



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13 2017 —Year A

Courage, it is I! Do not be afraid

When you fear for the future of your children,
and wonder will they make it safely through life,
Do not be afraid.

When you fear that love may not last and your
commitment will run dry.
Do not be afraid.

When you fear in teenage years that you'll not find
friends and you will be left alone,
Do not be afraid.

When death is close and you feel so confused and anxious,
Do not be afraid.

When God seems distant and you can't find consolation,
Do not be afraid.

When faults and sin take over and you wonder can God ever really love you,
Do not be afraid.

In all the moments of life
when it seems like walking on water,
in our fears and anxieties,
our despair and our hopelessness,
in mourning and sadness,
and also in joy and hope,
love and peace,
when the water is calm
and life seems to support us,
we hear the word of God:

Courage, it is I! Do not be afraid.

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

At our 9.45am Mass next Sunday 20 August our Parish will farewell Andrew Mullaly, Principal of St James Vermont. We will come together to celebrate his many years of service and commitment to our school & parish community and to wish him well in the future.

This will be followed by a morning tea in the Narthex. All are very welcome.

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: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Matthew 17:22-27

Tue **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

1Chronicles 15:3-4 15-16 16:1-2

1Corinthians 15:54-57 Luke 11:27-28

Wed: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 18:15-20

Thur: Joshua 3:7-11 13-17 Matthew 18:21 19:1

Fri: Joshua 24:1-13 Matthew 19:3-12

Sat: Joshua 24:14-29 Matthew 19:13-15

Sun: **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 56:1 6-7

Romans 11:13-15 29-32 Matthew 4:23

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Desmond O'Callaghan** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Frank Buckle, Fr Bill Durkin, Jacqueline Slattery, Wilfredo De Lavega, Clarence Jones, William Brown, David & Myrna Anderson, Mary Page, Teofista Funte, Angelito Pelayo, Gino Alviator Torres, Norman & Lindsay Cox.**

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 Margaret Baulch from Sunday 13 August to Friday 18 August 8838 2119. **Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.**



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9am Mass SJV 12noon & 7.30pm Masses SJM
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

August 19 / 20	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	P Chalkley
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	G Gartland
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	T McLaughlin
	Y Martin	G Smith	C Boyd	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
			A Martonyi	M Hegarty		
Children's Liturgy			A Schafer R Tabouda			M Brockhoff A Thurbon
Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy Family	A Jordan	
Welcome Desk	J David	J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan	



Euthanasia and Physician assisted Suicide – why are we concerned?

The Victorian Parliament is soon to introduce a bill on Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide. This is of concern to many vulnerable people in the wider community. Despite the seriousness of this proposed bill, there has been very little open public discussion on the consequences of legislating for euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. Our Parish is hosting an evening, together with adjacent parishes, of discussion around this issue to become better informed of what is being proposed according to the guidelines put out by the Victorian Government.

EUTHANASIA AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE – WHY ARE WE CONCERNED?

Speaker: Fr. Tony Kerin
(Episcopal Vicar for Life Marriage and Family)

Venue: Coghlan Centre at St John's

When: Thursday 17th August

Time: 7.30pm

RSVP—St John's Parish Office or micham@cam.org.au or Jan White 0402 141 519

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
COME AND SEE**



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith a journey of seeking, meeting new people and learning about the Catholic faith.

St John's RCIA team are inviting adults who are interested in asking questions about the Catholic faith—and about becoming Catholic to come and join us.

Two information sessions have been planned:

Tuesday 5 September

or

Tuesday 12 September

7.30pm in the Coghlan Centre at St John's

(Both sessions have the same content)

You might like to invite family members and friends who may be interested in the Catholic Church to come along—you will be most welcome to accompany them to the information meetings if asked. We are also asking parishioners to assist in the RCIA journey by sharing their own faith—by helping when and where they are able. More details in coming weeks.

Please note there will be speakers at all Masses this weekend.

