



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 25th 2017 —Year A

No love wanted

Love is like a bridge between heaven and earth.

*When we try to love,
to care for another,
to look out for another in trouble,
to rear and raise a family in love,
then we are in the environment of God.*

*When God looks on a life,
He sees the field sown with love.
He sees that we dug and planted,
we watered and we fertilized our land,
we tended our field of love as best we could.*

*Hasn't many a parent spent years of effort in love,
and not been as successful as he or she wanted?
Hasn't many a teacher cared for generations of children,
and wonders what has been the fruit?*

*Husbands, wives, parents, grandparents,
lives lived in the effort to love;
friendship, community, caring professions,
efforts to love, to care, to grow.*

*Not always successful.
Selfishness enters the field of love—
we need to be loved ourselves,
or we can't keep the effort going.*

*God sees the effort,
like he has counted the hairs of our heads,
like he sees his Son in bread and wine.*

*What's spent and offered in love
is never wasted
in the circle of love
which is God.*

*On the bridge between heaven and earth,
the bridge of love,
no effort is lost
No kindness unnoticed
no love wasted.*

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times at St. John's

Saturday Vigil, 6pm, then 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm 9.30am St James Vermont

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

Parish Office

Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Ph: **98731341**

Parish Secretaries:

Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday & Friday)

Elisa Kelesidis (Tuesday—Friday)

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

RE for Government Schools:

Andrew Puls 0407 352 706

Services: St Vincent de Paul Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood **9870 9124** - **St Vincent de Paul Furniture Pick-Ups 1800 621 349**

The House of Books (house next door to the Church) **9874 2389** - **St Vincent de Paul Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330**

Scripture Readings for week

Mon:	Genesis 12:1-9	Matthew 7:1-5
Tue	Genesis 13:2 5-18	Matthew 7:6 12-14
Wed:	Genesis 15:1-12 17-18	Matthew 7:15-20
Thur:	Acts 12:1-11	Matthew 16:13-19
Fri:	Genesis 17:1 9-10 15-22	Matthew 8:1-4
Sat:	Genesis 18:1-15	Matthew 8:5-17
Sun:	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	2 Kings 4:8-11 14-16	
	Romans 6:3-4 8-11	Matthew 10:37-42

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Jack Geileskey McMahan-Rodgers, Ruby Estelle King, Mason James Park.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Gail Robertson** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Cyril Page, Vivienne Butler, Irene Heywood, Nick Montagnese, Frank Montagnese, Patrick D'Arcy, Jean Dillon.**

St. John's Memorial Garden

Plaques for this pastoral project may be ordered at any time for any deceased person who either was a parishioner at St John's or who was buried from St John's Church. The forms are in the Newsstands. **These forms now include the Interment of Ashes at St. John's.** The completed forms can be handed into the Parish Office. **Enquiries: Maureen 9894 3288.**



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass 11.30am Funeral Mass for Gail Robertson
Thursday	9.15am Mass SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

Travelling Rosary —will be held at the home of Beryl & Fernando from Sunday 25 June to Friday 30 June, 9874 2410.

Enquiries Helen 9874 7024



July 1 & 2	St John's 6pm	St John's 8.30am	St. John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St John's 5pm	St James 9.30am
C'Tator	Youth Group	J Magree	R Horner	P Spencer	S Solomons	
Lector	J Dinh	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A/F Puls	L McCarthy
Eucharist	C Irvin	B O'Reilly	G Gill	A Wilson	B Belot	J Matarazzo
	K McClure	M Gartland	A Anthony	C Bantawig	D Lim	T McLaughlin
	Y Martin	J Adamson	J White	J Bantawig		
			R Elliott	B Bartling		

No Childrens Liturgy due to School Holidays

Laptop	N Bredhauer	F McKenna	B Ward	E Hangan	R Doyle
Welcome Desk	M Rasmussen	H Thomas	A Wallis	S Box	D O'Farrell



Catholic Social Teaching—What Can I Do About it here and now?

END OF LIFE CHOICES

Voluntary Euthanasia Assist Suicide in Victoria—Professors Peter Singer & Margaret Somerville

World renown bioethicists Professors Peter Singer and Margaret Somerville are set to debate voluntary euthanasia and assisted suicide next Thursday.

This debate will provide a unique insight into how these issues may affect Victoria, and help us better understand and prepare our response to this legislation.

End of Life Choices: Voluntary Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide in Victoria
Thursday 29 June 2017 at 4.45pm—7.45pm
174 Collins Street, Melbourne Baptist Church - free entry
Enquires: Meg Nelson University of Divinity and Communications Manager
mnelson@divinity.edu.au 9853 3177

21 June marks ten years of NT INTERVENTION

“10 years since the Federal Government Intervention and everyone needs to remember that we experience the failings of that intervention of that invasion every day.”

Yngiya Mark Guylua MLA, Independent member of Nhulunbuy and Elder and spokesperson of the Yolngu Nations Assembly from his recent Open Letter to the Northern Territory Government: Genuine outcomes for Yolngu communities. All welcome to attend this important forum on 29 June. See Newstands for flyers & further information. Note need to RSVP by 26 June.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS

We have 82 young people from our parish community preparing to be welcomed further into the life of our Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation on July 28th & 29th, so we are inviting you , the initiating community to once again sign up to be a 'Prayer Sponsor' for one of these candidates.

