



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

First Sunday of Lent

26 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**

Dear brothers and sisters, our St John Vianney's Parish is greatly blessed to have many parishioners who wish to support others on this journey of faith. Our numerous parish volunteers assist with parish life, whether it be by involvement in the preparation and running of the liturgical and devotional life of the church or



with the many areas of outreach into the wider community. The commitment of the unique energy, gifts, and talents of so many people in our parish community makes our parish come alive. I know some people have the knack of being able to organise parties and events, raise money for worthy causes, put people at ease in large gatherings, enjoy being sociable and assisting with planning and implementing all aspects of the Sacred liturgy and Parish life. We are very blessed to have these people (in photo) who give up their time for the parish activities. I would like to sincerely thank all members of our Parish Events Team for organising a special morning tea last weekend to welcome back all our parishioners after their summer holiday. If you would like to join the Events Team, please contact the Parish office.

The Season of Lent began with ash (Ash Wednesday) and will end with fire (New Fire at the beginning of the Easter Vigil Service). In normal circumstances, fire comes first, and ash remains after the fire. But in our spiritual journey, there is a reversal of sequence. One must become aware of one's finite nature ('ash') and keep moving towards the infinite ('fire'). The Season of Lent invites us to renew our relationship with God (through prayer), with others (through almsgiving) and with ourselves (through fasting). Each of us surely needs self-reform in some areas of our life. It is the time in which we have to 'convert' our words into merciful deeds, our prayers into actions, and finally our deserted life into the fruitful garden. Let us make a passage from the desert of the pain to the garden of joy and once we are in the garden of life, we become sign of God's love to the world so that the whole creation enters into the 'joy of the gardened life'.

RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday afternoon, people who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter ceremonies will gather with their godparents and families at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Rite of Election. At this ritual, the Church acknowledges the readiness of the catechumens for the Sacraments of Initiation and the catechumens, who now become 'the elect', declare their commitment to enter into a period of intense spiritual preparation for initiation at Easter. St John Vianney's Parish has seven catechumens, Kim Tran, Ngoc Le, Anthony Le, Andy Le, Toan Trong (Tony) Nguyen, Ashton Nguyen and Chrispher Pinono and two candidates, Luke Gonsalves and Adam Gonsalves who will be celebrating this Rite. They will be accompanied by their families and the RCIA team. Our catechumens and candidates will celebrate Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this special time in their journey of faith.

Fr David Francis OMI

THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$1,485.00

Second Collection - \$1,186.20

(envelopes only)

PASTORAL CARE (CHAPLAINCY) APPEAL

An amount of \$699.30 was donated to the appeal. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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 5 March after the 5.30pm Mass. Come along and meet other parishioners, the Youth Group and Father.

HEALING MASS

Monday 6 March at St Joseph's Church, Springvale. Commencing at 6.30pm until 9.00pm.

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

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.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Please attend Mass on Friday 3 March at 9am. This will be followed with a meeting in the Parish Office.

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

Tom La'Rive (14yr)
Giuseppe Guarnaccia (31yr)
John Thilthorpe (7yr)
Bernard Harshan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Brian Harris OMI

FUNERALS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 27 FEBRUARY 2023

Monday 9.00am - Vocations
Tuesday 9.00am - Tom La'Rive (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 9.00am - William Crisp (R.I.P.)
Giuseppe Guarnaccia (R.I.P.)
Wednesday 7.30pm - Fr Brian Harris OMI (R.I.P.)
Thursday 9.00am - John Thilthorpe (R.I.P.)
Friday 9.00am - Bernard Harshan (R.I.P.)
Saturday 9.30am - F for the sick
6.00pm - Bruno Family (R.I.P.)
Sunday 8.30am - F for all parishioners
10.00am - F for all Parishioners
5.30pm - F for the Youth

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 27 February: Team B - Theresa Gilson, Paul Ho Fi & Samantha Rosario.

Saturday 4 March: Team D - Mai Dinh.

COUNTING TEAMS

Monday 27 February: Team 4 - Pia Eichenberger, Kevin Fennelly, Rita Santucci & Marlene Shillong.



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM FRIDAY AT 11.45AM

Thursday 2 March: Team A
Trudy Coleman, Milka Arevalo, Marie Conyers, Vanessa Rodrigues, James Dobeli & Kevin Jones.

CANTEEN: June Chia & Rosa Mascetta.

Friday 3 March: Team C
Keith Gilmour, Bryan Forsyth, Rozali & Peter Hughes.

CANTEEN: Carole Sullivan & Bev Wellman.

NO MASS

Please note that there will be **NO MASS on Monday 13 March** at 9am as the Oblates will be at Formation that week.

DEVOTION - 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, NOVENA & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please note that there will be no Novena on Wednesday 15 March, no Devotion on Thursday 16 March & no Stations of the Cross on Friday 17 March as the Oblates will be at Formation that week.



DE MAZENOD FAMILY

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/

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 till 10.30am.

Saturday 11 March - Lenten Pilgrimage.

Mass at 9.30am at SJV. We will then leave for Mazenod College, 5 Kernot Avenue, Mulgrave. Morning Tea followed by a talk and reflection in the Mazenod chapel, lunch followed by Stations of the Cross in the oval (weather permitting). We will finish the Pilgrimage at 2pm. Please bring your lunch. If you would like to attend please put your name and contact details down on the sheets provided at the church doors.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 7.00pm in the church.

LENT SERIES

Monday Nights during Lent
27th Feb - 27th Mar

Juniors (Year 7 to 10)
7 PM to 8 PM
Meeting Room

YA Connect (Year 11/12 to 30 years)
7 PM to 8:30 PM
Parish Hall





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.

Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Readings for next week: Year A

Genesis 12: 1-4
Psalm 32
2 Timothy 1: 8-10
Matthew 17: 1-9



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



Enrolments are still open for Semester 1, 2023. We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options. For more information contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit: www.ctc.edu.au
"Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer & Occasional Address" to celebrate 50 years of theological education on Sunday 5 March at 3.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. The celebration is open to everyone and we particularly invite any past students of Catholic Theological College to attend.

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 or contact 02 9750 5514 for

HEART OF LIFE



A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2nd Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger.

An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.

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



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

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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