



St. John's Parish Mitcham

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132

(Postal: P.O. Box 95, Mitcham 3132)

Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

Website: www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Phone: 03 9873 1341

Fax No. 03 9872 4316



Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Sunday January 1st 2017—Year A

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: The solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

Jan 7/8	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 David	K Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	T Black	M Greenwood	
Lector	P Richards	J Adamson	V Burnie	C Black	M Day	N Thurbon
Eucharist	P Bateman	T Foster	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	N Winter
	C Pearson	J Foster	D Tew	N Flores	P Wallace	T McLaughlin
	M Perkins		D Matchado	P Halabut	S Solomons	
Laptop	S Tapely	F Foley	N Santamaria	B Family	S Chan	
Welcome	C Nicolas	B Francis	M Davison	A Monks		
Children's Liturgy	Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2017					



Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times at St. John's

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

Parish Priest

Fr Mark Reynolds

Pastoral Associate:

Maree O'Keefe (Tuesday-Friday Sunday am)

Pastoral Care:

Monika Bredhauer—Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry

Kevin Hay—Coordination of Communion to the Sick

Sr Margaret Richmond—Visitation

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 Andrew Mullaly

Visiting Priests

Fr John Van Suylen

Parish Office

Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Ph: 98731341

Parish Secretaries:

Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday)

Elisa Kelesidis (Wednesday-Friday)

Finance Office (Tue only)

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 **10am Mass**

Thursday Church closed

Friday **10am Mass**

Saturday No 9am Morning Prayer and Communion Service

No Reconciliation

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Cecilia Hennessy** (mother of Bernadette Mills & Leo Hennessy), **Kevin Dunne, John McLean** and for all those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially, **William Fitzpatrick, George Urquhart.**



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

In 2017 do anything, but let it produce joy.



The Parish Office will be open this **Friday 6th January 2017** from **9am—1pm.**

St Vincent de Paul - Thankyou

On behalf of the Mitcham Conference I would like to thank all parishioners for their generous response to the Christmas Appeal and also for the presents and food items that have been donated for the Christmas Hampers. With your generosity we have been able to provide 80 Christmas Hampers to the people we support.
Glyn McIntosh

Welcome to our parish. Please make yourself known at the **Welcome Desk** in the **Narthex** and collect your *Information Package* which we hope will be of value to you.



Religious Education Classes for Children attending non-Catholic schools

Are you interested in your child learning about the Catholic faith?

Then join us at **ST JOHN'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL**, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham on **WEDNESDAY** afternoons during school terms **4.15-5.15pm** **Enrolments are now open for 2017.** We offer a 4 year program for children from Year 2-6 who would like to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church. Please note that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is celebrated in the third year of the program. Contact **Parish Office** on **9873 1341** for an enrolment form.



Congratulations to Michael Augustine on being awarded Vice Captain of Aquinas College for 2017

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAIN