



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19th 2017 —Year A

You must therefore be perfect just as your Heavenly Father is perfect

To be perfect as God is perfect:
really, can we be like that?
The really perfect quality of God
is the love he has for each.

A love which
affirms, forgives, accepts,
enjoys, calls us,
day by day.

A love which strives for justice,
which wants to include everyone.
It's to be part of the circle of the love of God:
that's what being perfect seems to mean.

That you would have no faults,
nor think no evil,
nor fail in friendship;
Is that sometimes how we feel
God expects us to be...
'perfect in every way'?

'As the Father loves me,
so I love you...
love one another.'

This is the type of love which is God's perfect love.

Into that circle of love, the Lord invites you;
the love that you become part of,
a love that
affirms, forgives, accepts,
makes allowances.

Strives for justice, and that love is made perfect
because you and I want to be part of it.

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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
Kevin Hay—Coordination of Communion to the Sick
Sr Margaret Richmond—Visitation

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: Sirach 1:1-10	Mark 9:14-29
Tue Sirach 2:1-11	Mark 9:30-37
Wed: Luke 22:32	Matthew 16:13-19
Thur: Sirach 5:1-8	Mark 9:41-50
Fri: Sirach 6:5-17	Mark 10:1-12
Sat: Sirach 17:1-15	Mark 10:13-16
Sun: 8th Sunday in Ord Time	
Isiah 49:14-15	
1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 6:24-34

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of **Baptism, Ashley Ella Calavetta, Ysabella Elise Lumongsud, Rafael Angelo Luongo, Zara Grace Dell'Oste.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Norman Holmes** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Bernie Shannon, Pasquale Lazzaro, Armondo D'Amico, Jim McKenna, Bryan Baulch, Dolores Bautista, Glenys Van der Lit, Peter Pettinella, Alan Bateman.**

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 David & Marlene Rae from Sunday February 19th—Friday February 24th 9872 3402. Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
	9.30am Reconciliation

February 25 / 26	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	M & N Bredhauer	J Magree	A Crowe	Z D'Silva	M Lambert	
Lector	A Livy	E George	B Mills	G Lewis	P Wallace	P Stewart
Eucharist	M Livy	M Lamb	K Hay	A Glenn	K Placido	L Cairnduff
	E Booth	J Santamaria	L Sissins	S Catacutan	C Kook	N Winter
	R McIntosh	R Jess	M Battagello A White	S Edwards	J Ryhnehart	

Children's Liturgy

No Childrens Liturgy due to Parish family Mass

Laptop	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	A Jordan
Welcome Desk	M Ayling	J / B Houlihan	K Hay	V Keys	



65th Anniversary of St John's Parish, Mitcham

An invitation is extended to all parishioners following the 11.15am Mass to help celebrate our

65th Anniversary this weekend and to formally farewell Fr Mark.

There will be a display of parish memorabilia in the **Coghlan Centre.**

So please come across to share some of the life of our parish and its story as well as sharing in a light luncheon & drinks a sausage sizzle & icy pole for the young ones.

All are most Welcome



World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA

Everyone is welcome to attend the ecumenical service to celebrate

World Day of Prayer
being hosted by St John's Church, Mitcham on

Friday 3 March 2017

There will be a morning tea provided at **10.30am** followed by the service at **11am.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL February

Peanut Butter, tinned vegies, spaghetti, savory biscuits, tinned fish or ham. 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.

LENTEN REFLECTION

"LITTLE BLACK BOOKS" are on sale next weekend after all masses
Cost: \$5.00

LAPTOP OPERTORS & COMMENTATORS WORKSHOP

Our new sound system has been re-jigged and moved along with the laptop desk to the other side of the church (chapel side) where the system will work more effectively, efficiently and easily. We will soon move to the new tablet playlist option and need to have a workshop to show you all how this will work. The workshop will be **Saturday morning February 25 at 10am** in the **Church** and it would be great if you could all come along to make the transition to the new system easier. Carl, our soundman will be there to answer any questions you may have.

