



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 February 2023

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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 & 7.00pm

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**

you are the *salt* of the earth
and the *light* of the world
Matthew 5:13-16

You are the Salt of the Earth

When Jesus used the symbol of salt, he must have meant it as a great compliment. When we say to someone, for example, "you are the salt of the earth", we emphasise their worth and usefulness. In the ancient world salt was very valuable (much more than today). The Romans used to say: "Nil utilius sole et Sale" (There is nothing more useful than the sun and the salt). As we know, salt has many useful qualities.

Salt purifies: The ancient Romans considered salt as the purest of all things, because it is the product of the sun and the sea. It was used as an offering to their gods. **Salt preserves:** People of ancient times used salt as preservative. It prevents rotting or decay. **Salt flavours:** Clearly, food without salt is insipid. Salt flavours the food.

When Jesus used this example of salt, we understand that he is encouraging his followers to strive to be models of purity like the salt. He is calling his disciples to lead a life that heals people, preserves their integrity, and edifies the life of the people around them. As the salt which lost its substance/taste become useless, and good for nothing, Jesus warns his followers, Christian life without his spirit in their words and deeds, will become meaningless and purposeless.

You are the Light of the World

When Jesus used the symbol of light, he must have meant that his followers be a source of inspiration to others. That we have to 'shine forth', so that others may 'see our good works and give glory to God'. **Light shines:** The function of light is to shine, to illuminate, to be seen. **Light guides:** it warms up, it removes fear, it shows the path. **Light refreshes:** Light helps us see things clearly, it refreshes our minds and outlook. Everything is real in light, nothing can hide.

When Jesus used this example of light, we understand that he is encouraging his followers to bring light and brightness to the life of the people. We are called to give refreshment and inspiration to walk in the right path of life. And, as Christians, to work to alleviate darkness and distress and give hope and direction to people around us.

Let the light of Christ we have received in our baptism shine brightly in our lives that it may illuminate our lives, and give light to others with whom we live and love.

Fr Casmir Arul OMI



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 6 February - St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs
Friday 10 February - St Scholastica, virgin



“Our life should be like this: To worship, to pray, to journey, to be a pilgrim, to do penance.”
– Pope Francis



THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73
First Collection - \$1,555.85
Second Collection - \$1,218.00
(envelopes only)

SJV GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Monday 6 February @ 9:45am
Special Guest Speaker - TV Personality Attila Kapitany presenting his Botanical Gardens of Australia Tour.

All Welcome - Come along & support our Garden Club. Attila will have plants and garden books available for purchase at the meeting.

President - Sue Springfield (9546 0327)

COUNTING TEAMS

Tuesday 7 February: Team 1 - Sandie Aguiar, Hazel Bates, Julie Bouchier & Marie Conyers.



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM FRIDAY AT 11.45AM

Thursday 9 February: Team B
Paul Buhagiar, Chris Dickinson, Arul Balappa, Aneel Anthony, James Dobieli & Kevin Jones.

CANTEEN: Marion Marshall & Judy Wilkinson.

Friday 10 February: Team E
Kevin Fennelly, Pauline Perera & Lloyd Davis.

CANTEEN: Julie Bouchier & Bev Wellman.

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 6 February: Team B - Theresa Gilson, Paul Ho Fi, Samantha Rosario & Annette Wickman.



CUPPA & CHAT AFTER MASS

We will have a cuppa and chat on **Saturday 11 February after the 6.00pm Mass.** Come along and meet other parishioners and Father.

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.*



Thomas Hellier, Llewelyn Fernandez, Tony Buordolone, Sue Joy Springfield, Gennaro & Christina De Marco, Sebastian Guerrero & Mary Thomas.

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

Serge Florent (1yr), Karl Aguiar (10yrs) & Tony Saldutto (1yr)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Scammell

FUNERALS

Thursday 9 February at 11am - Brian Scammell

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 6 FEBRUARY 2023

Monday 9.00am - For those in aged care
Tuesday 9.00am - Serge Florent (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 9.00am - Vocations
Thursday 9.00am - Karl Aguiar (R.I.P.)
Friday 9.00am - For peace
Saturday 9.30am - For all parishioners
Saturday 6.00pm - Pavia family (R.I.P.)
Sunday 8.30am - For all parishioners
10.00am - Tony Saldutto (R.I.P.)
5.30pm - For all parishioners

DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL

Listening to the voices that echo Joy in Our Lives.