Enquiries: Maureen Campbell 0409 894 328
Maree O'Keefe 9873 1341

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



*"Your job as a citizen and as a decent human being
is to constantly affirm and lift up
and fight for treating people with
kindness and respect and understanding."
President Barack Obama*



The **Anointing Mass** is to be held on **Friday 8 September 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 5 September at the latest.

**Child Migrants: the Vulnerable & the Voiceless
Annual Mass of All Nations
Sunday 27 August 2017**

Rosary at 2pm followed by Mass at 3pm.
Main Celebrant Archbishop Denis J Hart DD

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

St Vincent de Paul—Piety Stall

Have you visited our Piety Stall in the Narthex?
We have some beautiful prayer cards for only 25 cents.

- * Rosary Beads with Mary MacKillop
- * Baptism Candles
- * Crucifixes
- * Cards & gifts
- * Rosaries and Rosary cases
- * Prayer Cards
- * Prayer Books for adults & children
- * Holy pictures
- * Bibles for children
- * Books on Saints for children
- * Medals (with & without chain)
- * Scapulars (Green & Brown)
- * Car magnets & key rings

Please note if the Piety Stall is unattended you can still purchase greeting cards and place the money in the hole in the wall beside the St John statue. Thank you.

Social & Other

A special request from Fr Charles!

Some of our parishioners may have received an email from Fr Charles Balnaves regarding a planned function to raise money for the re-building of St John the Evangelist at Bannockburn which is part of Charles' parish of Meredith.

After 114 years the church was destroyed as a result of an arsonist's attack on the 14 October, 2015. The only trace of the church was a sloping concrete ramp and a few artefacts. Two young Catholic boys started a fund-raising effort the same day collecting \$174.00

Fundraising is well underway, however the parish has a shortfall of \$250,000 to reach the budget of \$1.3 million required to build the new Church. If you would like to support Charles and his Parish by way of a donation or have any queries, please contact our parish office on 9873 1431 to obtain Eftpos or cheque details.

Plaza Cinema Group
Thursday 17 August at 7.30pm

The 39 Steps

A long-overdue revival of the famous Alfred Hitchcock classic based on John Buchan's story. An adventurer-hero (Robert Donat) becomes caught up in an international plot and has to flee to Scotland. Lovely Madeline Carroll provides delightful support. Legendary comedy star Mae West's most famous A Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings 3 month Membership: \$15 Visitors welcome. Membership enquiries: Barbara: 9873 3508



ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Wednesday, 16 August—Bingo—1pm Cost \$5
Contact: Helen on 9874 0809

Lumina Theatre Company, a not-for-profit amateur theatre company based in Ringwood, run by Aquinas College Alumni, extends an invitation to all parishioners to the show "**West Side Story**" on **2nd September at 2pm**. We are offering a **50% discount of \$15 per ticket**. We have disability access, with dedicated seating for those with mobility difficulties and wheelchairs. Alcoholic drinks & soft drinks are available for purchase, as well as light snacks. By coming to see our production you will be supporting and allowing our modest company to continue into the future. If you are interested please email lumina.theatre.company@gmail.com with the number of tickets required.

Vinnies Store in Ringwood

The Ringwood Vinnies Store is very short of Bric-a-brac so donations would be gratefully accepted. Items can be left in the Donation Bins which are just inside the front door of the shop beside the counter.

The address of the Vinnies Store is 2/82 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood.



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 VINCENT DE PAUL—August
Long Life Milk, Savoury Biscuits, Pasta, Small Jars of Coffee, Tinned Vegetables. 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.

Catenian Invitation—Come and join other Catholic men from nearby parishes for dinner and an evening of fellowship at a local restaurant with function room privacy on **16 August 6.45pm** onwards. Please confirm your attendance with Andrew on 0487 138 140 or 9879 0692 for all details.

Could the owner of the Silver Volvo with the number plate **XBA 695** please phone the Parish Office asap 9873 1341.