



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Second Sunday of Advent

7 December 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**

“LIGHTING THE WAY TO HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE”

The second candle in the Advent Wreath is called the Bethlehem candle. This reminds us that Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem.



In a prophetic vision, Isaiah describes the end of time. Christ, the ultimate end of all creation, will establish peace between man and man, and between God and man. He is the King of peace and justice, and will judge, the wretched with mercy and charity.



THANK YOU SJV GARDEN CLUB!!!

Our St. John Vianney's Parish has a lively group of volunteers who give their time and talents in growing lots of different plants, herbs, and vegetables. It takes a lot of work and love to grow the plants. I would like to thank all Garden Club members for doing such a great job in growing and selling the plants and donating the money to our SJV Church. I know many hands make light the work! I hope that you all may continue to do such a good job. If you are interested in being a part of this friendly group, please call our SJV Garden Club President, Sue on 95460327.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Pope Pius IX in 1854 solemnly proclaimed in his decree 'Ineffabilis Deus' the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a dogma. It means that “from the first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Mary, by the special choice of God, was preserved from the existing situation of sin to which all other human beings are subject.” According to the teaching of the Church she is immaculate because of the merits of Jesus, the Saviour. This Monday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is also a special feast for Oblates. After 9.00am Mass we will have a morning tea in the new foyer. Please stay and join in.

CHRISTMAS MASS, CAROLS & BBQ 14 DECEMBER 10AM

You are all warmly invited to join us in bringing the Joy of Christmas with Carols by Daylight following 10am Mass on the 14th December, 2025.

MAMI APPEAL

This weekend at all Masses, Fr Christian Fini will be talking to us about MAMI through a video and there will be a collection. Envelopes are at the doors of the church for you to make your donation.



Missionary Association of
Mary Immaculate

Fr David Francis OMI



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 8 December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 13 December— St Lucy, virgin, martyr

This feast had its origin in the East as the ‘Conception of Mary by Saint Anne’. It spread through the Middle Ages as the ‘Immaculate Conception’ and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruits of her Son’s redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

Probably because her name is suggestive of light, St Lucy’s intercession has been sought for eyesight problems.



“Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and love. So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace.”

- Pope Leo XIV

QUOTE FROM ST EUGENE DE MAZENOD

“The good Lord knows.”

(from *The Year with St Eugene de Mazenod*)

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR A TRANSPORT POOL

As part of our Parish’s pastoral care, we are calling for volunteers to assist with those who are finding it difficult to come to Mass. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help.



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.

PARISH MEETING ROOM

Bookings for the **Parish Meeting Room for 2026** is now open. **Please book your dates by Friday 12 December 2025.** Please do not assume that you will have the room.



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$ 1,481.75

Second Collection - \$ 1,214.00
(envelopes only)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you require a Mass intention/offering during January please make your booking by Friday 19 December by contacting the Parish Office. Mass intentions for 2026 are also now open. The newsletter is printed on Fridays, so intentions are for the week commencing the Monday of the coming week. Please advise the Parish Office by the Wednesday of your Mass intention.

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.



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, Anne Kerlin & Rosemarie Thomas.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

RECENTLY DECEASED

Alex Rego

Maria Fioravanti

Samuel Baker

Jill Patricia Hannaker

Julianna Banyari

FUNERALS

Maria Fioravanti Wednesday, 10 Dec 1:30pm

Samuel Baker Thursday, 11 Dec 11:00 am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 8 DECEMBER 2025

Monday 9.00am - Daniel Stanley
Tuesday 9.00am - For the lonely
Wednesday 9.00am - Father James Staunton (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 7.30pm - Vocations
Thursday 9:00am - For the elderly
Friday 9.00am - For the sick
Saturday 9.30am - For the those in Aged Care
6.00pm - Harry & Gladys D’Rozario (R.I.P.)
 - Dad & Ma & Dawn D’Rozario (R.I.P.)
Sunday 8.30am - For all Parishioners
10.00am—Jill Patricia Hannaker (R.I.P.)
5.30pm - For peace in our world

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 15 December: Team A—Geraldine Fennelly, Miriam Leeson & Pauline Perera.

COUNTING TEAMS

Monday 8 December: Team 2—Julie Carr, Richard Fernandes & Paul Ho Fi.



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM

Thursday 11 December: Team D

David Leeson, Aneel Anthony, Frank Davis & James Dobeli.

