



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## Third Sunday of Easter April 30 2017 —Year A

*We had hopes that he would be the one*

### **Emmaus**

*Their backs were turned to Jerusalem  
the memories of that Friday too bitter  
there was nothing to hold them now.*

*They had hoped—even that was cause for sour taste.*

*They'd given him their time  
left villages and families to follow;  
and what hurt most*

*They'd given him their hearts.*

*His words were strange but they had known his friendship  
and learned to trust even to love.*

*But now!*

*They walked on and he joined them*

*The dry dust of their journey  
and their hearts clouded their vision.*

*Weighted down with loss, betrayal, fear, they did not see  
he travelled with them.*

*Even when he spoke recalling a history*

*They still did not perceive.*

*Their blind journey continued to Emmaus and could have gone beyond  
but a for a word—A simple shattering word of invitation.*

*'Stay with us. The darkness is upon us.'*

*And in the shared darkness their eyes were opened  
and their broken hearts healed.*

*In memory of him became Eucharist  
and life to be shared with others.*

*Surely this is Easter—*

*not once a past event but in the darkness of our journey  
finding a God walking the dark ways with us into dawn.*

*Sundays under the Southern Cross—Mary Coloe PBVM*

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**On Saturday 20th May 2017, Archbishop Denis Hart will celebrate 6pm Mass with us.**

**During this mass Fr Dispin John will be formally installed as parish priest.**

**We will gather together for supper afterwards in the Coghlan Centre.**

**All very welcome.**

## Parish Information

### Normal Weekend Mass Times at St. John's

**Saturday Vigil, 6pm, then 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm**

#### Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

#### Visiting Priests

Fr John Van Suylen

#### 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: Acts 6:8-15	John 6:22-29
Tue Acts 7:51 –8:1	John 6:3-35
Wed: 1Corinthians 15:1-8	John 14:6-14
Thur: Acts 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20	John 66:52-59
Sat: Acts 9:31-42	John 6:60-69
Sun: <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	
Acts 2:14, 36-41	
1 Peter 2:20-25	John 10:1-10

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Harvey Les Palankay, Dexter John Palankay, Brodie Lucas Mahaffy, Georgia Rose Crowe.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Scott Snell, PJ McManus** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Charlie Davison, Mary D'Silva, Reginald D'Silva, Antonietta Tomaro, Shirley Flores Nicolas, Sean McManus, Ivan Vonic, Nicole Pereira.**

### 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 Joan Cox from Sunday 30 April to Friday 5 May 9874 4150.**

*Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024*



### Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	10am <b>Funeral Mass</b> for Carmel Killackey
Thursday	9.15am Mass SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

May 6 / 7	St John's 6pm	St John's 8.30am	St. John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St John's 5pm	St James 9.30am
<b>C'Tator</b>	Youth Group	A Buchanan	R Horner	P Spencer	S Solomons	
<b>Lector</b>	J Dinh	M Buchanan	D Vecci	A Menon	A/F Puls	L McCarthy
<b>Eucharist</b>	C Irvin	B O'Reilly	G Gill	A Wilson	B Belot	N Winter
	K McClure	M Gartland	A Anthony	C Bantawig	D Lim	B Kenny
	Y Martin	R Smith	J White	J Bantawig		
		G Smith	R Elliott	A Wilson		
<b>Childrens Liturgy</b>			A Schafer S Chan			A O'Reilly A Thurbon
<b>Laptop</b>	N Bredhauer	F McKenna	B Ward	Hangan family	R Doyle	
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	M Rasmussen	H Thomas	A Wallis	S Box	D O'Farrell	



# Faith Formation 2017

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



**SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB 8pm WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2017**  
**THE PUMPHOUSE HOTEL**  
 128 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy (opposite Carlton Gardens) Street parking available

**The Catholic Identity Project**  
**What can it offer the Church in these troubled times?**

**Rev Dr Bredan Reed**

The Pumphouse Hotel provides a spacious and comfortable atmosphere.

Meals available from 6pm-7.30pm

Remember: Support the Pub that supports SIP

—Dine at the Pumphouse!

Contact Georgina Gartland if transport is required 0412 396 388

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### OPEN LETTER TO THE BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA “PLEASE LISTEN AND ACT NOW”

A petition from Catholics for Renewal has been sent to all parishes to provide an opportunity for parishioners to sign. The petition is placed at all the doors and narthex of the Church and also at St James for signing. It can also be signed online [www.catholicsforrenewal.org/open-letter](http://www.catholicsforrenewal.org/open-letter) We encourage you to sign this petition as you leave the church this weekend.

#### MAY CALENDAR

- Tues 2 -Parish Management Group 1(PMG) 9.10.45am
- Wed 3 - Liturgy Team Meeting 5pm
- Sat 6 - First Eucharist Presentation & Level Mass 6pm
- Sun 7 **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**  
- First Eucharist Presentation & Level 3 Mass 9.45am
- Tues 9 - PMG meeting 11am  
- Solo Support Grp celebrate their 29th year  
12noon Mass followed by a celebratory lunch  
- FE Home Mass Grp 2 6.30pm
- Wed 10 - Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Thur 11 - Planning for Confirmation 4pm  
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Sun 14 **Mother’s Day**
- Tues 16 - PMG & lunch 1pm
- Wed 17 - Grandparents Day—SJM Archbishop’s pastoral visit  
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Thurs 18 - First Eucharist Parent Workshop 2—2pm & 7.30pm  
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Sat 20 - Archbishop Presiding at 6pm Mass— Fr Dispin’s  
Installation as Parish Priest followed by supper in  
Coghlan Centre
- Sun 21 - Mass for Newly Baptised 9.45am
- Tues 23 - PMG & lunch 1pm  
- FE Home Mass Grp 6.30pm
- Wed 24 - Formation for Clergy & Pastoral Associates 10-3pm  
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Thur 25 - RCIA 7.30pm
- Sat 27 - National Reconciliation Week begins
- Sun 28 **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**  
- PFM & Baptism Anointing & Stole Presentation  
9.45am Mass
- Mon 29 - Compassion & Friendship Group 10.30am
- Tues 30 - PMG & lunch 1pm  
- FE Home Mass Grp 4 6.30pm
- Wed 31 - FE Breadmaking & Activities Day 9am-2.30pm  
- Music Ministry Practice 7.30pm

