



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday January 15th 2017—Year A

Look! There is the Lamb of God

This Sunday, we turn from Matthew's portrait to the Gospel of John and see through John's 'lens', the testimony of John the Baptist regarding the strange incident of Jesus' baptism.

According to the Fourth Gospel, Jesus' first disciples were at first disciples of John the Baptist, the scholars suggest that there may have even been confusion in the community about who was the more important, Jesus or John. The Gospel very clearly points out that Jesus is the more important figure. John baptizes with water but he proclaims that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Considering John and Jesus leads me to think about the importance our world places on competition and being the best. If we get trapped into this framework we end up measuring ourselves against others, as if they provide the standard. The Gospel presents a different way of measuring our worth, in terms of God's calling to us in the gifts we have received that lead us to take certain directions. John's integrity lies within, and in knowing his role in life, which was to bear witness to Jesus, not to take over Jesus' role. My ultimate peace and happiness lies in living **my** life, not the life of someone else; not 'keeping up with the Joneses', but keeping true to the life God has given me.

This can sound easy, but it takes a lifetime of seeking self and seeking God, rather than seeking the world. The 'sin of the world' can take many guises, most of them terribly attractive. The integrity of a person like John invites me yet again to see what I am truly seeking.

Sundays under the Southern Cross Mary Coloe PBVM

Jan 21 / 22	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	M & N Bredhauer	J Magree	A Crowe	G Lewis	M Lambert	
Lector	A Livy	E George	B Mills	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	N Vernal
Eucharist	M Livy	M Lamb	L Sissins	A Glenn	K Placido	R McIntosh
	E Booth	J Santamaria	K Hay	S Catacutan	C Kook	G Gartland
	R McIntosh	R Jess	A White	S Edwards	J Rhynehart	
			M Battagello			
Laptop	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert	
Welcome	M Ayling	J//B Houlihan	K Hay	V Keys		
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	Funeral Mass 12 noon
Wednesday	No 10am Mass
Thursday	Church closed
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	No 9am Morning Prayer and Communion Service
	No Reconciliation



The Parish Office will be open from **Tuesday 17 January—Thursday 19th January from 9am—4pm.**

And **Friday January 20 9am—12noon.** The office will be closed in the afternoon.



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

Apologies for scaffolding which prevents access from car park to the Church—the school roof is being replaced! Access is either the long way round via Elizabeth Street or through old Tennis Courts and down side path.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

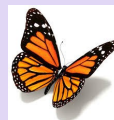
We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Celeste Adele Phillips, Finn Graham Gillfeather.**

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Gwen Shanahan, June Miller, Jane Bastalec** and for all those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially, **Elizabeth Stephens, Thomas Bowen, John Jansen, Bernadette Jadhav, Angela Rosa Talia., Remedios Estrada, Lily Tagle, Steffi Vonic, Steve Vidic.**



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

*There are 3 solutions to every problem,
Accept it, Change it, Leave it.
If you can't accept it, change it.
If you can't change it, leave it.*



PILATES CLASSES—FREE TRIAL

Do you want to improve posture and core strength? Relieve back pain or need injury rehabilitation or just improve your general health and fitness? Then come and try a Pilates class today. Classes start Monday 30 January in the Coghlan Centre. Classes are school term only and are \$15 /session. Monday: 5.30pm (new class), 6.45pm and 8pm
Wednesday: 7pm
Please contact Peta Marriner for further information. Phone: 0419 028 769 or email: petamarriner@gmail.com

OLDER ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

Looking to improve balance and co-ordination and increase your strength and flexibility? Suitable for all fitness levels over 60. Very friendly and relaxed environment. Classes start Thursday 2 February at 9.30am in the Coghlan Centre. Please contact Peta Marriner on 0419 028 769 or email: petamarriner@gmail.com \$10/session or \$8 if paying by term.

