



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 August 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, in today's Gospel passage, Jesus warns the disciples that the moment of decision has come. In fact, his coming into the world coincides with the time of the decisive choices, the option for the Gospel cannot be postponed. And to make this call of him better understood, he makes use of the image of the fire that he himself came to bring to earth. He says thus, "I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already lit!" (V 49). These words are intended to help the disciples to abandon any attitude of laziness, apathy, indifference and closure to welcome the fire of God's love; that love which, as Saint Paul recalls, "was poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5). Because it is the Holy Spirit who makes us love God and makes us love our neighbour; it is the Holy Spirit that we all have inside.



Jesus reveals to his friends, and also to us, his most ardent desire: to bring to earth the fire of the Father's love which lights up life and through which we are saved. Jesus calls us to spread this fire throughout the world, thanks to which we will be recognised as his true disciples. The fire of love, kindled by Christ into the world through the Holy Spirit, is a fire without limits, it is a universal fire. This has been seen since the early days of Christianity: the testimony of the Gospel has spread like a bonfire, overcoming every division between individuals, social categories, peoples and nations. The testimony of the Gospel burns, burns all forms of particularism and keeps charity open to all, with a preference for the poorest and the excluded.

May Mary Most Holy help us to let our hearts be purified by the fire brought by Jesus, to spread it with our life, through decisive and courageous choices.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

As a faith community, we continue to pray for our young people who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our beautiful SJV Church this Sunday 17 August at 1pm. This is a special occasion for them and their families. 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 the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.



Fr David Francis OMI



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 20 August—St. Bernard, abbot, doctor

Thursday 21 August—St. Pius X, pope

Friday 22 August— The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 15 August— The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast was established by Pius XII in 1955 and was celebrated on 31 May. Since 1969, it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption (15 August): taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX EXHIBITION

2025 marks the centenary of the canonisation of St Thérèse of Lisieux. To celebrate, the Secular Carmelite Community of Melbourne is pleased to present **Holiness for All** -an inspirational exhibition on the life and spirituality of St Thérèse.

It will launch with a Mass on the night of Friday 5th September and the church will be open everyday from 5th until 17th September with OCDS present. The timetable will be available at a later time.



Venue: Good Shepherd Parish

34 Academy Ave Wheelers Hill

Dates: 5th September—17th September



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$ 1416.45

Second Collection - \$1091.55

(envelopes only)

JUBILEE OF CONSOLATION 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.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S FEAST DAY DINNER DANCE - SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

Tickets for our church dance are open to everyone. Be quick as these are limited! Please visit the Parish office during business hours to buy the tickets. Cash/card accepted for purchase.

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

Tom O'Shaughnessy

Madonna Lewis (2 month)

Neville Wright (3yr)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Irene Mary Rego

Elizabeth Jackson

FUNERALS

Wednesday 20 August at 11am - Pasquale Santoro

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING

18 August 2025

Monday	9.00am - For peace in our world
Tuesday	9.00am - For the sick
Wednesday	9.00am - For our children & youth
Wednesday	7.30pm - Vocations
Thursday	9.00am - For the lonely
Friday	9.00am - For the elderly
Saturday	9.30am - For those who are homeless
	6.00pm - For those facing financial hardship
Sunday	8.30am - For all parishioners
	10.00am - Tom O'Shaughnessy (R.I.P.)
	- Madonna Lewis (R.I.P.)
	- Neville Wright (R.I.P.)
	5.30pm - For those in aged care

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 18 August: Team B- Theresa Gilson, Paul Ho Fi & Samantha Rosario

COUNTING TEAMS

Tuesday 19 August: Team 3 - Loraine Browning, Frank Davis, Alice Dobeli & Frank Dobeli.



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

Thursday 21 August: Team D
David Leeson, Aneel Anthony, Frank Davis & James Dobeli.

CANTEEN: Marion Marshall & Judy Wilkinson.



RE-COUNTER 2025

This year's Re-Encounter 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.

THE VIBRANT PARISH FORMATION SERIES

Evangelisation: Bridging the Gap between Parish and School

Tuesday 9 September Time: 6.30pm—9pm

Place: Mulgrave Country Club, Corner of Wellington and Jells Roads, Wheelers Hill

What can I do to share the Gospel with our school communities?

Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbour—the Great Commandment. Matthew Chapter 25 may be considered our 'playbook' for following Jesus, the model of servant love.

»Hear real-life experiences and the wisdom of a parish priest and a school leadership team member as they speak about the importance of listening, building relationships, facing challenges and seeking new opportunities to bring parish and school closer together in mission.

» Participate in a workshop to explore key findings, hear stories of hope, and obtain resources to help you do the same in your communities.

All Welcome.

For more details and to register, go to: trybooking.com/DAKMJ

SJV FETE - 18 OCTOBER 2025 10am to 4pm

CALLING ALL FETE STALLHOLDERS

Please note that **all Stallholders** are required to attend the next Fete meeting at 7pm, Tuesday the 26th August 2025 in the Parish Meeting Room. Thank you.

RAFFLE BOOKS

We require volunteers to deliver raffle books to different areas. If you are able to help or you would like extra raffle ticket books to sell, please call the parish office to arrange pick up. Thank you.

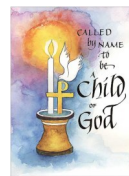
WHITE ELEPHANT DONATIONS

Donations can be left at the green shed, Tuesdays & Saturdays 9am-11am. Please do not leave donations outside the church or the Parish Office. 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: **caster sugar, plain flour and condensed milk.**

Thanks for your support! Please place donations in the Cake Stall box (located at the eastern side entrance of the church next to the table).



BAPTISMS

We welcome Leo Arden Eggington and Lena Isabel Kowalczyk into the Catholic Church through the community of St John Vianney's Parish.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolments Close: Friday 22 August 2025

NO LATE ENROLMENTS ACCEPTED.

The Sacrament will be held:

Saturday 15 November at 6pm Mass

Sunday 16 November at 10am Mass

Saturday 22 November at 6pm Mass



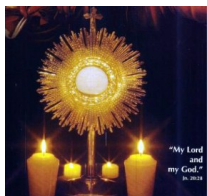
SVDP

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.

Please check "Use By" dates.



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



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: Lord, come to my aid!

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

Isiah 66:18-21

Psalm 116

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Luke 13:22-30



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
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Michael Keady
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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.



"Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. Then you will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within you and around you".

Pope Leo XIV



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

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

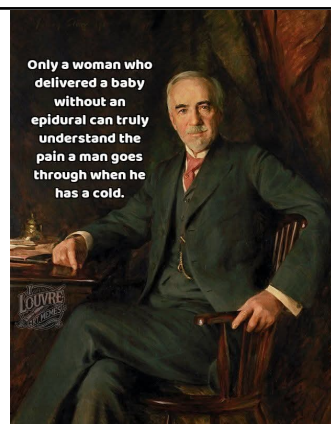
There will be a special collection held on the weekend of 23/24 August at all Masses. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

"God will either give us what we ask, or what He knows to be better for us."

St Bernard of Clairvaux

Humour :

Only a woman who delivered a baby without an epidural can truly understand the pain a man goes through when he has a cold.



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