Please sign the sheets in the Narthex with your name, address and phone number (in clear print) and we will be in touch with you.

WE STILL NEED 9 MORE PARISHIONERS TO SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND PLEASE.

Many thanks for your support. Maree

The July / August Laptop Roster has been emailed could you please check your emails. Thank you

TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you are a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and/or housebound or are wanting to be part of this ministry an invitation is extended to come along to a morning of training with Fr Dispin on Saturday 1 July 2017 at 10am at St John's Church followed by morning tea. It will be an opportunity to understand the importance of this ministry and the way it changes peoples lives. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please let the parish office know if you are intending on coming by Wednesday 28 June. Thank you

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This Sunday we will be having the Annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. There will be a leaving collection at all Masses. Donation envelopes will also be available at the church doorways for those who wish to receive a receipt or donate via a credit card. It would be appreciated if these could be returned to the church via the Collections, handed in at the Parish Office or posted to the St Vincent de Paul Society address as shown on the envelopes.

In the last financial year in Victoria alone, St Vincent de Paul Society members provided over \$11.6 million in assistance. This is \$1 million more than the previous year. As you can see the need is growing and we would greatly appreciate your assistance with raising funds to enable us to continue our good works.

We are also grateful for your previous support of our appeals, and I would like to express our sincere gratitude on behalf of those we assist. This is an essential lifeline to people experiencing poverty and difficulty in our local communities.

At Home With God – Winter is a Time for Going Inside

An invitation to experience a Retreat in Daily Life!

Continue your normal, everyday activities, spending a little time each day reflecting on what's happening in your life and how God might be present with you. Come to the Heart of Life Spirituality Centre to share with a spiritual companion on five Mondays 1.15pm – 2.15pm, beginning Monday 24 July 2017.

Please phone Heart of Life (9890 1101) by 17 July to register, or leave a message stating your name and phone number; alternatively email holsc@bigpond.com.

Cost: a donation to Heart of Life at your discretion.

Heart of life Spirituality Centre, 96 Albion Road Box Hill

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Let's share God's love with others so that a new hope may spring in everyone.

Pope Francis



Social & Other



Congratulations to Patricia Malowney, daughter of Josie and Don Haggarty who has received the O.A.M. for her services as an advocate for people with disabilities. Patricia is a past student at St John's.



**EMMAUS COLLEGE
OPEN DAY**
Vermont South Campus

THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2017
1.30pm—6.30pm
For tour bookings or more information visit
www.emmaus.vic.edu.au

JUST RELEASED! ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FOR BALI!

Are you planning a trip to Bali in the next 12 months? If so, then make sure you buy the Entertainment Book for BALI! For only \$40 you will have access to hundreds of vouchers—up to 50% off and 2 for 1—in Nusa Dua, Seminyak, Legian, Kuta, Ubud, Conggu and more.

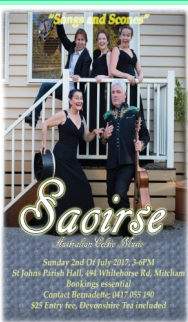
To purchase or view the book visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/184925h> and click on the BALI tab. Purchase a digital version and you will always have it with you on your smartphone!

The **Autism Family Support Association (AFSA)** is holding a Forum for family members of those with ASD on **Tuesday 25 July** at the **Whitehorse Centre Nunawading, Willis Room, at 10am-2.30pm**. To register via the TRYBOOKING online service www.trybooking.com/286098. **Cost: \$10 for AFSA members and \$20 for non members** plus a 30 cent booking fee. **Registrations close Wednesday 19 July**. Further queries email secretary@afsconnect.org.au or visit www.afsconnect.org.au. See flyers in newsstands.



COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our next gathering will be **Monday 26 June** in the Lyon Room at 10.30am. We would love you to join us for a craft activity please call **Monika on 0438 220 361** if you have any questions.



Come join **Premiere Irish band Saoirse** for an afternoon of songs and scones (and a few jigs for good measure) on **Sunday 2nd July** from 3 -6pm.

Bookings essential.
Contact Bernadette on 0417 055 190
\$25 entry free with a Devonshire tea included.

Refer to the flyer in Narthex/newsstands or What's On What's New on the website [ww.stjohnsmitham.com.au](http://www.stjohnsmitham.com.au)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL June

Jam, Vegemite, Pasta Tinned Vegetables, Coffee.
Please leave donations in the tub at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.
Conference Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.
Enquiries Glyn McIntosh 9873 5772
ONLY FOOD ITEMS are to be placed in the boxes behind the Piety Stall counter. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—has received a new stock of greeting cards.
Cards are priced at **\$2.30**.

ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Wednesday 28 June—Bingo
Time: 1pm Cost: \$5.00



Christmas in July
On **26 July** we will be going to Templestowe Hotel to celebrate **Christmas-in-July**. Cost will be **\$25**. Anyone who would like to join us please contact **Helen 9874 0809**, as I need to have an idea of numbers.

GAMES NIGHT IS BACK!

Youth Group is back next week with a games night! As it is school holidays we would like to extend our welcome to all high school aged as well as young adults along for a games night.
6pm mass Saturday 1 July followed by **dinner and games** in the **Zebedee room**.

All welcome ages 16-25.
Contact **Lauren 0431 638 675** for more details

