



St. John's Parish Mitcham

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132

(Postal: P.O. Box 95, Mitcham 3132)

Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

Website: www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Phone: 03 9873 1341 Fax No. 03 9872 4316

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8 2017 —Year A

CHURCH RENOVATIONS

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OUR PLACE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY

For the many Parishioners who doubted that the church renovations spoken about 18 months ago, were never going to happen, then doubt no more for there will be construction/alteration activities taking place over the next 3-5 months. The functionality of the Church particularly in the Narthex, Sacristy and Chapel areas has changed substantially since the Church was built some 37 years ago. The alteration being undertaken will address changes in operation. There are also areas of the Church both internally and externally that are showing significant signs of wear and tear through use and general ageing.

The major areas being addressed:

- Modernise the Narthex area.
- Update the Sacristy/Kitchen area to improve catering and associated storage.
- New floor to ceiling window panels behind the altar.
- Repositioning of Tabernacle.
- Replace TV screens with digital units and add additional screen in Narthex.
- Replace blinds on West side (School side of Church).
- Fit powered blinds to Eastern side of Church above Choir area.
- Update all internal lighting with power efficient LED lights.
- Upgrade lighting switch system to simplify operation.
- Replace carpet in all areas of the Church.
- Reupholster all loose chairs to blend with new carpet.
- Carry out maintenance in areas of the internal Church proper.
- Carry out maintenance on the exterior of the Church which will include:
 - a. Sanding and resealing of the eaves.
 - b. Removal of rust from the external steelwork as required.
 - c. Upgrade lighting outside the Church to importantly improve night security, and to make the church a standout to passing traffic at night. This will include illuminating the bell tower plus additional lighting on the Whitehorse Rd. frontage and sides, back lighting the stained glass windows and feature glass panels so that the latter two also enhance the inside of the church for evening services.

Contractors will be on site from the 9th October. As you will appreciate the above works unfortunately cannot be completed without some disruption to normal Parish activities. You will be advised in advance of changes via the weekly newsletter and from the pulpit.

The Narthex and Sacristy areas will be decommissioned as of next week ie. These areas will be designated “construction zones” and will be out of bounds to activities that would normally be conducted in these areas. Entry and exit to and from the church during this period will be via the side doors only.

The Parish thanks you in advance for your support and understanding during the above undertakings, a majority of which are planned to be completed prior to Christmas. I am confident that everyone will both be pleased and will benefit from the above improvements to our place of worship and community.

Bernie Kiekebosch

Project Manager – St John the Evangelist Mitcham

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: Jonah 1:1—2:1, 11 Luke 10:25-37
Tue Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:38-42
Wed: Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4
Thur: Malachi 3:13-20 Luke 11:5-13
Fri: Joel 1:13-15 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26
Sat: Joel 4:12-21 Luke 11:27-28
Sun: **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Jack Murray** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Tony Box.**



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 **Delphine & Frank Matchado** from **Sunday 8 October to Friday 13 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 9.15am Mass (SJV)
10am Mass (SJM)
Friday 10am Mass
Saturday 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
9.30am Reconciliation

October 14 / 15	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	L Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosch	B Jordan	
Lector	L D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	N Vernal
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	M Hosie
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	B Kenny
	Y Martin	G Smith	C Boyd	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
			A Martonyi	M Hegarty		

Children's Liturgy

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

A O'Riley
E Tibbals

Laptop

N Pinto

M Truong

M Foster

Kennedy Family

A Jordan

Welcome Desk is cancelled till further notice.



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

ADANI MINE CONCERNS

The Combined Churches Social Justice Group—Whitehorse wish to thank people for attending **Guarding the Galilee** at St John’s Church Mitcham on Wednesday.

Approximately 100 people attended. We heard from various speakers including members of the ACF, ARRCC and Market Forces. There are many serious concerns and highly questionable and unethical special deals being given by the Federal and Queensland Governments in this.

The concerns are great for the Great Barrier Reef, environment more generally and climate change and for contamination of the great Artesian Basin-which provides a large part of Queensland their water supplies.

We encourage you to write a letter to your local Federal MP and urge them to revoke a proposed \$1billion of public money to Adani for a coal-carting railway from the Galilee Basin to the Great Barrier Reef. For a copy of a sample letter that can be used in part email Georgina at gegart21@gmail.com For more information:

https://www.acf.org.au/guarding_the_galilee_trailer https://www.acf.org.au/government_must_stop_adanis_mine



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Welcome Lunch

The RCIA journey for 2017/2018 begins with a **Welcome Lunch on 8th October.**

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith is most welcome to join us.

If you would like more information, please ring Maureen Campbell 0409 894 328

A big thank you to those who have offered to help through Sharing their Faith, Hospitality and Prayer support.

We look forward to journeying together in the coming months.

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**.

MUSIC MINISTRY

As the festive season is approaching it is an opportune time to invite anybody that even thinks they have a reasonable voice to come along and join us. You are welcome to come along to a practice session and experience what this beautiful music ministry is about.

Contact **Bernie Kiekebosch** 0409 771 946



CHANGES TO WEEK DAY MASSES

Please note that our weekday masses 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



Happiness is a butterfly which when pursued is always beyond our grasp, but which if you sit down quietly, may alight upon you.
Nathaniel Hawthorne

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— October

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

"just 2 h....s please!"

"This Week's Fete News"



"just 2 h....s please!"

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 2 h....s please!"

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

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**

THE ST JOHN'S PARISH FETE RAFFLE IS BACK, BIGGER & BETTER

The 2017 St John's Fete Raffle COMMENCES NEXT WEEKEND.

TEN amazing prizes available

First Prize - \$2,500.00 Shopping voucher from a Shopping Centre of your choice.

Only \$2.00 a ticket or \$20.00 for a book of ten tickets.

**RAFFLE
TICKETS**

**RAFFLE
TICKETS**

In 2017, the Fete Raffle is the ONLY MAJOR RAFFLE for the St John's Parish.

Last year it was decided to rationalise our two major raffle fundraising initiatives into one, the Parish Fete Raffle.

Fete Raffle ticket sales will commence next weekend 14 & 15 October after all Masses and will continue for the five weeks leading up to our Parish Fete.

Assistance is needed with ticket sales at each of the Masses over the coming weeks, particularly 6pm Saturday and 5pm Sunday. Please contact **Rob or Gracie** if you can assist. Phone **0419 379 005**.

"just 2 h....s please!"

ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Our next event on our calendar is our trip to **Kerrisdale** near Yea on **Wednesday 18 October** where we will have Morning tea, a trip on a small train ride around the area and a BBQ lunch. Cost \$60, leaving from the football ground at 9am SHARP.

If you would like to join us, please contact **Helen** on **9874 0809** and arrange to give me the money by **Wednesday 11 October**.

Everyone welcome

House of Books is in need of donations of **Children's books**, so if you have any at home that are no longer needed please consider dropping them into the Bookshop.

The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

With a short lull between Football Finals and the Spring Racing Carnival it's time to come along to the solo's and have a voice at the next gathering at **12.45pm**

Tuesday, October 10th in the **Lyon's Room**. Look forward to your input. Enquiries: **Veronica 9894 4692**

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