Date: Wednesday 22 March

Venue: St John's Regional College,
Graduate's Restaurant
Caroline Street, Dandenong

Cost: \$45 per head (price increase)
3 course meal, wine & beer.

Guest Speaker: Fr Brian Collins

RSVP: To book - phone Paddy 0422 296 961
- email dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

New start time: 5:30pm for 5:45pm

LENT

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of
Fasting and Abstinence from meat.**

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

Prayer - for example, Mass attendance: family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.

Self-Denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

Helping Others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened; or in other ways.

- All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast.
- All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES



Ash Wednesday is on 22 February and Mass times are as follows:

9:00am

7:00pm

FAITH, FAMILY AND FOOTBALL WITH MATTHEW KENNEDY

Matthew Kennedy currently plays football for Carlton in the AFL. He has an inspiring story about the ups and downs of life in the AFL and the importance of faith and family. This will be a great evening for the whole family. He will be joined by his friend Fr Brendan Lane, parish priest of St Mary's Dandenong. Kids are welcome to attend (must be accompanied by parents).

Matthew has generously offered to autograph any footys, jumpers (any club!), etc. on the night. There will also be a Carlton jumper signed by the team auctioned off on the night.

Speaker: Matthew Kennedy and Fr Brendan Lane

Date: Wednesday 15 February

Time: 6:30pm for a meal, 7:30pm for the talk

Venue: Matthew Flinders Hotel, 667 Warrigal Rd, Chadstone. God and Beer will be held in the 'Longitude Room'.

(God and Beer will return to the Nott in April once renovations there are complete.)

Cost: Free, however, places are limited so please register to avoid disappointment. Meals and drinks available for purchase from the main bistro area.

RSVP: GodandBeer.com.au

Contact: John Smyth - jtsmyth@gmail.com
- 0406 747 123

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Reconciliation

Rite of Acceptance: Saturday 11 February at 6pm Mass
or Sunday 12 February at all Masses

Workshop Date: Saturday 4 March at 11am

Preparation Date: Tuesday 21 March at 6:30pm

Sacrament Date: Saturday 25 March at 11am

Enrolments for this Sacrament have closed.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 18 June at 2:30pm

Preparation Dates: TBA

First Holy Communion

Rite of Acceptance: Saturday 26 August at 6pm Mass or
Sunday 27 August at all Masses

Workshop Date: Saturday 14 October at 11am

Preparation Date: Tuesday 31 October at 6:30pm

Sacrament Dates: Saturday 11 November at 6pm

Sunday 12 November at all Masses

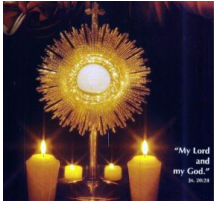
Saturday 18 November at 6pm

Sunday 19 November at all Masses

Enrolments for Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be advertised later.



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



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: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Readings for next week:

Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20
Psalm 118
1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Matthew 5: 17-37

VACANT PARISH POSITIONS

Pastoral Worker – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee
Parish Bookkeeper – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee
Human Resources Partner - Melbourne
Parish Administration Coordinator - St Patrick’s,
Murrumbena & St Kevin’s, Ormond

Other Positions:

Cook – Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton
Retail Shop Assistant - St Patrick’s Cathedral Shop, East
Melbourne

Visit the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website for
more information:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent.

To make an offering and learn more visit:
<https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>



CREATIVE WRITING GROUP AT THE OPEN DOOR

Take a few hours to awaken your inner writer and spark your imagination in this encouraging and fun workshop. We will share creative writing prompts, stories and ideas. New writers welcome.

When: Thursday 9 February 10am-12pm

Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong.

A gold coin donation is welcome.

Please contact Jo/Tayla on 9791 8664
or theopendoor@ssjg.org.au to book in.

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