



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Feast of the Holy Family Sunday December 31 2017 — Year B

Every family is holy

Family roots go deep: the first lessons of love and trust,
The first experiences of belonging, of acceptance and joy were in the family.

In quarrels and in misunderstandings of the family,
we learn to forgive and be reconciled,
and we know that it is a place we can always return to.

Family gives us a place in the family of peoples,
and family makes a small corner of the world a home.

Jesus grew up as we all grow,
in the family and love of Mary and Joseph.
In the family he learned to love and allowed himself be loved.
And his family watched in love as he endured the struggles of life,
and his mother was with him to the end.

Family is never perfect; whether two-parent, one parent,
whether there are divorces or separations,
we live within the love and weakness of a family,
within all the human fragility of relationships,
and it is there we grow as people, like branches from the root of a tree,
like the shoots and petals on a flower, like the fruit and food from the earth.

We are created in the image of the family of God,
Father, Son and Spirit;
we watch as Jesus, Son of God, Son of Mary, grew to maturity in his extended family;
and each family, like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, from the Grace of God
and within the love which founds the family, is a holy family.

"St John's Parish community, committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards"

Parish Information



Normal Weekend Mass Times at St. John's

Saturday Vigil, 6pm, then 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Pastoral Associate:

Maree O'Keefe (Tuesday-Friday Sunday am)

Pastoral Care:

Monika Bredhauer—Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry

Parish Office—Coordination of Communion to the Sick

Schools

St John's School, 494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 9874 1575

Principal: Mrs Jacqui Marshall

St. James School, 51 Centre Road, Vermont, 9874 1830

Acting Principal: Mrs Carmel Foster

Parish Office

Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Ph: 98731341

Parish Secretaries:

Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday & Friday)

Elisa Kelesidis (Tuesday-Friday)

RE for Government Schools:

Andrew Puls—0407 352 706

Services: St Vincent de Paul Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood 9870 9124

The House of Books (house next door to the Church) 9874 2389

- St Vincent de Paul Furniture Pick-Ups 1800 621 349

- St Vincent de Paul Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330

Faith Formation, Social & Others

Please check Newsletter for times of weekday Masses throughout January.

Weekday Masses this week— St John's

Monday	Church closed
Tuesday	Church closed
Wednesday	Church closed
Thursday	Church closed
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	No 9am Morning Prayer and Communion Service till 3 Feb 2018
	9.30am Reconciliation

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Rob Steward, John Gregg, Anne Meade** and for all those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially, **Steve Vidic, Paterno Cada**



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

"A day without laughter is a day wasted."

Charlie Chaplin



Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas & New Year period and will **open Friday January 5th and 12th** on reduced hours from 9am-1pm. The Parish Office will resume normal working hours from **Tuesday 16th January 2018 9am-4pm.**



HOUSE OF BOOKS
WILL CLOSE ON
THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2017
AND WILL RE-OPEN
MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2018
at 10am

Jan 6 & 7	St Johns 6.00pm	St John's 8.30am	St. John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St. John's 5.00pm	St. James 9.30am
C'Tator	Youth Group	J Magree	R Horner	P Spencer	S Solomons	
Lector	J Dinh	M McMahan	D Vecci	A Menon	A&F Puls	P Stewart
Eucharist	C Irvin	B O'Reily	G Gill	C Bantawig	B Belot	L Cairnduff
	K McClure	M Gartland	A Anthony	J Bantawig	D Lim	T McLaughlin
	Y Martin	J Adamson	J White	A Wilson		
		R Elliott		B Bartling		
Laptop	N Bredhauer	F McKenna	T Rowland	J Bantawig	R Doyle	
Children's Liturgy	Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2018					

