



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist June 24th 2018—Year B

When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, the whole village was quite certain that the child would be called Zechariah after his father. But Elizabeth resisted and Zechariah had no hesitation in writing. 'His name is John' - is John. Present tense.

This caused great consternation in the village. This could only mean that more shocking breaks with tradition were to come. And in the last verse of today's Gospel, we learn that this now young man is not preparing for priestly service at the Temple!

He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most marginal, living outside settled existence where tradition suffocates.

Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. He is also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we are sufficiently open to receive God's messengers, who may erupt from the margins, from 'the wilderness' of the peripheries.

Michael Tate—Liturgyhelp.com

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.

"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
— 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: 2 Kings 17:5-8 13-15 18 Matthew 7:1-5
Tue: 2 Kings 19:9-11 14-21 31-36 Matthew 7:6 12-14
Wed: 2 Kings 22:8-13 23:1-3 Matthew 7:15-20
Thur: 2 Kings 24:8-17 Matthew 7:21-29
Fri: **Saints Peter & Paul**
Acts 12:1-11 Matthew 16:13-19
2 Timothy 4:6-8 17-18
Sat: Lamentations 2:2 10-14 18-19 Matthew 8:5-17
Sun: **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wisdom 1:13-15 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7 9 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY



We welcome into our Parish Family through the sacrament of Baptism **Daisy & Mila Browne, Theodore Lachlan & Hamish John Lewis.**

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Brian McDonald, Bernard Guerin, Antonietta Del Borrello** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Doris Fernandez, Vivienne Butler, Cyril Page, Valerian D'Sa, Benadict D'Sa, Dell Urquhart, George Urquhart, Joanne Louise Daly, Mary Murphy, Jean Dillon.**

Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Anne McAllister from Sunday 24 June to Friday 29 June at 7.30pm.
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday (Church Closed)
Tuesday 10am Mass
Wednesday 10am Mass
Thursday 10.20am Mass at SJV
Friday 10am Mass
Saturday **No 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service till August 9.30am Reconciliation**

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group



A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.

Proverbs 27-9

June 30 / July 1	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 Kaithavelil	J Magree	R Horner	P Spencer	S Solomons	
Lector	J Dinh	M McMahan	D Vecci	A Menon	A&F Puls	P Stewart
Eucharist	C Irvin	B O'Reilly	G Gill	C Bantawig	B Belot	G Gartland
	K McClure	R Bohermer	L Iacobucci	J Bantawig	D Lim	M Gartland
	Y Martin	B Mills	J White	A Wilson	A Nally	
			R Elliott	B Bartling		

No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays

Laptop	N Bredhauer	F McKenna	T Rowland	J Bantawig	R Doyle
Welcome Desk		H Thomas	A Wallis	S Box	D O'Farrell



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 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 on Sunday 1st July 2018**. Envelopes for credit card/cash contributions will be made available at church exit points that weekend. Donations over \$4 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

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| Sun 1 | - AT SIS - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday |  |
| Mon 2 | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN | |
| Fri 6 | - Anointing Mass & Luncheon—11.30am | |
| Mon 9 | - Christian Meditation 7.30pm | |
| Tues 10 | - Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group at 1.30pm
Zebedee | |
| Wed 11 | - Music Ministry practice 7.30pm | |
| Sat 14 | - Group 6 First Eucharist—6pm Mass | |
| Sun 15 | - Group 7 First Eucharist - 9.45am & Group 8 First Eucharist—11.15am Masses | |
| Mon 16 | TERM 3 BEGINS | |
| Tues 17 | - Parish Management Group Meeting (PMG) & lunch 1pm
- First Eucharist Home Mass Group 12 - 6.30pm
- Fete Committee meeting 7pm | |
| Wed 18 | - Parish Office Meeting (POM) 10.30am
- First Eucharist Practice Groups 9 & 10 4pm Church
- First Eucharist Home Mass Group 9—6.30pm
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm | |
| Thurs 19 | - Memorial Garden Meeting 7pm in Narthex | |
| Sat 21 | - Group 9 First Eucharist—6pm Mass | |
| Sun 22 | - Group 10 First Eucharist—11.15am Mass | |
| Tues 24 | - PMG & lunch 1pm | |
| Wed 25 | FEAST OF ST JAMES
- Mass at 9am at SJV
- POM 10.30am
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm | |
| Sun 29 | - Parish Family Mass & Baptism Stole & Anointing 9.45am Mass | |
| Mon 30 | - Compassion & Friendship Group gathering 10.30am | |
| Tues 31 | PMG & lunch 1pm | |

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS—Are you celebrating your **25th, 40th, 50th or 60th-70th wedding anniversary** this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 July at 11am. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or email lmf@cam.org.au or phone 9287 5587. Registrations close 13 July.

