



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2 2017 —Year A

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO FR JOHN!

We take this opportunity to formally thank Fr John Van Suylen for his many years of outstanding service and ministry to our community, particularly at St James, Vermont. Fr John has now officially "retired" and we wish him well. We will celebrate with him at 9.30am Mass at St James on 9th July.

In the early 1990's Fr John helped out with weekday masses and the early morning Sunday (7.30am in those days!) mass at St John's and has been an integral part of our Mass roster since—particularly when Fr Mark was also administrator and then Parish Priest of Warrandyte/Park Orchards as well as Mitcham.

Fr John is very loyal, faithful and is always on call and nothing has been too much trouble for him. He is very compassionate and pastoral and has been a real presence for many years at the St James end of our parish.

*Come along to say **farewell Fr John next Sunday at 9.30am at St James** as we wish him well in retirement.*

We welcome Fr Michael Kelly CSsR to our Parish Mass Roster.

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: Ephesians 2:19-22	John 20:24-29
Tue Genesis 19:15-29	Matthew 8:23-27
Wed: Genesis 21:5 8-20	Matthew 8:28-34
Thur: Genesis 22:1-19	Matthew 9:1-8
Fri: Genesis 23:1-4 19 24:1-8	Matt 11:28, 62-67
Sat Genesis 27:1-5 15-29	Matthew 9:14-17
Sun: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Zechariah 9:9-10	Matthew 11:25-30
Romans 8:9 11-13	

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Natalie Eve Verduci Cusick, Marco Manfre, Mackenzie Isabelle Coates, Evie Marie Licciardi.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Elizabeth Ong, Agnes & Bill Roche, Christopher Cotton, Muriel Dominick**

RECEPTION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

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



11.15am Mass—Sunday 2 July—St John's Ruth Holloway.

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 Marg Coghlan from Sunday 2 July to Friday 7 July, 9874 5716.



Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.

July 8 & 9	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	J David	K Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	T Black	M Greenwood	
Lector	P Richards	C Anderson	V Burnie	C Black	M Day	P Stewart
Eucharist	P Bateman	R Smith	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	R McIntosh
	C Pearson	G Smith	D Matchado	N Flores	P Wallace	M Gartland
	M Perkins	H de Kauwe	S Harrison	T Fernandes	S Solomons	
	B Meehan		K Callinan-Moore	T Vaz		

Childrens Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays

Laptop	J Sexton	F Foley	N Santamaria	C Andrade	S Chan
Welcome Desk	J David	J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan



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

**OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION (OTDF)
Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of their Choice**

The foundation supports the education of Koorie kids by addressing educational disadvantage and enabling choice of a nurturing and supporting school. This is an annual contribution that we make on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Envelopes for credit card/cash contributions are available at church exit points. Please place the envelope in the basket today or post back to OTDF in the reply paid envelope. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible (ensure details are written clearly on the envelope). Any contribution no matter how small will help Aboriginal Kids open the doors so please give generously.

Our students and families greatly appreciate your support. Thank you and bless you for making a difference. Staff of OTDF

JULY CALENDAR



- Sat 1 - 6pm Youth Mass
- Sun 2 **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY (ATSIS)**
- Wed 5 - Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Sun 9 **FAREWELL MASS FOR FR JOHN 9.30am ST JAMES VERMONT**
- Wed 12 - Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Sat 15 - First Eucharist Group 6—6pm Mass
- Sun 16 - First Eucharist Group 7—11.15am Mass
- Mon 17 **TERM 3 BEGINS**
- Tues 18 - Parish Management Group (PMG) & lunch—1pm
- First Eucharist Home Mass Group 8— 6.30pm
- Wed 19 - Interview Panel Meeting 10am
- First Eucharist Practice & Meeting Group 8—4pm
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Thurs 20 -Yr 5 Parent Formation
- Sat 22 - First Eucharist Group 8—6pm Mass
- Tues 25 **FEAST OF ST JAMES**
9am Mass at St James
- Wed 26 Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Thurs 27 **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE 9.15am-3pm**
- Fri 28 **CONFIRMATION CEREMONY 7.30pm**
- Sat 29 **CONFIRMATION CEREMONY 7.30pm**
- Sun 30 - Baptism Anointing & Presentation—9.45am Mass
- St Vincent de Paul Anniversary Mass—11.15am
- Mon 31 - Compassion & Friendship Group
10.30am-12noon

*Thank you to those parishioners who offered to be a **Prayer Sponsor for our Confirmation Candidates**. You will receive a letter in the post including a profile of the child. 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.



At Home With God – Winter is a Time for Going Inside
An invitation to experience a Retreat in Daily Life!

Continue your normal, everyday activities, spending a little time each day reflecting on what's happening in your life and how God might be present with you. Come to the Heart of Life Spirituality Centre to share with a spiritual companion on five Mondays 1.15pm – 2.15pm, beginning Monday 24 July 2017.

Please phone Heart of Life (9890 1101) **by 17 July** to register, or leave a message stating your name and phone number; alternatively email holsc@bigpond.com.

Cost: a donation to Heart of Life at your discretion.

Heart of life Spirituality Centre, 96 Albion Road Box Hill

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

Your energy introduces you before you speak.



Social & Other

If you are the owner of a Silver Volvo with the number plate **XBA 695** could you please see Fr Dispin.
Thank you.

JUST RELEASED! ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FOR BALI!

Are you planning a trip to Bali in the next 12 months? If so, then make sure you buy the Entertainment Book for BALI! For only \$40 you will have access to hundreds of vouchers—up to 50% off and 2 for 1—in Nusa Dua, Seminyak, Legian, Kuta, Ubud, Conggu and more.

To purchase or view the book visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/184925h> and click on the BALI tab. Purchase a digital version and you will always have it with you on your smartphone!

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



Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach

A Catholic winter holiday program for young people 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16(Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information visit www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 5987 2692.

The **Autism Family Support Association (AFSA)** is holding a Forum for family members of those with ASD on **Tuesday 25 July** at the **Whitehorse Centre Nunawading, Willis Room, at 10am-2.30pm**. To register via the TRYBOOKING online service www.trybooking.com/286098. **Cost: \$10 for AFSA members and \$20 for non members** plus a 30 cent booking fee. **Registrations close Wednesday 19 July**. For further queries email secretary@afsconnect.org.au or visit www.afsconnect.org.au. See flyers in newsstands.

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

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
Phone: 9874 2389**



ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Next Wednesday we will be going to Morning Melodies at Mitcham Hotel, morning tea starts at 10am, with an hour show then a 3 course lunch. Great value for \$15. The following week, we will have a Film Luncheon at St John's commencing with a film at 10.30am then a lovely Winter Lunch. School Holidays so no parking problems. But please let me know if you would like to come for catering purposes. Anyone who has not given me money for July concert on 19th July, please get money to me ASAP.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

*Invest in your most precious asset...
Your Marriage*



Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Melbourne dates: 28-30 July 2017. Starts 7pm on Friday and ends 5pm Sunday.** Accommodation and meals provided. For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel 9733 0997 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au Or the website on www.wwme.org.au for further information.

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.