CANTEEN: Theresa Gilson & Loraine Browning.



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 11 December at 7pm in the Parish Office.

Topic: Prayer (DVD Prayer and Devotions).

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We require volunteers for all Christmas Masses. If you are able to assist please put your name down on the sheets provided in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

The Christmas Timetable is available for collection at the church doors if you didn't receive one in this newsletter.

MAMI CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

At Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus Christ. In the true spirit of Christmas, your gift can be a gift to those less fortunate - a gift of love. The concept is simple: make a recommended tax deductible donation to one of our programs and you will receive a Christmas Gift Card, which explains that you have purchased a gift card in place of a gift, and give it to a loved one. The following cards are available:-

Chickens \$10, Development \$15, Toolbox \$20, Education \$25 & Goat \$30. Cards are on sale after all Masses in the foyer or from the Parish Office during business hours.

CASH ONLY

QUOTE FROM ST JOHN VIANNEY

"All that we do without offering it to God is wasted"

<https://catholicstand.com/the-wisdom-of-a-super-saint-st-john-vianney/>

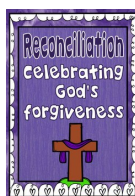


NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR OUR COUNTING TEAMS

We need some more help counting the weekly collection money. You would be included on a team roster once every 5-6 weeks. If you are able to help please put your name down on the clip board at the church door or contact the Parish office ASAP. We will be finalising rosters and they will be ready for collection next Sunday, 14 December 2025.

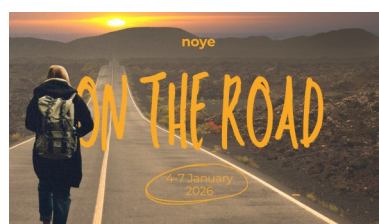
ROSTERS FOR 2026

Church cleaning teams and Cuppas your rosters for 2026 are available for collection from the foyer. Please inform the Annalene or Margaret if you cannot make a re-commitment for next year to this service.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR 2026

Parents and Grade 2 children who attended the Information Session on Tuesday 2 December are reminded to return their enrolment form and fee to the Parish Office **no later than Friday 12 December 2025.**



NATIONAL OBLATE YOUTH ENCOUNTER 2026

In January 2026, young people from across Australia will gather for NOYE: On the Road —

an encounter of faith, friendship, and formation inspired by St Eugene's call to help others become human, Christians, and saints.

When: Sunday 4th– 7th January

Cost: \$150

For more details, please visit: [https://](https://www.oblateyouth.com.au/new-events/2025/7/10/save-the-date-noye-2026)

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SALE OF OLIVEWOOD CARVINGS

On the 20th and 21st of December, there will be handcrafted olive-wood biblical items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families

there. Every purchase will help support the Catholic community in the Holy Land, improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there. Cash and card sales welcome.



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



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: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week: Year A

Isaiah: 35:1-6, 10
Psalm 145: 6-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11



ADORE ADVENT PROGRAM

Welcome to Adore, the De Mazenod Family Advent Program for 2025, and to the Year of Matthew in the liturgical cycle, Year A. Adore, our Advent Program for 2025 is now available to download. This resource focuses on key events leading up to the birth of Jesus - The Annunciation to Mary, the angel's visit to Joseph in a dream, the Visitation, and finally, the Nativity. It can be used in parishes, schools, families, or for personal reflection. May this upcoming season of Advent be a time to pause amid the busyness of life and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. and to stop and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord! For enquiries, please contact the De Mazenod Family Team – demazenodfamily@gmail.com

Humour....

According to my chocolate Advent calendar....there are only 3 days left to Christmas.



I came home to find all the windows wide open and everything had been taken. Next year, I'll be hiding my Advent calendar.



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 & vulnerable. Make a difference today! 18+ welcome.



rosiesvic.com.au

DE MAZENOD FAMILY CHARISM PILGRIMAGE 2026

Join us On the Road as we follow in the footsteps of St Eugene through Paris, Aix-en-Provence, and Rome from 21 June – 2 July 2026. An online information session will be held on Monday 13th January for anyone interested. We're delighted that Fr Andrew Chen OMI, Provincial, will join the pilgrimage as chaplain and spiritual leader, along with several other Oblates. Indicative Cost (Land Only): \$8,300 (twin share). Spaces are limited — expressions of interest are open now.

More info: omi.com.au/charism-pilgrimage
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