



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 October 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

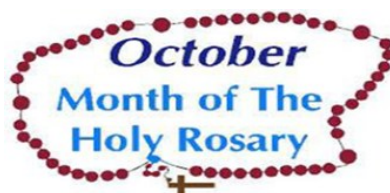
Marriages

By Appointment Only

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, the teacher asked the students: "How many great men and women were born in our city?" one of the students replied: "None, only babies were born in our city." That is right. There were no great men or women born. They were born babies who became great men and women. This weekend the gospel has the advantage of providing us with a complete lesson on faith. Jesus compares faith to a mustard seed. The seed itself is tiny. By this, Jesus is pointing to us the creative miracle locked in faith as it is locked in a tiny baby or mustard seed. Jesus' suggestion is that you don't need more faith. A lot of faith is not what we need, but genuine faith. Faith in the smallest and humblest form is plenty. God inhabits the tiny seed, empowers the tiny deed. Don't discount the smallness of good deeds. What do you need? More stuff or right stuff?



Mustard seed is tiny; there is a chance of losing it if it is not handled carefully. Likewise, faith; if it is not handled carefully there is a chance of losing it. We have to feed faith. Sacraments and prayers are ways and means to feed our faith. A little thing like a decision can change a life. Even small choices have huge consequences. Those who believe in their decisions can throw trees into the ocean. Do not despise small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin (Zechariah 4: 10). A tiny seed, a tiny deed. What small things can you do to help others? How big could those small things become?



As October is the month of Pregnancy and Infant loss Awareness and Holy Rosary, we will be holding a special Rosary and Holy Mass for deceased babies and children on Saturday 11th October commencing with the Rosary at 9.00am followed by Mass at 9.30am. All welcome to attend. I encourage you to pray the Holy Rosary during the month of October.

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

Tuesday 7 October—Our Lady of the Rosary

This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanks-giving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter", the Hail Mary's replacing the 150 psalms.

FETE MEETING

Tuesday 7 October in Parish Meeting Room at 7pm.



*March
for the Babies*

MELBOURNE
SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER, AT 1PM

MEETING AT TREASURY
GARDENS, CORNER OF SPRING
ST AND WELLINGTON PDE,
MELBOURNE.

We are marching in loving
memory of the babies lost in
abortion in Victoria and to help
end abortion in Victoria, and for
better supports for pregnant
women.

*Please wear pink and/or blue
for the babies!*

Every Life Matters, The 2025 March for the Babies will be held on Saturday, October 11th as a peaceful walk through our beautiful Treasury Gardens.

Please wear pink or blue to show your support for the babies!

A bus will be leaving from St. Gerard's at 11:30am, please call Susan on 0408 329 787 or 9795 0011 if you would like to come. There is no cost for the bus.

Please join us in supporting this very important event, because every life really matters!



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$ 1276.55

Second Collection - \$1714.00
(envelopes only)



JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS

4-5 October - The Jubilee of Migrants acknowledges and celebrates the gifts, contributions, and resilience that migrant communities bring to our Church and the world. It is also an opportunity to highlight the image of the Church as a place of refuge, welcome, integration, and solidarity.

PRAYER

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

(From Pope Francis' Message for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022)

HEALING MASS

Monday 6 October - Begins at 6.30pm with Rosary, Healing Mass and Anointing from 7.30 till 9pm

At St Joseph's Church, Springvale, (Cnr. St. James Ave & Buckingham Ave)

Celebrant : Fr Shibu Joseph

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OURSICK

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

Margaret Collins
Rosa Galvez

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerald Collins

FUNERALS

Tuesday 7 October at 10.30am— Ilona Prohaska

Wednesday, 8 October at 11am - Romilda Alberico

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 6 OCTOBER 2025

Monday	9.00am - Gladys Rivera
Tuesday	9.00am - Francesco Costa (R.I.P.)
Wednesday	9.00am - Margaret Collins (R.I.P.)
Wednesday	7.30pm - Vocations
Thursday	9:00am - Rosa Galvez (R.I.P.)
Friday	9.00am - Caterina Costa (R.I.P.)
Saturday	9.30am - For peace in our world
	6.00pm - Domenico Costa (R.I.P.)
Sunday	8.30am - For all Parishioners
	10.00am - Joe Costa (R.I.P.)
	5.30pm - For those affected by natural disasters

CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 4 October: Team D- Mai Dinh and Xavier Tran

COUNTING TEAMS

Tuesday 7 October: Team 1 - Hazel Bates, Julie Bouchier & Marie Conyers



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

Thursday 9 October: Team C

Keith Gilmour, Anthony Doran, Mai Dinh, Xavier Tran & James Dobeli.

CANTEEN: Mekala Silva & Alice Dobeli.

QUOTE FROM ST EUGENE DE MAZENOD

“God wants us to go ahead.”

(from The Year with St Eugene de Mazenod)

NEW ROSTERS

Please collect your new roster if you are a Reader/ Commentator/ Minister of Communion or Projectionist. These are in a basket and can be picked up from the eastern entrance of the church. Any queries please contact the Parish office



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.



SJV GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Monday 6 October at 9.45am in the Parish Hall
Guest speaker will be a representative from Monash Aged Care.

SJV GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS MASS & LUNCHEON

You are invited to join us on Monday 24th November.
Mass in our church at 10.00am followed by a Traditional 3 course meal plus entertainment at the Mulgrave Country Club at 12 noon.

Cost \$40.00 per person

Please phone Sue 95460327 or Alice 95612269

Bookings are now open

SJV FETE - 18 OCTOBER 2025 10AM TO 4PM

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We require volunteers to help with various stalls and jobs for the Fete. Please put your name down on the volunteer forms located on the tables at the entrances to the church and on the organ at the rear of the church.

DONATIONS

Please see the posters around the church for a list of what donations we require for our Fete stalls. Thank you.

RAFFLE BOOKS

Kindly return all sold and unsold raffle ticket books to the Parish Office no later than this Friday the 10th of October 2025. 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. Thank you.

FETE FLYERS LETTERBOX DROP

If you put your name down to distribute Fete Flyers into letterboxes, they are now available for collection from the back of the church. Please distribute them from Saturday 11 October to Wednesday 15 October. If you have any flyers left over, please put them into the box at the front door of the Parish Office. Please return the fete map to the parish office as well. Thank you for your assistance.

CAKE STALL – SJV FETE 2025

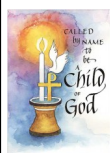
Calling all Bakers! Please collect a plate from either entrance of the church. Bake your favourite **cake, biscuits or slices** (No nuts or cream please), fill the plate and return it on Friday 17th October or Saturday morning 18th October. All goodies will be sold at the **Fete**– Thank you for your delicious support!



CHOCOLATES & SOFT DRINKS

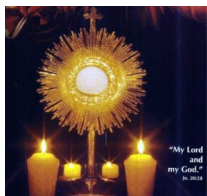


We require donations of 170g –180g sized chocolate blocks (No Nuts please) and packs of soft drinks such as:- Lemonade, Fanta, Sprite, Lemon Squash, Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi as well as small bottles of Water. Please place these items in the Fete tubs provided at each of the entrances to the church.



BAPTISMS

We welcome Cuan John Keady into the Catholic Church through the community of St John Vianney's Parish.



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.



“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: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever,
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 97:1-4.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19



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.



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silent before Mass begins. Thank you.**

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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