



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1 2017 —Year A

It is good to be back in my hometown, Melbourne!

Surprised?!

Well, that's how I felt when I landed at Melbourne airport after my four week annual break in India. I spent my time with my mum, my aunt who lives with mum, my brother and his wife and their two children at Muttom, my place of birth in the southern tip of India. It was great to catch up with a lot of my friends whom I hadn't seen over a year. More importantly, I was happy to do some of my 'sonly' duties to my mother, like taking her to her medical appointments and driving her to some of her favorite Marian shrines. Of course, it brought her immense joy when I bought her some **sarees**, (the traditional dress of women in our part of the world) of her choice.

Towards the end of my time there I was overcome with a sense of 'missing' Mitcham and realized where my heart was!

Happy to be back!!!

CHANGE in Weekday Mass Times

A few of our regular weekday mass goers had voiced their opinion about the irregular weekday mass times in our parish and how inconvenient it is to remember the various mass times. Hence, we have decided that we will have a regular weekday mass time at **10.00am on Tuesdays (no midday mass), Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. I do hope this benefits our parishioners who seek to come to weekday masses. Please note there will still be Mass celebrated at St James on Thursday mornings at 9.15am during school terms.

Please check the back page for FETE news

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

To lead and empower the people of our parish to work independently and use their skills and gifts to grow the life of our faith community now and into the future.

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

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**

RE for Government Schools:

Andrew Puls 0407 352 706

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Exodus 23:20-23 Matthew 18:1-5 10

Tue Zechariah 8:20-23 Luke 9:51-56

Wed: Nehemiah 2:1-8 Luke 9:57-62

Thur: Nehemiah 8:1-12 Luke 10:1-12

Fri: Baruch 1:15-22 Luke 10:13-16

Sat: Baruch 4:5-12 27-29 Luke 10:17-24

Sun: **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the sacrament of **Millie Florence Crozier, Emma Grace Welch, Aidan Callum Brown, Beorn Galahad Edward Winter, Elizabeth Jayne Currie.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Tranquillo Piovesan, Denzil Dias, Piper Grace Dobson, Bev Harrap, Kevin Magetti., Dominic Toan Duc Nguyen.**

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.



Travelling Rosary —will be held at the home of Anne McAllister from Sunday 1 October to Friday 6 October at 7.30pm.

Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday Church Closed

Tuesday **10am Mass**

Wednesday 10am Mass

Thursday **10am Mass**

Friday 10am Mass

Saturday 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
9.30am Reconciliation

October 7 / 8	St Johns 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	P Richards	C Anderson	V Burnie	T Black	M Day	
Lector	J David	L Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	C Black	M Greenwood	T Wursthorn
Eucharist	P Bateman	K Thorneycroft	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	L Cairnduff
	C Pearson	R Smith	S Harrison	N Flores	P Wallace	C Gorry
	M Perkins	G Smith	D Matchado	T Fernandes	S Solomons	
	B Meehan	H de Kauwe	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosch		
				T Vaz		

No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays

Laptop	J Sexton	F Foley	N Santamaria	C Andrade	S Chan
Welcome Desk	C Nicolas	B Francis	M Davison	A Monks	



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

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2017-2018**

**EVERYONE’S BUSINESS
Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy**

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October Calendar

- Wed 4 - Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Sun 8th - RCIA welcome lunch 12.15pm
- **Life, Marriage & Family Sunday**
- Mon 9th - School Term 4 begins
- Tues 10 - PMG meeting & lunch 1pm
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Mitcham Catholic Solos 12.45pm
- Liturgy workshop (AOFE) 6.30pm
- Fete Stallholders meeting - St James community centre 7.30pm
- Wed 11 - Interviews for SJV Principal
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Thurs 12 - General Readiness meeting for Reconciliation & First Eucharist 2018 group 7.30pm
- Sun 15 - Prep Level Masses 9.45 & 11.15am
- Tues 17 - PMG meeting & lunch—1pm
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Liturgy Workshop (AOFE) 6.30pm
- Wed 18 - Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Thur 19 - PLT meeting 7.30pm
- Fri 20 - **PINK DAY**—Breast Cancer Awareness & High Tea SJM school 1pm
- Sun 22 - WP RE Group Mass 9.45am
- Tues 24 - Catholic Identity PD Day
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Wed 2 - WP Reconciliation 7pm
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Sun 29 - Baptism Anointing 9.45am
- Yr 1 Level Masses 9.45 & 11.15am
- Mon 30 - Compassion & Friendship Group 10.30am
- Tues 31 - Fete Committee Meeting Parish Office 7.30pm

**EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE —
WHY ARE WE CONCERNED?**

The Bill for introducing Euthanasia and Voluntary Assisted Dying (ie assisted suicide) was tabled in the Victorian Parliament on Wednesday 20th September.

