



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

6 April 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**

CONVERT THE CRITICISM INTO THE CONSTRUCTION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we are in the fifth Sunday of Lent. We are coming closer to the great joy of Easter. Not a long way to go. Only few days more. We will be in the bosom of that Joy that will last forever. We have been making this Lenten journey: the pilgrimage of a spiritual renewal. We must have seen a lot of difficulties and a



great amount of fatigue in the four-week Lenten walk we have done. Apart from this, there must have also been moments of sincere sacrifice and constant prayer which have been our companions on our path. This is the great courage and consolation we have: we are not all alone in our journey, for we have a Great Companion Jesus Christ himself, our Lord and Master. Though we are faced with few hindrances on our way, it is He who helps us to get along the road. In fact, he never promised a road full of roses but full of stones and thorns. He himself walks before us, paving and preparing the way for us, because he is the Way and the way he places us on is the Way of the Cross. This is the reason why the Way of the Cross does not belong only to the Lenten Season, but to each and every second of our life, both human and Christian. The only promise he assures us is this: once we walk through this way, we are certain to participate in the destiny of it, and the destiny is an Eternal Joy. Eternal joy is not just a joy which comes after this life. Joy can be eternal if we learn to tread the difficult path, which is normal and common to the fragile human nature, with faith, hope and charity. When we learn to walk in the way of the cross, we will be empowered, not with the joy of escaping the passion, but with the strength of facing it without fear, always bearing in mind the fruit that will be ours afterwards. The fruit is the Joy. Our forty-day Lenten journey is only an initiation which can become or which actually becomes our Life's Journey. It may become a journey of three hundred and sixty-five days. But we do not fear because we have learnt to walk the path without any difficulty with our companion, Jesus, as our guide.

2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. A 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Service will be held on Tuesday 8th April at 7pm at St John Vianney Church.

Fr. David Francis OMI



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$ 1,288.75

Second Collection - \$ 1069.00

(envelopes only)

Your new set of envelopes are available for collection.
If anyone can drop off any uncollected envelopes to other parishioners that will be of great help.



SJV GARDEN CLUB HIGH TEA

Sunday 18th May from 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Cost: \$25.00 per person.

Single Bookings & Group Bookings
most welcome.

Enquires: Alice Dobeli 9561 2269

Bookings are now open for the High Tea



SJV GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Monday 7 April at 9.45 am

Guest Speaker: Beth Williams (Rose pruning)

All Welcome!



“When we walk without the cross, when we build without the cross and when we proclaim Christ without the cross, we are not disciples of the Lord. We are worldly. We may be bishops, priests, cardinals, popes, all of this, but we are not disciples of the Lord .”

Pope Francis

SJV YOUTH UPDATE

If you are between 16 & 30 years old (or you know someone who is), this notice is for YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Good Friday Retreat—11am to 2pm—more details coming soon!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are looking for any interested young people (high school age to 30yrs old) to be a part of the Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross. This involves reading and participating in freeze frames during the stations.

If you are interested, come along to our April D&M Night on 6 April, 5.30pm Youth Mass followed by dinner!

QUESTIONS OR WANT TO RSVP?

Just join our Whatsapp group and send a message there- or Scan the QR code.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 7.00pm in the church.



2ND RITE RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY 8 APRIL AT 7.00 PM

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.



Gareth Tucker, Llewelyn Fernandez,
Janet Badwal, Layla Wilson, Mario Santilli,
Kathy Magee, Mary Thomas, Willy Wolf,
Gary Aguirre & Daniel de Castella.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Tom O' Shaughnessy

RECENTLY DECEASED

Martin Zerafa

Frank Sutherland

FUNERALS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING

7 APRIL 2025

Monday 9.00am - Maximien Castel (R.I.P.)
Tuesday 9.00am - For peace in the world
Wednesday 9.00am - Tom O'Shaughnessy (R.I.P.)
- Tyrone, Teresa & Royston O' Connor (R.I.P.)
7:30pm - For Vocations
Thursday 9.00am - For all Grandparents
Friday 9.00am - For Family Unity
Saturday 9.30am - For the Homeless
Saturday 6.00pm - For those in Aged Care
Sunday 8.30am - For All Parishioners
10.00am - Celsa Bacala (R.I.P.)
- Felcruz Pilapil (R.I.P.)
- Serbando Olasiman (R.I.P.)
5.30pm - For the Sick

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 14 April: Team A—Geraldine Fennelly, Miriam Leeson, Pauline Perera



BINGO
THURSDAY AT 7.30PM
FRIDAY AT 11:45AM

Thursday 10 April: Team A

Trudy Coleman, Milka Arevalo, Marie Conyers, Maria Conte &, James Dobeli.

