If you can assist please put your name on the list provided near the big map, at the rear of the church, on the organ. Thank you.

CHOCOLATES & SOFT DRINKS



We require donations of 170g –180g blocks of chocolate (No Nuts please)

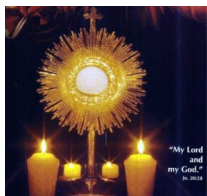


and packs of soft drinks such as:- Lemonade, Fanta, Sprite, Lemon Squash, Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi as well as small bottles of Water. Please place these items in the Fete tubs provided at the entrances to the church.



RE-COUNTER 2025

This year's Re-Encounter (19—21 September) will take place with a special pilgrimage walk from Rye to Sorrento! Open to young people aged 18-30 who have participated in NOYE, this gathering is a chance to reconnect, reflect, and journey together in faith and friendship.



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: Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

Amos 8:4– 7
Psalm 112: 1 –2, 4-8
1 Timothy 2: 1 - 8
Luke 16:1-13



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

St John Vianney's Safeguarding Representatives have been recently 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.



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 and vulnerable.

Make a difference today!

All 18+ are welcome.

Sign up for a training session here.



rosiesvic.com.au



"You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

Pope Francis

Humour :



THE AGE OF AUTHENTICITY: A NEW PATH TO RENEWAL

Free Webinar

Thursday 18 September
6pm -7pm

To register go to
divinerenovation.org



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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