



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Feast of the Epiphany Sunday January 8th 2017—Year A

Where is the infant king of the Jews?

There are many key images in today's Gospel that have their background in the Scriptures. Bethlehem is the small village in which David, the great king of Israel was born. For this reason Matthew quotes the prophet Micah who speaks of a new leader, a shepherd like David to be born in Bethlehem. The images of the star and Magi look back to the time of Moses when a seer (Magus) from the eastern region of Moab proclaimed, 'I see him but not now; I behold him but not near; a star shall come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out Israel' (Numbers 24:17). By use of these images Matthew continues to show the links between his new Christian community and the more ancient religion of Israel. Like much of the Gospel narrative, we read these stories seeking their theology rather than history.

The Gospel contrasts wisdom and power. The Magi from the east are called wise and they come searching for Jesus in order to offer homage. It takes wisdom to acknowledge the truth of who we are before the mystery of God's ways. In humility they kneel before a child, seeing here a sign of God's presence. Herod acts with power. He commands and expects obedience. He is the King in Judea and will not tolerate another 'king of Jews'. Even the words of the Magi and the prophecies from the Scriptures fail to change his grasp on power. Herod's hands cling to his rule while the hands of the Magi open with gifts for the child.

Sundays under the Southern Cross—Mary Coloe PBVM

Jan 14 / 15	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	L D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	
Lector	L Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosch	B Jordan	A Rouse
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	M Gartland
	M Pinto	J Franklin	T A Foster	C Brindle	S Patridge	J Matarazzo
	Y Martin		C Boyd	L Iacobucci	M Campbell	
Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy family	A Jordan	
Welcome	J David	J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan	
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

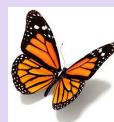
We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for all those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially,

Joanne Daly, Lorraine Sedunary, Marjorie Healy, Clive McCorkell, Ron O'Donnell, Nell & Bill Mears, Denzil Dias, Leslie Mendis, Jack Darmody.



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.



The Parish Office will be open this **Friday 13th January 2017** from **9am—1pm.**

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.



PLAZA CINEMA GROUP

Thursday 19 January at 7.30pm

"Tootsie"

One of the finest and most delightful modern comedies from American cinema about an obnoxious out-of-work actor (Dustin Hoffman) who lands a job as a woman in a soapie! Multi-Oscar-winner with superb acting from its fine cast including Jessica Lange, Teri Garr and Sydney Pollock.

Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings 3 month

Membership: \$15 Visitors

welcome. Membership enquiries: Barbara 9873 3508



The House of Books will re-open on Monday 30 January 2017 at 10am.