REPORTS 22nd OCTOBER 2026

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Noelle Sullivan.

Christ Our Holy Redeemer Church, East Oakleigh

There was a Novena to Our Lady of Good Health Vailankani held at Sacred Heart Church in preparation for the Feast Day which was on 8 th Sept. Mass was celebrated on 8 th Sept at 6.30 pm. and was very well attended.
A Mass for Our Lady of Grottaferrata was celebrated at Christ Our Holy Redeemer Church on 12 th Sept at 3 pm. This mass was also very well attended, but mainly by our Italian parishioners.
Oakleigh Parish will be conducting the Melbourne Archdiocese Census throughout November 2026. The purpose of this census is to update our current parishioner database and to encourage new parishioners to register their details with the Parish.
Fr Raju is on holiday in India to visit his family for 3 weeks. He will be back on 27 th October 2026. We have a visiting priest, Fr Arun who is presently studying in Melbourne, saying our weekend masses at both parishes.
A reminder that Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School is having their fete on Friday 20 th November 2026 from 4 pm to 8.30 pm. All are invited to attend.
The Melbourne Synod 2026 will be held across the weekend of

4 th to 6 th December 2026. Further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.
Joanna D'Souza

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH REPORT FOR MONASH INTERCHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - OCTOBER 2026.

We must begin by talking about the fete which was held last Saturday, the 17 October. The weather was perfect , the stalls were stocked, the blossom tree on the Bogong Ave., side of the church looked beautiful and the crowds attended. We raised just short of $26,000 which was fabulous. This money will be divided between the following outreach projects- 1) Fiji Faith in Action (Uniting World)- supporting Fijian communities to be prepared with trauma counselling and emergency supplies, 2) GWUC WELFARE, 3) Youth Outreach - Backpacks for Victorian Kids, 4) Youth weekend Grief Program (Wombat's Wish)- for young people who have experienced death of a parent, 5) swimming lessons for disadvantaged children-Mount View Primary School. We were thrilled with the result. The Book Fair will be held on Saturday 27 February. 2027.

Our activities and services are going well. We have two services every Sunday -a traditional service at 10am, a less formal worship session at 5.30pm (FEAST-Friends Eating and Sharing Together) and Indonesian Fellowship, at 1pm, on the last Sunday in every month. We are also providing Chinese translations of the 10am services, every week and these can be accessed via a CODE, in the bulletin and on a board near the stewards' table. We have a number of people who watch our live-streamed services regularly. Two weeks ago, members of the congregation met together to discuss "Our Future Together" - papers prepared by Church Council and the Ministry Team. There was also a zoom meeting held the following week for people who couldn't attend the discussions. These discussions will continue. during October, November and December.

Rev. Ian is conducting another series of Bible Studies in October/November. The theme is "What does the Bible Say" and the group will be looking at how we read Scripture faithfully into issues the biblical writers never anticipated.The sessions begin at 6.30pm with a shared meal. Dates will be 22/10, 19/11, 26/11 and 3/12. (Thursday evenings.)

Rev. Chris organised a children's holiday program in the second week of the last school holidays. The theme was "Movies" . It is good to see many families from the community continuing to support the holiday programs.

The Seniors' Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 29 October from 10am-12pm, in the foyer and fellowship area. ALL ARE WELCOME. Money raised will be sent to MND Victoria.

Next Sunday, the 25 October, the Manado University Choir from North Sulawesi , Indonesia will be presenting a concert at 2pm at GWUC. It is not necessary to book. Entry is by a $20 donation at the door. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Our English Conversation Classes are going very well. but numbers are lower at the moment as some students are travelling.

Best wishes John Hurst and Jan Clear.

St. Justin & Good Shepherd Catholic Parishes Report 22/10/2026 Sunday 13 th The St Justin Youth group ran a Father's Day Grill & Gather. A great success.

Sunday 20 th St Justin's & Good Shepherd starts Children Mass, reading, singing celebrating together

Every 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday Mother's prayer group meet.

Fr Andrew goes on annual leave to South America, visiting friend prist who were in the seminary with

him 20 years ago.

October 2026

Friday 2 nd 6-8pm Bingo night St Justin's & Good Shepherd.

Every Saturday in October @ 6.00 pm St Justin will recite the Rosary Devotion before the 6.30pm Mass.