#### St Vincent De Paul Assist a Student Appeal

Next Sunday we will be having an Appeal for St Vincent de Paul Assist a Student (AAS) Program. The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our North to get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping people to get out of poverty cycle. It costs \$70 to assist one student for one year. There is a small information display on the AAS Program on the notice board beside the Piety Stall in the Narthex. In addition there are a small number of pamphlets on the program at the Piety Stall. If you are able to support the program there are Sponsorship slips near the church entrances. These can be completed and posted to the Victorian SVdP State Office as per address details on the slip. For those unable to commit the \$70 to sponsor a student there will also be a leaving collection and the Mitcham Conference will amalgamate the money donated towards student sponsorships.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—the booklet “**Ten Things Everyone Needs To Know About Islam**” written by John L Esposito & published by St Columban’s Mission Society is available **Cost \$5.50**.



#### Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

*Be an example...show kindness to unkind people.*

*Forgive people who don't deserve it. Love unconditionally. Your actions always reflect who you are.*



# Social & Other



## ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL VERMONT

### OPEN DAYS

With tours at 9am & 10am  
Friday 5th May

Or at anytime by appointment  
CALL 9874 1830

### OPEN EVENING

#### TUESDAY 2ND MAY

at 7pm (please register) by calling 9874 1830

51 Centre Rd, Vermont  
www.sjvermont.catholic.edu.au

## ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MITCHAM OPEN DAYS



Tours from 9am to 10.30am

Monday 1st May

Parking available on the basketball court (enter via  
Elizabeth St ) or out the front of the school/church

**PLEASE COME AND SEE OUR GREAT SCHOOL  
IN ACTION!**

### INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY AT 7PM

490 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham

Phone 9874 1575

email [principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au)

[www.sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au)



## HOUSE OF BOOKS

Are calling for more volunteers to help  
out at the **House of Books**. If you able  
to spare some time please contact  
**Kitty on 9874 2389**.

What can you achieve in a minute?

Hold your breath?

Hop on one leg?

Sit in silence? Eat 2 slices of pizza?

This month the **Youth Group** is having a "**Minute  
to win it**" games night and there will be heaps of  
challenges to give a go! We would love to see you  
all there!!! Free Good, Free Fun and Free Friends!

**Saturday 6 May**, after 6pm Mass.

All welcome ages 16-25.

Contact Lauren 0431 638 675 for more details



St Vincent de Paul are looking for donations of  
**Sewing Machines** to assist the people of the  
Tiwi Islands in Northern Australia. Donations  
can be left in the Narthex or Parish Office.  
Thank you, Kevin Raphael (St Vincent de Paul)

## St Johns Parish Womens Retreat Weekend

*Allowing God to work in us is a life-long process. During this week-  
end you will be gently led by Colleen in a program that allows us to  
access our core strengths and befriend our compulsive behaviours  
for personal development and wholeness. All are welcome.*

**Venue:** Pallotti College Milgrove

**Cost:** \$210 (3 meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday, private  
room shared bathroom)

**Date:** Friday 30th June 8pm to 3pm Sunday 2 July

**Facilitator:** Sr Colleen Leonard — Spiritual director of  
the Ignation tradition who works at Campion CIS

For further information or booking contact **Helen Lucas**  
on **0435232101** or [helen.lucas@sseerpharma.com.au](mailto:helen.lucas@sseerpharma.com.au)

## Kimberly Catholic Volunteer Service

### Urgently Wanted: Volunteer Workers for Balgo Parish

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to  
assist with the work of the local church on Aboriginal  
Missions. We are currently seeking a couple in Balgo  
to assist the Priest in the running of the parish. There  
are several other roles in the Kimberley for single peo-  
ple or couples also available. Placements are preferred  
for a period of 6 months. For further details, and an  
application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordina-  
tor Anneliese Rohr

08 91992 1060 email [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org)  
or PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725

## Mary MacKillop Museum

### OPEN DAY

Saturday 6th May 2017 10am—4pm

362 Albert St East Melbourne

Pray in the Chapel, take a tour of the Museum, visit the Gift Shop,  
Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available at 11am, visit the  
temporary exhibition titled "The Cross-An Australian Journey" by  
Sr Helen Barnes rsj.

Special morning & afternoon tea available from 11am-3pm  
\$5.00 per person

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL April

**Long Life Milk, Rice, Pasta, Tinned Soup,  
Tinned Vegetables, Biscuits.** Please leave  
donations in the tub at the Piety Stall in the  
Narthex.

Conference Meetings are held on the 1st  
Wednesday of each month and on the 3rd  
Wednesday 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.