



St. John's Parish Mitcham

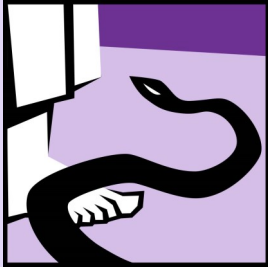
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1st Sunday of Lent February 18th 2018 —Year B

ST JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

UPDATE ON PLAN TO LANDSCAPE AND REDEVELOP

Due to new legislation regarding Child Safety Standards, the plans to update and redevelop the landscaping of St John's Memorial Garden need to be put on hold. A Master Plan to look at how to best utilise all spaces within both St John's Parish and St John's School is being set up. Following the Royal Commission there is a protocol to be followed and this will become clear after recommendations from the Commission have been announced. The Master Plan will look at questions in relation to utilisation of the shared school space – how to keep our children safe and how to provide a safe and accessible space for all parishioners.

In the meantime a tidy up of the Garden has been started. A pathway with steps and a handrail is being built on the Church side of the Garden and an area for wheelchair access will be developed from the driveway of the House of Books. Two bench seats will provide seating for people to sit, reflect and pray in a pleasant, peaceful area.

Plaques can still be ordered and placed on the church wall outside the east door and interments can still be arranged by speaking with Fr Dispin. Order forms are in the stands at the Church doors. Any queries, please call either the Parish Office on 9873 1341 or Maureen Campbell on 0409 894 328.

“St John's Parish community, committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards”

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
— 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 David Mutimer

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: Leviticus 19:1-2 11-18 Matthew 25:31-46

Tue: Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15

Wed: Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32

Thur: 1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19

Fri: Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26

Sat: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48

Sun: **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 22:1-2 9-13 15-18

Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Theodore Walter Hill.**

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for

Gary Marshall (father of Leanne Cairnduff),
Norma McDonald, Concetta Del Bonifio, Gertrude Dorothy Boudville and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Dolores Bautista, Rosemarie Ventura, Peter Griffin, Bernie Shannon, Jim McKenna, Alan Bateman.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Come walk the way to
Calvary with Jesus**



During **Lent** the **Saturday morning Prayer of the Church** will be replaced by the **Stations of the Cross**, starting at **9am-9.30am** - **All Welcome**

Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Marj Coghlan from Sunday 18 February to Friday 23 February at 7.30pm.

Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am St James Vermont
Friday	10am Communion Service
Saturday	9am Stations of the Cross 9.30am Reconciliation

TRAVELLING ROSARY—The important part of the prayer life of the Parish commences again this week, and we would love to hear from any of you who would like to become a "Rosary Host". This entails making a commitment to have the statue of Mary and say the Rosary in your home from a Sunday to a Friday evening 3—4 times a year. Some of our current hosts have neighbours join them, while others say the prayers by themselves. Some of our hosts left the Parish during the year or are unable to continue due to poor health, and we would love to hear from anyone who may be able to take their place. If you would like further information please call and have a chat with Helen Thomas on 9874 7024.

February 24 / 25	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	B Mills	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	
Lector	A Livy	E George	A Crowe	G Lewis	P Wallace	N Vernal
Eucharist	M Livy	J Santamaria	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	H Lucas
	E Booth	R Jess	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	L Cairnduff
	R McIntosh	M McMahon	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			J Kiekebsoch		
Laptop	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert	



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

Tenth Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations—On 13 February 2008, Australians everywhere stopped to hear Prime Minister Kevin Rudd deliver the national apology to the Stolen Generations. This was a powerful moment of healing our nation's history that must never be forgotten.

"We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country.

For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.

To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry.

And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry."

Ten years on, however, members of the Stolen Generations and their families continue to call for meaningful redress. Many of the Bringing Them Home Report recommendations remain unfulfilled. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are still grossly over-represented in our prisons. They are still dying in custody and are still subjected to racism on a regular basis. There is much justice and healing yet to be done.

Lenten Prayer Service

On **Tuesday 13 March** we will offer Taize Prayer and a Lenten Gospel Reflection at **7.30pm** in the **Church**.

ALL WELCOME



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Unfortunately our much loved "Black Books" are no longer being printed and distributed so will be unavailable for Lent this year. We do, however, have a limited amount of "Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert" which is recommended for use in Melbourne Archdiocesan parishes. These booklets will be available next weekend for **\$5** a copy in the Narthex. Due to lack of numbers we will not be having Lenten discussion groups but these books do provide opportunity for excellent personal reflection on the Lenten Gospels.