Sunday 11 th St Justin's & Good Shepherd Parishes farewelled Fr Jea-Sebastien Gery to start his pastoral

appointment to Good Shepherd at Gladstone Park. Fr Jean Sebastien has been a very popular priest to
both communities. More than 150 Parishioners joined in the celebration.
Tuesday 13 th October Good Shepherd Mothers Group Organized the Australia Needs Fatima Procession at 5.30 pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm.
Fr Andrew rushes back due to the appointment of Fr. John Sebastian to his own Church.
Preparations are finalized for the Fair on the Hill at St Justin on Saturday the 7 th of November 11-4pm.
On Saturday 24 th of October at 11.00 am. A seminar on Mental Health will be held for both parishes for
about 1.5 hours. The Session will be led by 2 qualified Psychologists and social workers with Fr. Andrew.
Joseph Persico

St Luke's Report

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ST STEPHEN & ST MARY'S REPORT

We have just hosted the annual MICC Hymn Singing. Thanks to all who attended. The 30 members of the Choir of the Cedar Church who use our facilities every Sunday sang two hymns in their language at the start of the program.
A very successful high morning Tea was held on 12 September raising $5,000 for the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza .
We held a Joint service on the Feast of St Francis of Asissi .

A confirmation Service in early October was held with Bp Kate Prowd presiding. Many years ago she was one of our Assistant Curates, and among the first women to be ordained in Australia.
We have had a Retiring collection for the flood victims in Myanmar and the Earthquake victims in Nepal
Our Mothers' Union organised a collection of new Christmas cards for women prisoners so they could send them to family and friends.
The Meditation Group, Taize group, Mens Breakfast, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Pub Dinner at The Nott and various other 'smaller' groups continue to meet on a regular basis.
The Parish AGM and lunch will follow the Service of The Reign of Christ on 22 November.

Marg Taylor

MICC FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 19TH OCTOBER 2026

	Amt $	Amt $
BANK BALANCE AS AT 25/08/26		2,861.19
INCOME		
TOTAL INCOME		0.00
Less : EXPENDITURE		
Victorian Council of Churches-Affialiate Membership	100.00	
Margery Kenneth - Pastoral Lunch for Clergy	48.50	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		148.50
BANK BALANCE AS AT 19/10/26		2,712.69

Report of activities from the Christian Science community in Mount Waverley

October 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

We have had three special gatherings of our whole church and Sunday School communities over recent weeks. Their purpose has been to honour students who have reached the age of 20 and are now graduating from our Sunday School and being welcomed into the church community.

We feel that it is very special that these young adults have valued the opportunity to attend Sunday School for most of their lives and have kept turning up, even as teenagers and university students, mostly on a weekly basis. For them it has been an opportunity to study the Scriptures deeply and learn of their relevance for their lives. They have also studied the key text of our faith, “Science & Health, with Key to the Scriptures” by the founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy. It has been an opportunity for them to bring their own issues and challenges to share with their dedicated Sunday School teachers and learn how to pray effectively for themselves and for the world.

A TALK ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

A couple of times a year, we invite internationally appointed speakers to give a talk on Christian Science. We have one such inspirational talk coming up next month, to be given by Bill Warrick CS. It will be held in our church edifice at 256 Stephensons Road, Mount Waverley on Sunday 22nd November from 2-3pm. You're invited to come and learn a little more about us. We'd love to welcome you.

Heather Safstrom

Swedenborg Community Church Thursday 22 October 2026

Our regular services and meetings continue, a mix of face to face and online events, although typically only our Sunday services attract an in person congregation.

On Monday 7 September, we held a memorial service for **Mrs Rose Robinson**, who has been a member of our congregation for 60 years or more.

It was a pleasure to welcome our national **Council of Ministers** to Melbourne, our meetings being held here from 15 to 17 September. I enjoyed introducing them to our new premises in Clayton for the first time, and we drove past the old church on High Street Road, noting it is now being used as a gym!

Our second YouTube channel, ***Our Third Place***, has recently had a video reach 41,000 views, followed by another which achieved 20,000 views. This all gets a bit overwhelming, when you're faced with over 500 comments!

In recent months, we have also begun a new channel, ***Multicultural Melbourne***, in response to media noise around a certain politician's address to the National Press Club. We aim to showcase the richness of our multicultural city, and the contribution of migrants to our society as a whole. Conversations are published in short episodes (up to 15 minutes each), and I'm keen to interview anyone who either has a contribution to offer, or appreciates the variety found in Melbourne. You can find us here: https://www.youtube.com/@MulticulturalMelbourne

Rev David Moffat

Swedenborg Community Victoria