There will now be a period of a couple of weeks when the parliamentarians are putting together their thoughts, and the opinions of their electorate, to contribute to the upcoming parliamentary debate.

Many are very concerned at the lack of safeguards in the recommendations for this legislation. *It is of particular concern that it opens the way for social and medical abuse of the vulnerable and the elderly.*

LETTERS TO YOUR VICTORIAN STATE PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXPRESSING YOUR CONCERN ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

Please pick up the sheets of information located around the Church entries and write to your representatives **TODAY**. Letters only need to be short - points of concern are listed – and all addresses of our regions representatives are available on the information sheets.

For further information contact **Jan White** on **0402 141 519**.

CHANGES TO WEEK DAY MASSES

Please note that as from **this week** there will be **10am Masses** on **Tuesdays (no Midday Mass) Wednesdays, Thursdays & Friday at St Johns.**

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group



*An optimist sees the rose;
the pessimist the thorn.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— October

Long Life Milk, Jam, Vegemite, Tinned Tomatoes and Tinned Fruit. 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.

Social & Other

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FETE PLANT STALL—CALLING ALL GREEN AND BROWN THUMBS!

Now that Spring is here, please consider growing some cuttings or seedlings for the Plant Stall. Donations of spare pots are also most welcome. Please email Melissa at melissa.greenwood1@hotmail.com or call 9877 7302 AH, if you can assist with these, or would like to help out on the stall on Fete Day.

"just 2please!"

The Fete Committee needs to fill a few crucial roles: Consider coordinating alone or band together with a few friends!

Book Stall Coordinator(s)!

We now have a couple of co-ordinators for this role, thank you ladies so much.

Bric a Brac Coordinator(s)!

After many years in good hands the 2017 Fete needs a new "Bric a Brac" Coordinator. If you love trash & treasure or just have an interest in the re-use of goods and the odd antique (or at least the very old item) then we would love to hear from you. Owing to restricted storage for 2017 there will be fewer drop off days. This presents a great opportunity to revitalize our approach. Every fete needs "Bric a Brac" and we need some help!

Auctions Coordinator(s)!

"Auctions" ?...Consideration is being given to re-introducing at least one, possibly two, live auctions during Fete day along with maintaining the traditional silent auction. For 2017 the coordinator will only need to liaise with the Fete's established donors to secure items for auction. At this late stage there is no cold calling being planned. However, should a new coordinator wish to spruik the benefits of supporting the St John's Parish Community Fete in 2017 the Committee would be delighted and supportive.

For initial enquiries: Brendan 0412 111 734

ST JOHN'S SENIORS


Next Wednesday, the Seniors will go to
Morning Melodies at Mitcham Pub—Neil Diamond
Time: 10am Cost: \$15
Enquiries: **Helen 9874 0809**

YOUTH GROUP is **back** on the 7th October to help wrap the holidays! Come along and help us celebrate or to just hear us talk about how great retreat was!

There will be food, there will be games and we will be inspired!

Saturday 7 October at 6pm Mass followed by dinner and discussion in the **Zebedee Room**. Please contact Lauren for more information 0431 638 675.



 The Missionary Sisters of St Petr Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 4 October 9am-3pm at 154 Cotham Rd, Kew.

This year the proceeds will go to assist Sr Almaz Leza working in Taza Catholic Health Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for financial aid purchase emergency nutritional food for drought and famine affected people.
Enquiries: 9817 371
(See flyer on parish website What's On What's New")

The Delicious & Nutritious Mango Fundraiser

The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is back for 2017! Trays of 14-20 delicious mangoes will be available in early to mid December and can be yours for only **\$24 a tray**. Order forms are available in the Parish Office and the newsstands so please tell your family, friends and co-workers and get your orders in early. Order forms can also be found on the website "What's On, What's New". Final orders and payment are due by **Friday 27 October**. For any questions, contact Rhyannon Elliott on rhyanthony.elliott@gmail.com or 0423 151 848.



OCTOBER IS A BUSY MONTH AT ST JOHN'S PARISH PRIMARY!

The Community of St John's Parish Primary warmly invite everyone to two of our very special events for the year.

Major Fundraiser Saturday 14 October from 7pm in the **Coghlan Centre**.

We'll be celebrating the start of Spring with a **Masquerade Party** – enjoy a great night out with friends, a delicious roast dinner and sensational salads, wonderful silent and live auction prizes and roving entertainment from **Cirque Mystique**.

Early bird ticket price is \$35 each (before 22/9, \$45 after).

Think Pink High Tea 20 October 1-3pm in the **Coghlan Centre**. Our annual afternoon tea is 11 years old and this year all proceeds are being donated to the McGrath Foundation. Come along to share a delightful champagne high tea, hear from our informative guest speaker, enter the raffle for some fabulous prizes and support a cause close to all our hearts.

For more information or to book tickets for these events, please email yourpa.sjm@gmail.com