



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October 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 reminds us that, while we have responsibilities in society, our deepest allegiance belongs to God. We are called to be responsible citizens, acting with honesty, justice, and respect for others.



At the same time, we must remember that our lives are gifts from God, and we are invited to offer Him our hearts, our love, and our service.

As members of St John Vianney's Parish, let us reflect on how we can live our faith in our daily lives—at home, at work, and within our community. May we give God what belongs to Him by loving our neighbours, serving those in need, and witnessing to the Gospel through our words and actions. May the Lord help us to put God first and serve others with generous and loving hearts.

YOUR CHANCE TO MEET FR MATHEW RAJ OMI

This weekend, 17th and 18th October, we warmly welcome Fr Mathew from Lesmurdie, Perth, who will be visiting our parish as part of his Ministry Visitation. Fr Mathew will celebrate all the Masses over the weekend. We warmly invite everyone to come along and give Fr Mathew a heartfelt SJV welcome. Let us take this opportunity to show him our wonderful St John Vianney Parish hospitality, friendship and community spirit. On Sunday 18 October, please join Fr Mathew for a chat and cuppa after 10am Mass.

SAFEGUARDING MATTERS



For the safety and wellbeing of all children and vulnerable adults in our parish, we kindly ask parents and carers to accompany young children when they need to go to the toilet during parish activities and Mass. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.



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



SJV GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVING MASS AND LUNCHEON

Monday 23rd November 2026 Midday lunch
At Mulgrave Country Club Panorama Room
\$40.00 per person

Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9.00am.

You are invited to join us for a cuppa in our Garden Club Room after Mass.

For Bookings please phone Alice Dobeli 95612269.
Payment must be made by 11th Nov. Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

2027 LUNAR NEW YEAR MEETING

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER at 7pm in the Felix Gavin Room in the Church - entry opposite the parish office

Purpose: People to help with planning and participating in Lunar New Year 2027 mass and celebrations thereafter in the parish hall. All welcome to join!

Contact parish office for more information.



SJV JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Nikhil Perera is our new SJV Youth Minister. If you are in Year 7-Year 12 and you are interested in joining St John Vianney's youth group, please scan the QR code and fill out the form. The next meeting is on 25th October 4:30pm Parish Meeting Room (near the Hall).



BAPTISMS

We welcome Maggie Bridie O'Neill into the Catholic Church through the community of St. John Vianney's Parish.



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

Duncan Rozario (5 yr)
Maxwell Lewis (5 yr)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Philomena Eastwood

FUNERALS



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73
First Collection - \$1420.50
Second Collection - \$ 1002.00
(envelopes only)



PIETY STALL OPEN SUNDAYS 9.30am-11:30am

Please visit the Piety stall located in the church foyer.
Prayer cards, rosaries, greeting cards & other pieties for sale.

CAR DONATION - "LIFEBOAT FOUNDATION"

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. In recent years, generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways e.g. counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities.

You could help this important work both by simply bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating a **motor vehicle, if possible in roadworthy or near-roadworthy condition** and which for whatever reason is no longer required, or contact:

Fr. Kevin Dillon 0421 777 360 or
frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or

Damian Coyne 0400 170 374 or dkcoyne@hotmail.com) for more information.



Please turn off your mobile phone or put it on silent before Mass begins.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING

19 October 2026

Monday 9.00am - Thanksgiving for the success of the SJV Parish Fete

Tuesday 9.00am - For the sick

Wednesday 9.00am - For the dying
7:30pm - Vocations

Thursday 9.00am - For the lonely

Friday 9.00am - For the homeless

Saturday 9.30am - For peace in the world

Saturday 6.00pm - For those in Aged Care

Sunday 8.30am - For all Parishioners
10.00am - Duncan Rozario (R.I.P.)
- Maxwell Lewis (R.I.P.)
- Roshan D'Silva
5.30pm - For all priests and deacons

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 19 October: Team B– Theresa Gilson, Paul Ho Fi & Cindy Gonsalves.

COUNTING TEAMS

Monday 19 October: Team 2– Julie Carr, Richard Fernandes, Paul Ho Fi & Brad Tate.

BINGO

THURSDAY AT 7.30PM



Thursday 22 October: Team C

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

CANTEEN: Marion Marshall & Judy Wilkinson.



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

NATIONAL OBLATE YOUTH ENCOUNTER 2027 – Mission Is Possible!



Registrations are now open for the National Oblate Youth Encounter (NOYE), being held from 4–8 January 2027 at St Eugene's Retreat Centre, Newborough.

NOYE brings together young people from across Australia for five days of faith, friendship and community, with talks, workshops,

prayer and liturgy, music and plenty of time to connect with others.

This year's theme is "MISSION IS POSSIBLE", inviting us to explore what mission means for us today and how we can live our faith and the charism of St Eugene de Mazenod in our everyday lives.

Young people from Year 12 through to 30 years of age are invited to come along.

□ **WHEN:** 4–8 January 2027

□ **WHERE:** St Eugene's Retreat Centre, Newborough VIC

□ **COST:** \$350 per person, includes accommodation & meals

Registration is now open via the Oblate Youth Australia website: <https://bit.ly/noye27>

For more information contact:

Emma Rice- erice@omi.com.au / 0422 705 230

SJV FETE DONATIONS

A very special thank you to all our parishioners who donated over 470 cans of drink, 60 bottles of water, 258 blocks of chocolate, raw ingredients for our cake stall and monetary donations for the Fete. We really appreciate your donations as this has helped to make it a successful fete.

Winners of raffles will be announced in next week's news-letter and final figures will be advertised after 22 November.



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.

Next session: Thursday 22 October– In search of God—Introduction to the group & telling stories. Meet at the Felix Gavin room at 7pm.

Live Your Best Life in Love.
Strong marriages don't happen by chance.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest

Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

Our last weekend for 2026:
November 6-8th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James**
0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



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: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
You are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

Exodus 22: 20-26
Psalm 17: 2-4, 47, 51
1Thessalonians 1: 5-10
Matthew 22: 34-40



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

Michael Keady

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>



HUMOUR....

When you are stressed
you eat ice cream,
cake, chocolate
and sweets. Why?
Because stressed
spelt backwards
is DESSERTS.



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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