CAN YOU HELP?



It's that time of the year again when we think of others who are doing it much tougher than

we are. Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) is in urgent need of **COATS & BLANKETS** to help keep people seeking asylum warm this winter.

Do you have any blankets and coats taking up space in your cupboards that just aren't's being used? Please bring them to the Narthex and mark ASRC.



The Anointing Mass & Luncheon is to be held on **Friday 6 July** at **11.30am** followed by a luncheon in the Coghlan Centre. (no cost involved)



For catering purposes and /or transport please ring the Parish Office on 9873 1341. It would be greatly appreciated if you could reply by **Monday 2 July**.

TOUR TO INDIA- Marie Fonseca is organising her 7th tour to India - "Yearning for Peace" to Goa, Karnataka and Kerala, from 3—25 February 2019. The highlight of this tour will be a 5 night's retreat in Goa led by Fr Joe Pereira (Kripa Foundation, Mumbai) that includes yoga, and meditation, as well as daily mass. For further information, please contact Marie on 0418 265 117 or info@spiceodyssey.net.au www.spiceodyssey.net.au or Andre 0403 569 079 or andre@traveltalk.com.au

Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIORS



Next Wednesday, the Seniors will have **BINGO**.
Cost: \$5 Time: 1pm

Any queries please contact **Helen on 9874 0809**.

HOUSE OF BOOKS VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The House of Books is in need of volunteers to help out on a **Friday morning** on a **weekly and/or fortnightly** basis as well as a couple of **Emergency** contacts to be available as required. If you are able to provide some assistance please contact Kitty on 9874 2389 or the Parish Office on 9873 1341.



COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our next gathering will take place on **Monday 25 June at 10.30am** in the **Parish Office**. If you are interested you will be made most welcome.

Enquiries contact the **Parish Office** 9873 1341 or **Monika 0438 220 361**.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-June

Coffee, soup, 2 minute noodles & tins of spaghetti.
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 & small household cleaning & toiletry 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.

LIFEBOAT—has been providing practical and pastoral support to over one hundred victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia for five years. Having commenced in Geelong in 2013, “Lifeboat’s” first Melbourne-based fundraising function will be held on **Friday 6 July 2018 at 7.30pm to 10.30pm** at **Tosaria Restaurant, Henderson Rd, Rowville**.

Entertainment from renowned singer Sue Jones. Finger food served through the evening. Tickets just **\$40** and due to the generous support of Sue and Tosaria, most of this will go directly to the work of Lifeboat itself.
To order tickets call 0421 777 360.

PARISH BUS ROSTER

U R G E N T

We are currently seeking additional bus drivers for the **9.45am Sunday Mass**. This would require a commitment of a couple of hours on a Sunday morning approximately every six weeks. In accordance with Catholic Archdiocesan Guidelines a Working with Children Check & Police Check are required. If you are interested to come on to the roster and/or need assistance in completing these checks please contact the parish office on 9873 1341.



St John’s Card Making Group will be selling an array of **First Eucharist, Baby, Sympathy, Birthday & other specialty Cards** after Saturday night and Sunday morning Masses this **weekend and 30 June/1 July**.

Cost of cards is from **\$3.00** with **all profits** going to **St Vincent de Paul**. Our cards are also sold at the **House of Books**.

Any queries or orders please call Monika on 0438 220 361.

STRONGER YOUTH MELBOURNE EAST

Back by popular demand

Come and join us after **6pm Mass** on:

Saturday 7th July 2018

followed by **Youth Group Movie Night**
from **7pm-8.30pm**



Bring your pillows, friends and some movie snacks and enjoy some great company.
All high school aged children are welcome.

Hope to see you there.

Contact: Siobhan 0410 031 516
or
Stephanie 0411 523 614

