



St. John Vianney's Catholic Parish



Under the Pastoral Care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Second Sunday of Lent

5 March 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**

THE CROSS, ITS PURPOSE IN OUR LIVES (PHIL 2:2-8)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we honour the Cross in our lives because Christ died upon it. By dying on it, Christ transformed the cross into an instrument of salvation from the symbol of humiliation and shame that it was. By Christ's death upon the cross, the cross has become the hope of the living, the symbol of resurrection for the dying, the key to eternal life for the righteous and the sure way to the kingdom of God for all His people. During this season of Lent our mother Church invites us to share deeply in the passion of Christ, in the cross of Christ, so that we might share even more deeply the glory of the resurrection – both here and here-after.



- If you are looking for an example in charity; look at Christ upon the Cross.
- If you are looking for an example in patience; look at Christ upon the cross.
- If you are looking for an example in humility; contemplate Christ upon the cross.
- If you are looking for an example in detachment; look at Christ upon the cross.
- Are you looking for an example in obedience?

From the cross Christ teaches us what is genuine value and what is false, what is really good and what is outright evil, what a monstrous thing sin is in the sight of our loving God and what path leads to eternal life. You are invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross to journey with Jesus through quiet moments of music, prayer, thoughtful meditation and silent reflection.

Friday 7.30pm at St John Vianney's Church.

RCIA



Last weekend our RCIA Catechumens and Candidates (Kim, Ngoc, Anthony, Andy, Tony, Ashton, Chrispher, Luke and Adam) attended the Rite of Election at the Cathedral. From all reports it was a very solemn and beautiful ceremony. As they receive the Creed this weekend, may their faith increase and the love of Jesus bring many blessings to them and their families.

THANK YOU COMMUNION TO THE SICK MINISTERS

It is a wonderful privilege to offer the Body and Blood of Christ to his people! Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest with the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass and take Communion to the sick. During week days a number of Communion Ministers take communion to the sick or frail elderly parishioners. These men and women greatly appreciate being able to pray and receive communion in their homes and nursing homes in a reverent and intimate way. Not only is the minister providing this most precious Sacrament but also is maintaining an ongoing connection to the parish community for those no longer able to physically participate in Parish activities. Receiving communion at home is an enormous comfort at this stage of their lives. I sincerely thank you for your willingness to serve our parish community as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist particularly taking communion to the sick. May God bless you and your ministry.



Fr David Francis OMI

THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount - \$3,091.73

First Collection - \$1,626.50

Second Collection - \$1,931.00

(envelopes & credit cards)



CUPPA & CHAT AFTER MASS

We will have a cuppa and chat on Saturday 11 March after the 6pm Mass. Come along and meet other parishioners and Father.

Cuppa organiser - Vanessa Rodrigues.



SJV GARDEN CLUB

Monthly meeting on 6 March at 9.35am. Guest speaker Terry Nisbet speaking on irises. **ALL WELCOME.**

Don't forget our HIGH TEA coming up on 30 April.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COME AND SEE US IN ACTION

St John Vianney's invites prospective families for 2024 enrolment to come and see our school in action.

Our Open Day tours are 9:15am & 10:15am

Wednesday 8 March, Tuesday 21 March, Friday 31 March, Wednesday 3 May & Thursday 11 May.

Applications close on Monday 15 May.

Should these dates or times not suit, please contact the school office on 8543 4444

Email: admin@sjvmulgrave.catholic.edu.au

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



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

Iris Barber (5yr)

Thelma La'Rive (4yr)

John Marc Alleaume (4yr)

Giovanni Sarro (15yr)

Benedetto Pellgrino (2yr)

RECENTLY DECEASED

FUNERALS

Tuesday 7 March at 11am - Anna Stanyer

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 6 March 2023

Monday	9.00am - Paul Family (R.I.P.)
Tuesday	9.00am - Rich Family
Wednesday	9.00am - Iris Barber (R.I.P.)
Wednesday	7.30pm - Harry & Gladys D'Rozario (R.I.P.)
Thursday	9.00am - Thelma La'Rive (R.I.P.)
Friday	9.00am - Vocations
Saturday	9.30am - Gerard O'Sughrue (R.I.P.) John Marc Alleaume (R.I.P.)
	6.00pm - Joe Pavia (R.I.P.)
Sunday	8.30am - Giovanni & Elena Sarro (R.I.P.)
	10.00am - Benedetto Pellegrino (R.I.P.)
	5.30pm - For all Parishioners

CHURCH CLEANING

Monday 6 March: Team C - Judy Gonslaves, Valerie & Tyrone Lorenz-Daniel & Debbie Zevgaras.

Saturday 11 March: Team E - Margaret Tate.

COUNTING TEAMS

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



BINGO THURSDAY AT 7.30PM FRIDAY AT 11.45AM

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

CANTEEN: Joan Huybens & Annalene Carron-Steer.

Friday 10 March: Team D
Julie Carr, Colin Rodrigues, Cyril Florent & Swarna Neville.

CANTEEN: Margaret Lambie & Julie Kim.

PLEASE NOTE

No Mass on Monday 13 March at 9.00am.
No Novena on Wednesday 15 March at 7.00pm
No Mass on Wednesday 15 March at 7.30pm
No Devotion on Thursday 16 March at 9.30am
No Stations of the Cross on Friday 17 March at 7.00pm
as the Oblates will be at Formation that week.

ALL MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Readers/Commentators, Ministers of Holy Communion, Projectionists, Sacristans & Altar Servers, when you are rostered on, please arrive for Mass 10 minutes before Mass begins and tick your name off the list in the foyer. Please wait in the foyer to process with the priest at the beginning of Mass.



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 March 10am-12pm

Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong

A gold coin donation is welcome. Contact Jo/Tayla on 9791 8664 or email theopendoor@ssjg.org.au for more info or to book in.



LENTEN PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 11 MARCH

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 by Fr Harry Dyer OMI 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

First Reconciliation

Preparation Date: Tuesday 21 March at 6:30pm

Sacrament Date: Saturday 25 March at 11am

Sacrament of Confirmation

Information Day - Wednesday 22 March at 9.30am or 6.00pm in the church. Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 children or if you missed out in previous years. Enrolments will be open on 22 March 2023 at the information day.

Enrolments close on Friday 14 April 2023.

Sunday 18 June at 2:30pm

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are looking for volunteers for the following areas:-

- Web designer to design a website for the parish.
- Someone to sew altar cloths & other liturgical cloths.

Contact the parish office if you can help with the above.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EASTER CEREMONIES

We require volunteers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter ceremonies. Please put your name down on the sheets provided in the foyer.

We also require **palm branches on Friday 31 March** from a palm tree for Palm Sunday.

Please contact the office if you have any palm branches.



MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER BOOK & PLANT SALE

Invites you to their book and plant sale on Saturday 18 March from 9am - 2pm. Address: 154 Cotham Road, Kew. For more information please telephone 9817 3715.



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: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ!

Readings for next week: Year A

Exodus 17: 3-7
Psalm 94
Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
John 4: 5-42



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.

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

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Retail Shop Assistant – St Patricks Cathedral Shop

Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton

Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbena

Parish Secretary – Parishes of Frankston

Pastoral Worker – St Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East

Funeral Coordinator – Holy Trinity Parish, Bentleigh East

Further details at

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

ARMENIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE CARNIVAL

The Armenian Community invites you to their Carnival on Sunday 12 March from 11am until 4pm. Entry \$5, under 3 free. Address: 8-14 Police Road, Mulgrave.



"Where there is truth, there is also light, but don't confuse light with the flash."

Pope Francis

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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