Please contact Maree on 9873 1341.

Touch of Heaven—Alan Ames Ministry 2017 Holy Mass & Healing Service

Wednesday 1 March 2017
Ss Peter & Paul's Catholic Church
23 Leeds St, Doncaster Melway: 47 K2
6.30pm Holy Rosary & Prayers
7pm Holy Mass followed by Alan Ames talk & individual healing prayer.
Enquiries: Bernadette or Paul O'Hanlon
9842 3622 (W) or 0418 366 739

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

*"Love is more than a mere feeling.
To love means to do good. In this way we can
experience the happiness of giving,
the grandeur of offering ourselves
without measure, without expecting
to be repaid."* Pope Francis



Social & Other



FEB FEAST

Parish community event on **FRIDAY 24th**
February 2017 at St. John's
 Enjoy foods from Italy, Vietnam, Poland,
 Cook Islands, Malta, Sri Lanka UK, Australia
Time: 6.30 pm start...until the food runs out!!
Tickets: \$25 on sale
this weekend at St John's
Kids \$5 - sausages/drink/icypole



ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Wednesday 22nd February - Bingo
Time: 1pm Cost: \$5.00
 Enquiries: Helen 9874 0809



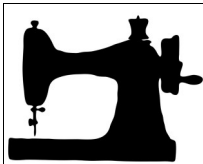
TRIP TO BRIGHT 26th—29th APRIL

Delighted with response to our holiday to Bright.
 No vacancy at this stage but if anyone wishes to put
 their name on the waiting list please ring Helen on
 9874 0809 – there is always a chance that someone
 can't go for one reason or another nearer the time.

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)



YOU'RE INVITED
CENTENARY OF THE
BRIGIDINE FOUNDATION OF KILDARA COLLEGE
1917-2017

SUNDAY APRIL 30 2017 1PM-5PM

East Malvern RSL Stanley Grose Dr, Malvern East 3145

\$30 pp finger food provided drinks at bar prices

Tickets now on Sale

Via WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/NPXQ

No online Access?

Call Virginia Bourke 0411 822 608

to purchase tickets by cheque.

There are vacancies on the Parish Buses
 for parishioners who are unable to drive, if
 you are interested and would like to attend
 the **9.45am Mass** please contact the
 parish office on 9873 1341.



We are also seeking additional drivers. 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. For
 assistance in completing these checks please contact
 the parish office on 9873 1341.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

AIRS 17 February 2017



This week the program will bring you weekly Gospel reflections
 and wonderful inputs from amazing people. We have Wisdom
 from the Abbey with Sr Hilda encouraging us "Don't settle for the
 superficial". Fr Dave Callaghan in his segment "The call" gently
 reminds us about Sitting in the Pain, and Bruce Downes, The
 Catholic Guy encourages us in Having Faith in God. Not to
 mention some great music.

Tune into or go to www.jcr.org.au or
www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe
 to weekly shows by email.

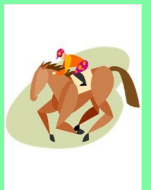
A Great family day out in Yea

Enjoy a great day out in the magnificent country
 atmosphere of Yea. **St Pat's Race Club Yea** is holding
 its annual Picnic Race Day at the picturesque Yea
 Racecourse on **Sunday 26 February, 2017. from**
12noon.

There will be great entertainment for both adults and
 children. Proceeds from the day **support Sacred**
Heart Parish and School in Yea.

Bookings for dinner in the Clubhouse and
 other catering options can be made on the
 website country.racing.com/yea-st-pats

You can drive to Yea along the Melba Hwy
 from Lilydale, through Whittlesea from
 Plenty Rd, or along the Hume Fwy and
 turn off at Tallarook.



For more information, see the poster on the noticeboard
 or website What's On What's New

General Enquiries: Richard 0418 842 926

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: 24—26 March 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 check the website for more information on www.wwme.org.au