



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Feast of the Holy Family Sunday 30 December 2018 — Year C

Roots and wings

There's the old saying about the family -
families give us roots and wings,
a place of departure
and a place of return.

And it was like that for Jesus,
Mary and Joseph.

In the temple
Jesus realized that his family was bigger
than his home and extended family;
that his responsibility was not just
to his family, but to God.

Isn't it like that for all of us?
Children move from being totally dependent
to finding their own way through life,
with new relationships,
growing old enough
eventually to make their own decisions
and moving out to form their own families;
searching from within the faith handed on to them
to find a faith that is their own.

We need to look to our roots in different ways
at different ages and challenges in life.

Our wings, woven in the family,
take us to new space of life;
and our roots will always nourish us—
the roots of home and the people of home,
as fresh to us as the newly-ironed shirt,
as warm as the home-baked food,
as deep as the soil of the land of home.

Jesus found those roots again,
as he returned home
to Mary and Joseph,
and there grew in wisdom and stature
and in favour with God and people.

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

"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)

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle 0423 065 825

Bereavement Ministry:

Monika Bredhauer

Schools

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

Principal: Mrs Jacqui Marshall

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

Principal: Mr Dave Mutimer

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

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

- 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	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	Church closed
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	No 9am Morning Prayer and Communion Service till Feb 2019

No Reconciliation

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Saoirse Josephine Prunty.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for all those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially, **Robert Trevisan, Paterno Cada, Leonard Buckle, John McLean.**

Christian Meditation—Our next gathering will be on **Monday evening, 14th January at 7.30pm.** Join our dedicated group of meditating parishioners in the conducive quiet of the **parish meeting room.** We plan to increase the frequency of our gatherings, from monthly to fortnightly. You are most welcome to join us. Consistent meditation is known to help with everything from raised blood pressure to depression; even practiced occasionally, it helps calm our busy minds. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you must try this. All are welcome. Free of charge. The parish meeting room is entered from the rear of the parish centre. All enquiries: **Chris Ryan 9874 5940.**



Holiday Hours

The **Parish Office** will be **closed** over the **Christmas and New Year** period and will **open on Friday 4 January & 11 January** on reduced hours from **9am-1pm.** The **Parish Office** will **resume normal working hours** from **Tuesday 15 January 2019, 9am-4pm.**

Inspiration for the coming week from the **Compassion and Friendship Group**

Dear Lord, Please help me to welcome you more into my life every day of the coming New Year.

Jan 5/6

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

J Kaithavelil

J Magree

R Horner

P Spencer

S Solomons

Lector

J Din

M McMahan

D Vecci

A Menon

A&F Puls

W Gregg

Eucharist

C Irvin

B O'Reilly

G Gill

C Bantawig

B Belot

K Verbene

K McClure

R Bohmer

L Iacobucci

J Bantawig

D Lim

T McLaughlin

Y Martin

B Mills

J White

A Wilson

A Nally

R Elliott

B Bartling

Laptop

N Bredhauer

F McKenna

T Rowland

J Bantawig

R Doyle

Welcome Desk

K May

H Thomas

A Wallis

S Box

D O'Farrell

No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays

