



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16 2017 —Year A

The seed fell on rich soil

*In the rich soil of care,
the word of God takes root.*

*In the fruitful soil of birth,
the word of God becomes flesh.*

*In the thorny soil of suffering,
the word of God consoles.*

*In the flowering soil of friendship,
the word of God makes sense.*

*In the deep soil of faith,
the word of God comes to life.*

*An in the times
we till our lives
with care, compassion,
with courage and endurance,
with joy and with love,
the word of God is sown by Jesus,
and bears its rich fruit,
and is given to us
in the Bread of Life.*

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Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

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

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: Exodus 1:8-14 22	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tue Exodus 2:1-15	Matthew 11:20-24
Wed: Exodus 3:1-6 9-12	Matthew 11:25-27
Thur: Exodus 3:13-20	Matthew 11:28-30
Fri: Exodus 11:10 12:14	Matthew 12:1-8
Sat Song of Songs 3:1-4	John 20:1-2 11-18
Sun: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Wisdom 12:13 16-19	
Romans 8:26-27	Matthew 13:24-43

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Salvatore Trantino** those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Harry Kiekebosch, Andrew George, Benedict Dominick.**



RECEPTION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

We welcome the following young people to the table of the Lord at:



6pm Mass—Saturday 22 July—St John's
Natasha Hall, Neiva Lenko, Alisa Mikolic, Marcus Tillig, Cooper Kroezen, Tristan Crawley, Lucas Ibarra, Erin Marriner.

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	No 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 Nola Rush from Sunday 16 July to Friday 21 July, 9874 7873.



Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.

July 22 / 23	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	M & N Bredhauer	A Buchanan	A Crowe	G Lewis	K Harvey	
Lector	A Livy	E George	B Mills	Z D'Silva	P Wallace	W Gregg
Eucharist	M Livy	J Santamaria	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	N Winter
	E Booth	R Jess	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	B Kenny
	R McIntosh	M McMahon	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			JJ Kiekebosch		
Children's Liturgy			A O'Riley J Man			
Laptop	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert	
Welcome Desk	M Ayling	J/B Houlihan	K Hay	V Keys		



Euthanasia and Physician assisted Suicide – why are we concerned?

The Victorian Government intends to introduce legislation to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. It is important to understand what those terms mean and the effects of such a fundamental change in our law. Many in the wider community oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide. This weekend there is an opportunity to add your voice to that opposition by signing a petition to urge the Victorian Parliament not to support the proposed legislation.

What is euthanasia? What is assisted suicide?

Euthanasia, sometimes called mercy killing, is the deliberate killing of another person with the motive of ending his/her suffering. This can be achieved by a specific act eg. giving a lethal injection, or, by failing to do something with the intention to deliberately hasten death eg withholding life saving treatment.

Assisted Suicide involves helping someone to kill him/herself eg by providing lethal medication, and is the moral equivalent to euthanasia.

As stated by the [World Medical Association](http://www.wma.net), euthanasia is incompatible with the practice of medicine as it involves a deliberate act with the intention to kill.

Euthanasia must be distinguished from the decision to forego medical procedures that no longer correspond to the needs of the patient (disproportionate, overly burdensome or futile treatment). This is entirely ethical and a decision between a patient and their doctor.

Euthanasia does not include the administration of drugs *intended* for pain relief that may result in the patient's life being foreshortened. It is not euthanasia to provide adequate pain relief—even sedation, if necessary. The intention to relieve pain is noble and ethically sound medical practice. The intention to kill a person is entirely different.

Properly trained palliative care physicians know the clear difference between pain relief and causing death.

References: www.wma.net/policies-post/wma-resolution-on-euthanasia/
<http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia>

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria and South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017.

Cost Ex Melbourne: \$2,990 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel admission fees and meals.)

Single Supplement: \$610

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon (02) 8912 4845 or Sr Annie Bond (02) 8912 4818, or at MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au

Thank you to those parishioners who offered to be a Prayer Sponsor for our Confirmation Candidates. Your letters/cards for your Confirmation Candidate need to be dropped in at the Parish Office or in the box in the Sacristy by 16 July. Thanking you again. Maree

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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL July

Jams, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Tinned Tuna, Small Jars of 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.

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, show up and never give up.



Social & Other

STEWARDSHIP GIVING TAX RECEIPTS



Your Stewardship giving tax receipts are available for collection in the Narthex. Please check for yours on the way out from Mass.

Please take the time to collect them and save the Parish the cost of mailing them out. Thank you

KEY REGISTER

We are currently updating our Key Register and would ask that if any parishioner has a key could they please let the parish office know of the key number so it can be recorded. If you no longer require the key could it be returned to the parish office as soon as possible.



Many thanks

Plaza Cinema Group
Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm
Double Feature:

She Done Him Wrong
&
The Old Barn Dance

She Done Him Wrong—legendary comedy star Mae West's most famous comedy! Hilarity, great 'gay nineties' song hits as Mae invites a very young Cary Grant to "come up and see me sometime!" A wonderfully funny mix of comedy and acidly witty dialogue.



The Old Barn Dance—An old matinee favourite short feature with that famous singing cowboy Gene Autry! It's all here! Horse team, action, battling cowboys and a terrific musical score of country music hits. No wonder Gene was a hit!

Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings
3 month Membership: \$15 Visitors welcome.
Membership enquiries: Barbara: 9873 3508



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.

The House of Books

Interested in reading, discovering old book treasures or need a quiet place to browse, then why not drop into the "House of Books", 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, next to the Church and find that special book you have been looking for. We have a wide range of **good quality books** as well as a good range of **CDs & DVDs** to purchase and all are welcome to come and visit.

Shop Hours: Monday-Friday
10am-4pm
Saturday: 10am-1pm



ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Wednesday 19 July—Concert
Time: 10am Cost: \$16

All queries please ring **Helen 9874 0809**.

PILATES AT ST JOHN'S

TERM 3 commencing 17 JULY

Monday at 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 8pm

Tuesday at 9.15am and Wednesday at 7pm

OLDER ADULT STRENGTH & BALANCE TRAINING AT ST JOHN'S

TERM 3 commences Tuesday 18 July

Tuesday 10am or Thursday 9.30am

Please contact Peta Marriner for more information and your free trial class.

Phone: 0419 028 769 or email:
petamarriner@gmail.com



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

CHAVOIN COLLEGE, Burwood Class of 1977

(Year Level: Form 1/1972 to Form 6/HSC/1977 inclusive) **40 YEAR REUNION** to be held

12 August 2017

For information, please contact Michael Jones, Alumni Rep., by either E: Michael.Jones@emmaus.vic.edu.au or phone 9758 7784.