



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11th 2018 —Year B

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

You may have noticed this statement on the front page of the Parish news for the last few months and wondered what it meant!

In April 2012, the Victorian Government initiated a landmark inquiry into the handling of child abuse allegations within religious and other non-government organisations. The inquiry's final report, *Betrayal of Trust* provided a range of recommendations. The Victorian Government's response included the introduction of compulsory minimum *Victorian Child Safe Standards*. The aim of these standards is to help protect children from all forms of abuse by driving cultural change in organisations and to strengthen their ability to prevent and respond to abuse. These standards have been in place since January 2017 for organisations who provide services for children.

Central to the mission of St John the Evangelist is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spirituality, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

As such we are committed to the Child Safe Standards.

Come along to an information session in the Narthex on **Monday 5 March 7pm for a 7.30pm start** to find out more about St John's commitment to a Child Safe Environment.

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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: James 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13

Tue: James 1:12-18 Mark 8:14-21

Ash Wednesday

Wed: Joel 2:12-18 Matthew 6:1-6 16-18

2 Corinthians 5:20 6:2

Thur: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25

Fri: Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15

Sat: Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32

Sun: **1st Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

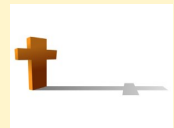
AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Sheridan Asunction, Winnie Kuek** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Diego Arcenos, Peter Laurance Box, Mary Lee Kuek, Cecilia Kuek, Catherine McCann.**



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**

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday Church Closed

Tuesday 10am Mass

Ash Wednesday 10am Mass (SJM)

12noon (SJV)

Thursday 9.15am St James Vermont

Friday 10am Mass

Saturday 9am Stations of the Cross

9.30am Reconciliation

Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Joan Cox from Sunday 11 February to Friday 16 February at 7.30pm 9874 4150.

Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



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 17 / 18	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
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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	T Wursthorn
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	R McIntosh
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	B Kenny
	Y Martin	G Smith	A Martonyi	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
				M Hegarty		

Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy Family	A Jordan
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Catholic Social Teaching—What Can I Do About it here and now?

Lent is fast approaching, and with Lent comes the annual Project Compassion appeal for Caritas. This year the theme of the campaign is 'For a Just Future'. This complements the Year of Youth by looking particularly at the work that Caritas does around the world with young people, supporting and empowering them to lead a decent life and lead their communities. All parishes are warmly invited to send representatives to the campaign launch, led by Archbishop Hart, Tuesday 13 February at 10.30am at the Cardinal Knox Centre Lecture Theatre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. We have a guest speaker, Mr Janak Sharma, the regional manager of Caritas Nepal. The aim is to give parishes an insight into the important work of Caritas, and the wonderful work enabled by the donations of thousands of good people in Melbourne.

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.

Parish Leadership Team Meeting held on 7 February 2018

At this meeting we discussed:

- a. The Parish Child Safety Policy which can be found on our Parish Website. A General Meeting for all interested parishioners and group co-ordinators to be held on Monday 5 March at 7pm in the Church.
- b. Celebrating Parish Life and Ministry in 2018 and beyond (Stewardship Program)
- c. Increasing Parish Engagement and Welcome for New Parishioners.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA
Signing of Scrolls**



The RCIA group are meeting each Tuesday night in the Coghlan Centre as they continue their journey towards reception into our Church at Easter. This Sunday 11 February at 9.45am Mass they will formally sign Scrolls to be presented to the Archbishop at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 18 February.

The catechumens **Henry Efendie, Della Wyke** are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Ceremonies and our candidates **Blake Bodey & Angela Griffin** will be welcomed into the church and will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter.

Please keep them, their sponsors, and the RCIA team, in your prayers as they come to this most important part of their journey in our Catholic Church. If you are at the 9.45am Mass, please make them most welcome.

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.

—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.

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Prayer is the most important conversation of your day. Take it to God before you take it to anyone else.



Social & Other

The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group intend to kick off 2018 with a Birthday Luncheon at the **Mountain View Hotel 12 noon this Sunday 11 February.**

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



ST JOHN'S SENIOR

Next Wednesday 14 February—Concert / lunch (optional) at **Ringwood Golf Club**

Cost \$17
Time 10am

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

Over 60s Strength and Balance Training

Do you need to improve your balance and increase your strength while improving your bone density? Plus the added bonus of making new friends? Then this is the class for you. All fitness levels welcome. Classes commence on **Tuesday 30 January at 10.30am** or **Thursday 1 February at 9.30am.** Classes run school terms only and cost \$10/session—**first class is free.** Please contact Peta Marriner on 0419 028 769 or email: petamarriner@gmail.com

Pilates for improved posture and core strength

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to get fit or feel better about yourself? Then come and try Pilates. It can help relieve back pain, improve your posture and core strength while improving your balance, co-ordination and flexibility. Come and try a free class with Peta.

Classes commence on Monday 29 January and run during school term times.

Available class times:

Monday at 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 8.30pm
Tuesday at 9.15am Wednesday at 7pm **and introducing Saturday at 8.30am**

Contact Peta Marriner on 0419 028 769 or petamarriner@gmail.com / www.mitchampilates.com.au



Chanel College 60th Anniversary Reunion for students of **THE MARIST FATHERS ERA (1958-1970)**

For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com

OR

your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.

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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 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.

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: 16-18 March, 1-3 June, 17-19 August & 9-11 November Starts 7pm on Friday and ends 5pm Sunday.**

Accommodation and meals provided. For further information and bookings contact Andre & Maria 0411 225 992 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au Or the website on www.wwme.org.au for further information.



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.