



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22nd 2017 —Year A**

ST JOHN'S PARISH COMMUNITY FETE - 18 NOVEMBER 2017

"Just 2 Hours...Please!"

Volunteer Sign-up options

Thank you for consulting your diary and giving consideration to offering to assist before, during or after the Fete.

There are two options available for parishioners to register their availability:

Complete the enclosed sign up form and hand it to the Fete Raffle ticket sellers.

OR

On line at: <https://tinyurl.com/Just-2hrs>

Thank you to everyone in anticipation of "Just 2 Hours...Please".

NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED

It is with great joy I announce that we have a new principal to lead our wonderful St James School into the future. Mr David Muttimer, who is currently the principal at Holy Trinity Primary School in Wantirna South, will join us at the beginning of the 2018 school year. He is very enthusiastic, full of life and has a great vision for our school. He also comes across as a very approachable and open leader. We wish him every blessing as he takes on his new responsibility of leading our school community for years to come.

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**

Acting Principal: Mrs Carmel Foster

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: Romans 4:20-25 Luke 12:13-21
Tue: Romans 5:12 15 17-21 Luke 21:36
Wed: Romans 6:12-18 Luke 12:39-48
Thur: Romans 6:19-23 Luke 12:49-53
Fri: Romans 7:18-25 Luke 12:54-59
Sat: Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-19
Sun: **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We would like to welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Ashley Mikaela A. Deligero, Elijah Ross Moran.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Catalina Baltazar, Deirdre Duddy** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Agnes Ward, Michael Ward, Gladys Wallis, William Wallis, Cipriano Torres.**

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 22 October to Friday 27 October at 7.30pm.
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday Church Closed
Tuesday **10am** Mass
Wednesday 10am Mass
Thursday 9.15am Mass (SJV)
 10am Mass (SJM)
Friday 10am Mass
Saturday 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
 9.30am Reconciliation

October 28 / 29	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	P Richards	C Anderson	V Burnie	T Black	M Day	
Lector	J David	L Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	C Black	M Greenwood	N Thurbon
Eucharist	P Bateman	K Thorneycroft	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	R McIntosh
	C Pearson	R Smith	S Harrison	N Flores	P Wallace	N Winter
	M Perkins	G Smith	D Matchado	T Fernandes	S Solomons	
	B Meehan	H de Kauwe	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosc		
				T Vaz		
Children's Liturgy			No Children's Liturgy for St John's until further notice due to Church renovations			M Brockhoff A Thurbon
Laptop	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert	
Welcome Desk is cancelled till after the renovations.						



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

THE LEGACY OF JUSTICE HIGGINS—Seeking a True Start for all Job Seekers and Workers

Date: Wednesday 8th November 2017
Time: 7pm light refreshments for 7.30pm start. Concludes promptly at 9pm.
Venue: Lecture Theatre—Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne
Cost: Free vent
RSVP: Please by 3rd November 2017 to justice@cam.org.au. or 9926 5727
Accreditation: CEM approved (1.5 hours) Category C

This event will be held on the 110th anniversary of the decision by Justice H.B. Higgins to award a living wage in the historic Sunshine Harvester Case. It will be of particular interest to teachers and students of Economics, Politics and Religious Studies—all those concerned with the Church’s Social Teaching on the Dignity and Purpose of Human Work. (See flyer on website “What’s On What’s New”)

EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE – WHY ARE WE SO CONCERNED?

The Victorian Parliament has been debating the euthanasia and assisted suicide bill over the last few days of this past week. (The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill) James Merlino the deputy premier, opposes the bill, and is trying to raise some amendments before the bill is voted on, in order to give more protections to Victorians, should this bill be passed.

Mr Andrews has led the Victorian public astray in pretending that this bill has greater protections and safeguards than other similar legislation in other countries. Without doubt it is discriminatory in its present form - there is no doubt this reality will very quickly lead to expanding the available categories of those who can then be considered as acceptable candidates for euthanasia/assisted suicide. Additionally there are absolutely no constraints within the Bill which would protect vulnerable people from being coerced into euthanasia as a matter of convenience for others. This is very pertinent to the frail elderly and the vulnerable disabled. The Premier has been adamant that he will not support any amendments, citing the bill is the “most conservative” in the world and requiring no adjustments. Nothing could be further from the truth. If the bill is not passed this week there is still an opportunity for everyone to register their opposition by signing the Parliamentary E-Petition. This petition WILL be tabled in Parliament. Please type into your browser https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/council/petitions/electronic-petitions next click ‘click here to view and /or join current petitions’, scroll down to petition No 25 and then follow directions to sign. For further information - contact Jan on 0402 141 519.

A special thank you from Zena Layton to all of her friends for their kind words and cards on the occasion of her recent 93rd birthday (7th October). Her birthday was celebrated with an afternoon tea with family (including a few cousins from her original homeland, Tasmania).



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

We do not own the earth. Walk gently upon it, so that future generations may do the same.

