



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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The Feast of Christ the King November 26 2017 —Year A

FETE THANK YOU

The Fete would not have been as successful as it was without the support and assistance of everyone in the community.

Thank to our stall co-ordinators for all the behind the scenes work done prior; the volunteers for sparing a couple of hours here and there; the schools along with the P&F/P&A for their support and assistance in rallying the troops; and to all of you for coming out on Saturday, getting involved and being part of it.

This also goes without saying thank you—to the committee members, the work and dedication that you all put in is amazing....best part is you can still laugh at the end of it all.

New initiatives were introduced this year and it is hoped you all enjoyed it. We will start planning again for 2018 in the next couple of months so if you have any feedback please drop us a line. Post Fete Meeting is Tuesday 28th November at St James from 7.30pm so if you have anything you want to share with us please email stjohnsfete@gmail.com

Thanks again and cheers until next year #thirdsaturdayinnovember

FETE RAFFLE RESULTS

1st prize	Ticket No. 6412	6th prize	Ticket No. 10648
2nd prize	Ticket No. 4523	7th prize	Ticket No. 5378
3rd prize	Ticket No. 0092	8th prize	Ticket No. 2284
4th prize	Ticket No. 10799	9th prize	Ticket No. 6890
5th prize	Ticket No. 1453	10th prize	Ticket No. 11271

Prizes 4th-10th can be collected from the Parish Office.

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

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

Schools

St John's School, 494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, **9874 1575**

Principal: Mrs Jacqui Marshall

St. James School, 51 Centre Road, Vermont, **9874 1830**

Acting Principal: Mrs Carmel Foster

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**

Parish Office

Office hours:

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

Parish Secretaries:

Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday & Friday)

Elisa Kelesidis (Tuesday—Friday)

RE for Government Schools:

Andrew Puls 0407 352 706

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Daniel 1:1-6 8-20 Luke 21:1-4
Tue: Daniel 2:31-45 Luke 21:5-11
Wed: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14 16-17 Luke 21:12-19
23-28
Thur: Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22
Fri Daniel 7:2-14 Luke 21:29-33
Sat: Daniel 7:15-27 Luke 21:36
Sun: **First Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 63:16-17 64:1 3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Tate William Robertson, Lily May Bertsen, Finn John McClay.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Peter Tutchener** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Margaret Anthony, Gwen Bourke, Adam Tokarski, Gerard Archer.**

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 Beryl & Milroy Fernando from Sunday 26 November to Friday 1 December at 7.30pm.
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	NO 9.15am Mass (SJV) NO 10am Mass—(The trial of the 10am Mass on Thursday will no longer continue.)
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	11.30am Funeral Mass for Les Foran 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

November 25 / 26	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	P Chalkley
Eucharist	M Livy	J Santamaria	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	A Rouse
	E Booth	R Jess	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	J McCarthy
	R McIntosh	M McMahon	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			J Kiekebosch		

No Children's Liturgy for St John's due to Church renovations

C Gorry
E Tibbals

Laptop L Elliott B Meehan G Gill Black family M Lambert

Welcome Desk is cancelled till after the renovations.



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

HELP FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP

CatholicCare’s Dandenong office provides support for families living in the Greater Dandenong area, including refugee and asylum seeker families—many of whom experience a daily struggle to put food on the table. CatholicCare is calling for donations of the following items to distribute to families in need:

- Food items: cereals, pasta, rice, flour, sugar, vegetable oil, olive oil, tomato paste, chick peas, lentils, tuna, baked beans, two-minutes noodles, long-life milk, jam, biscuits.
- Other: shampoo, soap, deodorant, sanitary products, toothpaste, toothbrushes , body wash, toilet paper, toilet gel, sponges, dishwashing liquid, aluminum foil, laundry powder, serviettes, basic stationery items.
- Gift cards of any amount (Coles, Woolworths, Kmart, Target) are also very handy, allowing families to purchase exactly what they need.

If you are able to help, please phone the **CatholicCare Dandenong** office on **8710 9600** to arrange a time to drop off your donated items. Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH BUT RATHER CALL CATHOLICCARE DANEDNONG IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP 8710 9600.

CatholicCare HIV/AIDS Ministry invites you to the World AIDS Day Vigil Mass to REMEMBER those who have died from AIDS, to CELEBRATE the great inroads in treatment of HIV and to HOPE for a cure. **St Francis Church** corner Elizabeth & Lonsdale Streets, Melbourne at **5.30pm** on **Thursday November 30**.

Euthanasia & Assisted Suicide Bill—please see flyer in newsstands for an update.

**CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS
CAN YOU HELP OUT**

If you would like to be involved in the Christmas Liturgies—please put your name on the sign up sheets situated at the Church exit points or call Maree at the Parish Office on 9873 1341.

Thank you

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group



*God give us strength.
Strength to hold on and strength to let go.
Amen. Michael Leunig*

**The Anointing Mass & Luncheon is to be held on
Friday 8 December at 11.30am**

We will gather on the lawn out the front of the Parish office at **11.15am** and we will process to Mass together.

It is important to **RSVP by Monday 5th December** to the **Parish office on 9873 1341** if you wish to attend the Luncheon and/or Mass.