CANTEEN: Theresa Gilson & Loraine Browning

Friday 11 April: Team A

Trudy Coleman, Loraine Browning, Cath McAdam & Clare Monea

CANTEEN: Margaret Lambie Bev Wellman

FRIDAY BINGO IS CLOSING



Next Friday, 11 April will be the Last Day of Friday Bingo



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

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR WEEKDAY MASS

Please note that weekday Holy Mass will continue to be held in the Parish Meeting Room (next to the church hall) until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.



PROJECT COMPASSION

You can help people to find work and create a better future for themselves and their loved ones by making a donation through Project Compassion. Project compassion boxes and envelopes are available for collection at the church doors.



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION ON FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We pray that all women may be respected and encouraged to take their rightful place in society. We pray also that all people will have access to clean water and safe housing. May we *Unite Against Poverty* as we act for justice in concrete ways, such as through Project Compassion.



SVJ CHURCH FOYER IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

We sincerely thank everyone for your understanding, co-operation and generosity.

TOILETS

Portable toilets are now available for use on the western side of the church during the renovations of the church.

HOLY WEEK PRACTICE

If you have put your name down to be a reader, commentator or projectionist for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday and those reading the Gospel on Palm Sunday (all Masses) and Good Friday, please attend a practice on **Thursday 10 April at 6pm in the church.**



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.

N.B. We DO NOT require any more pasta.

READERS/COMMENTATORS, MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & PROJECTIONISTS

Your new rosters are available for collection from the basket located on the table at the sacristy entrance of the church.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

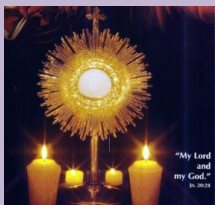
The Church welcomes those who have accepted the invitation to join themselves to Christ through the Sacraments. The next session will be held on Thursday 10 April at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Topic: Explanation of Holy Week Liturgies



MISSION ACTION DAY—MAZENOD COLLEGE

Our College community is raising awareness and funds to support the work of the Oblate Missions, as they continue to serve the needy in marginalised communities throughout the world facing increasing hardship. We are asking for your support to help this worthy cause. If you are able to donate any money, we would really appreciate it. Please scan the QR code to donate. We thank you for your kind generosity.



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 on 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: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 50:4-7.
Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



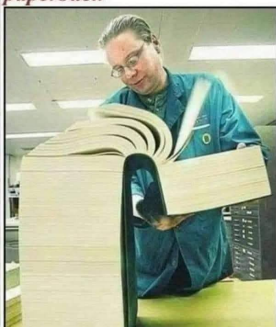
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

This weekend the Church celebrates the **Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers** from the 5th - 6th April.

This celebration recognises the dignity, resilience, and faith of those who are ill and those who dedicate their lives to caring for them. Rooted in Christ's compassion for the suffering, this Jubilee invites the sick to find strength in their faith and offers gratitude to healthcare workers who serve as instruments of God's healing love. It is a time of prayer, solidarity, and renewal, reminding us of the Gospel call to care for the most vulnerable with mercy and hope.

Humour

Just letting you know that the book, "Understanding Women" is now out in paperback



Save with CDF Community Fund – it's in everyone's best interest.

By opening a savings account or Term Investment, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, but your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of savings accounts, including **5.10% p.a.* on a 6-month Term Investment**, it's a way to save while doing good.

To find out more, visit

www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer, scan the QR code, or speak to us on 1800 134 135.

*Interest rates subject to change.
View current rates on the CDF website.



HEALING MASS

Monday 7 April 2025 commencing at 6.30pm & concluding at 9pm. - St Joseph's Church, Springvale.

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