



# St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**19 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**

**WELCOME BISHOP TONY IRELAND TO OUR PARISH,  
FOR YOUR EPISCOPAL VISIT**

Our parish is blessed with the pastoral visit of Bishop Tony, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne Archdiocese of the Southern Region, this weekend. Bishop Tony has served in various academic and leadership roles, but at the heart of his ministry lies his desire to invite people to know and love the person of Jesus Christ. He served in the parishes of Grovedale and Torquay, Mentone, Sandringham, Langwarrin, Frankston and Doncaster. From day one in this Archdiocese, Bishop Tony started working hard to bring the Good News of Jesus to more people and to build up the mystical body of Christ, the Church, in this region of Victoria. After 10am Mass, please join Bishop Tony for morning tea in the SJV parish hall and welcome him. Special thanks to our Events Team for organising the morning tea.



**THE SEASON OF LENT**

This week we will enter the season of Lent. The season of Lent is the season of grace. It is a time for our spiritual growth. It is a time for conversion. It is a time for surrendering our lives to God. But these goals cannot be achieved without struggle and without sacrifice.

"Christ the centre of our life" – How do we first seek the kingdom of God? By making Christ the centre of our Lives. By living according to the values of the Gospel, following Christ's teaching. Sometimes we wonder why things don't work for us, why our prayers do not take flight, why our sacrifices do not bear fruit, why our renunciations remain barren. Masters of spiritual life point out the cause – half-heartedness, half measures, partial surrender, a lukewarm attitude and divided loyalties. To be committed to Christ we must make Christ the centre of our lives. If we want to live as committed Christians, we must focus our attention during Lent on Christ and his demands.



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52). Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g., marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple. Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, in Australia between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

*Fr David Francis OMI.*

## THANKSGIVING



Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73  
First Collection - \$1,764.25  
Second Collection - \$1,949.00  
(envelopes & credit cards)

## PASTORAL CARE (CHAPLAINCY) APPEAL

There will be a special collection this weekend at all Masses. Envelopes at the church doors for credit card donations.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

The theme for Project Compassion is *For All Future Generations*. It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact *For All Future Generations*. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival and those who needs at this time are far beyond ours. Project compassion boxes and envelopes are available for collection at the church doors.



## CUPPA & CHAT AFTER MASS

We will have a cuppa and chat on Sunday 26 February after the 10.00am Mass. Come along and meet other parishioners and Father.

## SJV GARDEN CLUB - SAVE THE DATE

The SJV Garden Club High Tea will be held on Sunday 30 April. More details shortly.

## 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).

## THANK YOU

Erma & Ronnie Trummer and their families wish to extend our thanks to our many friends for your prayers and condolences on the passing of our dearest mother Berta.

## 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, Yvonne Ansell & Pasquale Ventieri.

## ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME

June Duarte, Donald Moss (1yr) & Santo Costa (6yr).

## RECENTLY DECEASED

William Crisp  
Sebastiana Gulinello (Rosa Lucarelli's mum)

## FUNERALS

Tuesday 21 February at 11am - Pasquale Scalea.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 20 FEBRUARY 2023

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - Rego, Mendoza & Edmond Families (R.I.P.) June Duarte (R.I.P.)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - William Crisp (R.I.P.)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - Ash Wednesday
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - Magdalena Robert
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am</b> - Margaret Robert
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> - Donald Moss (R.I.P.) <b>6.00pm</b> - Samuel Family (R.I.P.) Santo Costa (R.I.P.) Dawn D'Rozario
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.30am</b> - For all parishioners <b>10.00am</b> - William Crisp (R.I.P.) <b>5.30pm</b> - Vocations

## CHURCH CLEANING

**Monday 20 February: Team A** - Janet Badwal, Hazel Bates, Geraldine Fennelly & Pauline Perera.

## COUNTING TEAMS

**Tuesday 21 February: Team 3** - Loraine Browning, Frank Davis, Alice & Frank Dobeli.



## BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM FRIDAY AT 11.45AM

**Thursday 23 February: Team D**  
David Leeson, Kevin Jones, Frank Davis, James Dobeli, Joseph Silva & Hoang Chau.

**CANTEEN:** Kathleen Adam & Pat Ross-Gilder.

**Friday 24 February: Team B**  
Trudy Coleman, Alfred & Josephine Pavia & Carl Scholfield.

**CANTEEN:** Hazel Bates & Sandie Aguiar.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023 - TAIWAN

You are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3 March at 10am at the Anglican Parish of St Stephen & St Mary, 383 High Street Road, Mt Waverley. Morning tea at 10.30am. More details contact Jan Clear on 0419589175.