There will be a **Remembrance Mass on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm.**

Please see back page for **December Calendar.**

ST JOHN’S CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Parish Advent Penitential Celebration
Thursday, December 21 at 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Masses – Sunday, December 24

St James Family Mass at 6pm (51 Centre Road Vermont) Carols at 5.30pm

St John’s Family Mass at 8.30pm – Carols at 7.45pm

Please Note: 11pm Mass replaces Midnight Mass

St John’s 11pm Mass – Carols at 10.30pm

Christmas Day Masses –Monday December 25

St John’s—8.30am & 10.30am

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 5PM MASS CHRISTMAS DAY
PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 9.30AM MASS AT ST JAMES VERMONT**



Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIORS—Next Wednesday is the Seniors Breakup, starting with a film at 1pm followed by afternoon tea. Reports on our year will be read then we will have a bit of fun with Kris Kringle. Cost is \$5 and we will have a lovely door prize. Also anyone who still has to pay for their concert tickets please bring money on that day. All queries ring: **Helen** on **9874 0809**.

YOUTH GROUP is having a **Christmas Party** and we are inviting all of the year 6s! We know your time at school is almost done and we would like to celebrate with you! Join us next **Saturday 2nd December** at **6pm Mass** and then **afterwards** in the **Zebedee Room** for some dinner & Christmas games!
Contact: Lauren 0431 638 675 with any questions!

WANTED—BREAD ROSTER VOLUNTEERS—St Vincent de Paul—Mitcham Conference, has a need for additional volunteers to collect & distribute bread to needy families in the Mitcham area. This is to join a regular roster for either the **Wednesday** or **Saturday** afternoon bread run. The time taken is approx. 1 hour. Collect about once a month. A car is required & training provided. Please contact Paul on 0423 590 780 after 5.30pm or ourbreadrun@gmail.com

On behalf of my wife Theresa who was injured while at our Fete I wish to thank all those ladies and men who assisted my wife and me in many ways while waiting for the Ambulance. Theresa is now recovering at home. God Bless you all. Brian Clancy

Winners from the Fete Colouring Competition

Pre-School

1st Harry (Eastmont Kinder)

2nd Nathalia (Heathmont Kinder)

P-2

1st Montanna (St James Primary School)

2nd Chantelle (Rangeview Primary School)

3-4

1st Lucy (St James Primary School)

2nd Natasha (St John's Primary School)

5-6

1st Astrid Harkin (St John's Primary School)

2nd Ashleigh (St James Primary School)

Plaza Cinema Group

Thursday 30 November at 7.30pm

Captain's Courageous



The classic MGM film of the famous Rudyard Kipling adventure story! Hailed as "one of the best pictures of the sea ever made" it's the stirring tale of a boy (Freddie Bartholomew) rescued by fishermen at sea. Great cast includes Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore, Mickey Rooney and more. A Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings 3 month Membership: \$15 Visitors welcome.
Membership enquiries: Barbara: 9873 3508

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— November **Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Long Life Custard, Tinned Ham, Shortbread Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Carrots, Peas & Corn, Savoury Biscuits.** Please leave donations in the tub in the Church.

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 box at the door on the parish office side of the Church. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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| Sat 2 | First Week of Advent
- Youth Group—6pm Mass |
| Sun 3 | - Prep Welcome Mass 9.45am (SJV)
- Prep Welcome Mass 11.15am (SJM)
- RCIA Rite of Welcome 5pm Mass |
| Tues 5 | - 10am Mass in Zebedee from now till December 22 |
| Wed 6 | - Parish Management Grp PMG Mtg 11am
- Liturgy Team Meeting 5pm
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm |
| Fri 8 | - Anointing Mass & Luncheon 11.30am meet outside the Parish office at 11.15am |
| Sat 9 | Second Week of Advent
- 6pm Mass in School Space |
| Sun 10 | - Morning Masses in School Space |
| Tues 12 | - PMG & Lunch 1pm
- RCIA 7.30pm |
| Thurs 14 | - Thanksgiving Mass for St James families at St James Community Centre at 7pm |
| Sat 16 | Third Week of Advent
- 6pm Mass in School Space |
| Sun 17 | - Morning Masses in School Space |
| Mon 18 | - Compassion & Friendship Grp 10.30am |
| Tues 19 | - PMG & Lunch 1pm
- Thanksgiving Mass for St John's families in SJM School Space at 7pm |
| Thurs 21 | - Parish Advent Penitential Celebration 7.30pm |
| Sun 24 | Fourth Week of Advent
Christmas Timetable please refer to the Faith Formation page of Newsletter |
| Wed 27 | Feast of St John the Evangelist |

St Vincent de Paul—Christmas Gifts—Christmas Gift Card labels are available beside the doors of the Church for gifts to be included in the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Can you please take a label and purchase a suitable gift based on the gender and age group written on the label. We particularly have a need for adult gifts and suitable gifts include toiletries, or gift vouchers such as JB Hi Fi or Kmart etc. It would be appreciated if gifts could be placed under the Christmas tree by **3 December** or after that date at the parish office until **10 December** if possible as we will be starting to pack the hampers during the following week.