Eucharistic Chapel

During Lent (from 14 February until after Easter) the Eucharistic Chapel will be closed for maintenance. The code will then be changed so all parishioners who use the Chapel will need to call into the Parish Office to get the new code and sign the updated agreement. The new code will only be available to parishioners.

INTO CATEHDRAL:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

The RCIA group have formally signed scrolls at 11.15am Mass last weekend and will now be going into the Cathedral this weekend (Sunday afternoon) for the presentation of these Scrolls to the Archbishop. There are 2 catechumens and 2 candidates who have been meeting since October last year. The catechumens—**Della Wyke** and **Henry Efendie**—are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Ceremonies and the candidates—**Angela Griffin** and **Blake Bodey**—will be welcomed into the church and will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter.



Please keep them and the RCIA team, in your prayers as they come to this most important part of their journey in our Catholic Church. We will be putting photos in the narthex so if you see any of these people, please make them most welcome.



World Day of Prayer

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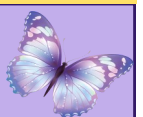
Everyone is welcome to attend the ecumenical service to celebrate

World Day of Prayer
being hosted by **Mountview Church**
559-561 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham

Friday 2 March 2018

There will be a **morning tea** provided at **10am**
followed by the **service** at **10.30am**.

Inspiration for the coming week from the
Compassion and Friendship Group



*I have learned over the years
that when one's mind is made up,
this diminishes fear.*

Rosa Parks

Social & Other

St Vincent de Paul are in need of **Lemons**. Please contact **Kevin Raphael** on **0405 379 504** if you can assist.



AQUINAS COLLEGE
46 Great Ryrie Street, Ringwood
OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2018
12pm-3pm



REUNION

1968, 1978, 1988, 1998, 2008

Sunday 18 March 2018
12pm—3pm

All welcome including staff who taught during these years.

RSVP : illuminare@aquinas.vic.edu.au

ST JOHN'S SENIOR

Next Wednesday 28 February—Bingo

Cost: \$5
Time: 1pm



All queries ring: **Helen** on **9874 0809**.

STEWARDSHIP GIVING ENVELOPES



The next set of Stewardship envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please save us the *increased* cost of mailing your set out by remembering to pick up your set on your way out!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-February
Long life milk, savoury biscuits, jars of coffee and tinned tuna. 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 to Parish Office for details.

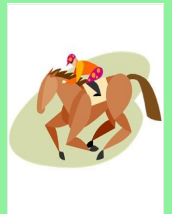
ONLY FOOD ITEMS are to be placed in the box beside the Piety Stall counter. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

Announcements

Parishioners are welcome to have special moments announced at the end of mass on the weekends. For example, special birthdays, engagements, weddings, births, anniversaries etc. If you wish for a special announcement to be made or if you are a new parishioner could you please advise the Parish Office on 9873 1341 by 12 noon on the Thursday for that particular weekend.

A Great family day out in Yea

Enjoy a great day out in the magnificent country atmosphere of Yea. **St Pat's Race Club Yea** is holding its Annual Picnic Race Day at the picturesque Yea Racecourse on **Sunday 25 February, 2018 from 11am**.



There will be great entertainment for both adults and children. Proceeds from the day **support Sacred Heart Parish and Primary School in Yea**. For more information and bookings visit the website country.racing.com/yea-st-pats You can drive to Yea along the Melba Hwy from Lilydale, through Whittlesea from Plenty Rd, or along the Hume Fwy and turn off at Tallarook.

General Enquiries: Leonard Sheahan, President, 0427 794 779

COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our next gathering will take place on **Monday 26 February** at **10.30am** in the **Parish Office**. If you are interested you will be made most welcome.

Enquiries contact the **Parish Office** 9873 1341 or **Monika** 0438 220 361.

Southern Stars Social Club over 28's Party Night for Single Catholics in 28 to 60 age group.

Saturday 24 February 2018 starting at 8pm
Location: Benedict House at St Benedict's Parish 301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood Melways Map 61 H6
Cost \$13 includes lucky door prizes and supper.
Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167

Welcome

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.