## BAPTISMS

We welcome Roman Michael Rullo & Jake Ho into the Catholic Church through the community of St John Vianney's.

## POSITION VACANT

Part-time Cook - 32.5 Hours per week, working five days a week.

We are seeking a cook to prepare meals for the Oblate Community of Camberwell. The community is large and diverse and made up of Priests in active ministry, a retired community, and students in formation. The community also plays an important role of hospitality in the Province. Ideally, the successful candidate will have relevant experience as a cook and enjoy cooking and catering for large groups.

For more information, please visit [www.omi.com.au/employment](http://www.omi.com.au/employment) for the application pack. Applications close 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES



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

**9:00am**

**7:00pm**

Please note that the school children will be joining us for the 9am Mass.

**There will be no Novena at 7pm on Ash Wednesday.**

## LENT



**On Saturday 4 March** we will hold a Lenten Retreat at 9.00am instead of the normal 1st Saturday Devotion. The Retreat will consist of 9.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk, Benediction, Confession and silent prayer.

**Saturday 11 March** we will hold a Lenten Pilgrimage. More details next weekend.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7pm in the church commencing Friday 24 February 2023.



## DE MAZENOD FAMILY

As Lent is fast approaching the De Mazenod Family Team are excited to share this year's Lenten Program with you! This Lent we will reflect on how various characters from The Passion of Christ can help us to examine our own conscience. Many of the characters in The Passion display characteristics we can easily identify and relate to personally, and it is these characteristics – some positive and praise-worthy, others less so – that we will explore throughout this program. We will be running sessions online via our De Mazenod Family Zoom on Thursday evenings beginning at 8.00pm AEDT

To see a copy of the program, a breakdown of start times by state, and to find the zoom link to join us - head to our website - [demazenodfamily.com.au/lenten-program-2023/](http://demazenodfamily.com.au/lenten-program-2023/)

## SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The Melkite Catholic Eparchy have asked us to share with you, Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal. For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to:

MCF DGR Account

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email : [mcf@melkite.org.au](mailto:mcf@melkite.org.au) or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

# 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:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!

**Readings for next week:**

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7  
Psalm 50  
Romans 5: 12-19  
Matthew 4: 1-11



## 'THAT MADE ME LAUGH' AT THE OPEN DOOR

Join us for this new workshop where we will enjoy poems, riddles, comics, jokes, puns and short texts. Come along to have a laugh and a coffee. You are welcome to bring your own material to share that made you laugh but is not necessary. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am-11.30am (Zoom is also an option)  
The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong  
A gold coin donation is welcome.  
Contact Jo or Tayla on 9791 8664  
or [theopendoor@ssjg.org.au](mailto:theopendoor@ssjg.org.au) to book in or for more info.

## MAZENOD COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Wednesday 8 March from 2pm - 6pm. Year 7/2025 applications close on Friday 18 August 2023. Bookings are required via Mazenod College website. <https://www.mazenod.vic.edu.au/a-faith-centred-education/enrolment/open-days-and-tours/>

## KILLESTER COLLEGE

Enrolments now open for Year 7, 2025. Visit our website to book a school tour, learn about our Year 7 program, view our virtual tour & find out how to enrol. Enrolments close on Friday 18 August 2023.  
Visit [www.killester.vic.edu.au](http://www.killester.vic.edu.au)



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put it on silent before Mass begins.**

## ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### First Reconciliation

**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.

## SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB

Overs 28's party night for single Catholic in 28 to 60 aged group. Saturday 25 February at 8pm. School hall at St Scholastica's Parish, cnr Burwood H'way & Starling St, Burwood. Cost \$13 includes lucky door prizes and supper. More details to Peter 9885 2167.



## MAZENOD COLLEGE

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