Open Doors Counselling will run their next Rachel’s Vineyard retreat weekend on November 10-12, 2017.

Rachel’s Vineyard retreats have brought hope and healing to thousands of women and men struggling with grief and guilt after an abortion.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending please contact Open Doors on 9870 7044 or info@opendoors.com.au asap as places are filling and we only take small numbers. Numbers will need to be finalised by October 28. You can find out more and view a video about the retreat at www.opendoors.com.au/rachels-vineyard-retreat

CatholicCare would like to thank the community of St John the Evangelist Mitcham Parish for its generous donation of \$960 to the recent CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare, who work on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Together we fulfil the Church’s mission of service to the community. We help families and individuals to develop strong and healthy relationships, ease the pain of difficult life transitions and build a sense of belonging for those who are vulnerable and isolated. Thank you for enabling us to continue this vital work.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—The Piety Stall will be closed while renovations to the Narthex are in progress. However, Columban calendars and Christmas cards will be sold at one of the exit doors. Columban calendars are priced at \$8.50. Christmas cards have not yet been received and will be priced later.

Food items can be placed in the box at the door on the parish office side of the church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— October

Long Life Milk, Jam, Vegemite, Tinned Tomatoes and Tinned Fruit. Please leave donations in the tub in the Church.

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 box at the door on the parish office side of the Church. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

Social & Other

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FETE PLANT STALL—CALLING ALL GREEN AND BROWN THUMBS!

Now that Spring is here, please consider growing some cuttings or seedlings for the Plant Stall. Donations of spare pots are also most welcome. Please email Melissa at melissa.greenwood1@hotmail.com or call 9877 7302 AH, if you can assist with these, or would like to help out on the stall on Fete Day.

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BOOK STALL—DONATIONS

Any books for the Fete should be taken to the **House of Books** 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham (next to the church). Open hours are 10am-4pm weekdays or 10am-1pm Saturdays, or they can be left under cover on the front verandah. **Please do not leave them at the church or school**—thank you

CAN ANYONE HELP?? We still need the following assistance....

Auctions Coordinator!

"Auctions" ?...Consideration is being given to re-introducing at least one, possibly two, live auctions during Fete day along with maintaining the traditional silent auction. For 2017 the coordinator will only need to liaise with the Fete's established donors to secure items for auction. At this late stage there is no cold calling being planned. However, should a new coordinator wish to spruik the benefits of supporting the St John's Parish Community Fete in 2017 the Committee would be delighted and supportive.

For initial enquiries: Brendan 0412 111 734

Devonshire Tea Stall Coordinator, Michelle Plant, would love to hear from anyone interested in offering to assist with Devonshire teas on Fete day. Rumour has it that Michelle is discounting the **"Just 2 Hours...Please"** so get in quickly. **Michelle can be contacted on 0414 786 147.**

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PRE-LOVED CLOTHES

It's Fete time!! Time to clean out your wardrobe and donate all those good quality, clean pre-loved clothes. Clothes can be dropped off at the Parish garage or on a Sunday at the Hall from 11am—2pm.



Sorters Needed

Are you able to spare an hour or two to help sort through all the lovely donations? We are currently sorting on: Sundays 11am—2pm & Tuesdays 1.30—4pm Come and see us in the Hall or contact Leonie on 0417 459 610.

THE ST JOHN'S PARISH FETE RAFFLE IS BACK, BIGGER AND BETTER!

Tickets on sale today! 10 amazing prizes available.

First Prize - \$2500.00 Shopping Voucher from a Shopping Centre of your choice.

Only \$2.00 a ticket or \$20.00 for a book of ten tickets.

Please consider taking a book or two to sell to friends and family.



In 2017, the Fete Raffle is now the **ONLY MAJOR RAFFLE** for the St John's Parish. **Fete Raffle Tickets** are available after Mass at the back of the Church & at St James Mass Centre—sales will continue for the 4 weeks leading up to our Parish Fete.

We need assistance with ticket sales at each of the Masses over the coming weeks, particularly 6pm Saturday & 5pm Sunday. Please contact Rob or Gracie if you can assist 0419 379 005. Many thanks for your support.

For more Fete updates & information see the latest NEWSLETTER by visiting the Parish website

www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

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ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Last Wednesday we went to Kerrisdale where we spent a beautiful day, perfect weather and magnificent scenery. Next **Wednesday**, the Seniors, will have **BINGO** in the **Coghlan Centre** at **1pm** cost **\$5**. Next month, we are heading down to **Werribee Rose Gardens** with a smorgasbord lunch at Bowling club cost **\$45**. This is very popular and filling fast so if you would like to join us, please contact **Helen** ASAP on **9874 0809** for our last trip this year.

LEMON STALL

On **Sunday October 22nd, 2017**

from **2pm** till **4pm**

at **37 Halls Parade, Mitcham**

Available for purchase on the day

will be **refreshing homemade lemonade** and an **assortment of lemon treats.**

Donations can also be made at

<https://give.everdayhero.com/au/lemon-stall-2017>

