



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26th 2017 —Year A

We were delighted to have Fr Mark back last weekend to recount the great stories of the last 16 years. It was wonderful to have so many families gathered to celebrate Fr Mark's time with us, the great achievements and the community he helped build. We also give thanks to God for the people who built this parish, the founders, and the great pastor he was. We shall always remember him with great respect and fondness. On behalf of the parish we wish him every blessing as he takes on his role in his new parish.

Please see below a letter of thanks from Fr Mark.

Dear Dispin

I write to you and through you to the parish community of St John's to express my very deep gratitude for the wonderful celebration on Sunday and especially the generosity shown me in the gifts that were presented. I can assure you and all that I will remember with great fondness the people of St John's, and of course St James, at Eucharist as I use the beautiful paten. And a little later in the year I shall also remember you all as I am fortunate enough to spend some time in Italy, helped by your generous cheque. And no doubt between now and then and after when I return I will toast you all with some fine wine that was also presented to me.

Events such as Sunday is the work I know of many people so I would be grateful Dispin if you would pass on my particular thanks to all who helped bring the day about both in the Church and afterwards in the Coghlan Centre.

Mark Reynolds

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.

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

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 17:24-29	Mark 10:17-27
Tue Sirach 35:1-12	Mark 10:28-31
Wed: Ash Wednesday	
Joel 2:12-18	Matt 6:1-16 16-18
2Corin. 5:20 6:2	
Thur: Deut. 30:15-20	Luke 9:22-25
Fri: Isaiah 58:1-9	Matthew 9:14-15
Sat: Isaiah 58:9-14	Luke 5:27-32
Sun: First Sunday of Lent	
Genesis 2:7-9 3:1	
Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Andrew Foran**, **Rosemarie Ventura** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Brian Odgers**.

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 Anne McAllister from Sunday February 26—Friday March 3 9879 2658.
Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY 10am SJM, 12noon SJV 7.30pm Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

March 4 / 5

**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**

**C'Tator
Lector
Eucharist**

Youth Group
J Dinh
C Irvin
K McClure
Y Martin

A Buchanan
M Buchanan
B O'Reilly
M Gartland
R Smith
G Smith

R Horner
D Vecci
G Gill
A Anthony
J White
R Elliott

P Spencer
A Menon
S Box
C Bantawig
J Bantawig
A Wilson

S Solomons
A-F Puls
B Belot
D Lim

L McCarthy
M Gartland
J McCarthy

Childrens Liturgy

Anne
Sophia

**Laptop
Welcome Desk**

N Bredhauer
M Rasmussen

F McKenna
H Thomas

B Ward
A Wallis

Hangan family
S Box

R Doyle
D O'Farrell



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

“...We must always say ‘no’ to violence in the home.”

Pope Francis

A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of VICTORIA:- “Committing to prevention and response on Domestic Violence.” - This statement is addressed to the whole church community so that together we can all work to prevent violence against women and children.

“Our Goal must be a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships, where violence and abuse are not acceptable and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. This is part of the Gospel vision of love and respect”.

Copies of the full Bishops Statements are available in the newsstands.

MARCH CALENDAR

- Wed 1 **ASH WEDNESDAY** - 10am Mass SJM ,
12noon Mass SJV, 7.30pm Mass SJM
- RCIA 8.30pm
- Thur 2 - RCIA Team Formation - Fr Elio Capra
7.30pm
- Fri 3 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 10.30am**
- Sun 5 **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**
- RCIA Rite of Election—St Patrick’s
Cathedral 2.30pm
- Tues 7 - 10.45am Parish Management Group (PMG)
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Wed 8 - Music Ministry Practice 7.30pm
- Thurs 9 - First Eucharist Parent meeting 7.30pm
- Sun 12 **2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Mon 13 **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tues 14 - PMG & Lunch 1pm
- 12.45pm Catholic Solo Group Meeting
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Wed 15 - Music Ministry Practice 7.30pm
- Fri 17 **ST PATRICK’S DAY**
- Anointing Mass & Luncheon 11.30am
- Sat 18 - First Eucharist Mass Book Presentation
& Commitment Ceremony 6pm Mass
- Sun 19 **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**
- RCIA presentation of Creed at SJV 9.30am
- First Eucharist Mass Book Presentation
& Commitment Ceremony 9.45am Mass
- Tues 21 - PMG & Lunch 1pm
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Pastoral Associates AGM
- Wed 22 - Music Ministry Practice 7.30pm
- Thur 23 **CELEBRATION OF FIRST
RECONCILIATION 7.30PM**
- Sun 26 **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Parish Family Mass & Baptism Anointing &
Stole Presentation
9.45am Mass
- Mon 27 - Compassion & Friendship Group
10.30am—12noon
- Tues 28 -PMG & Lunch 1pm
- Wed 29 **PARISH PENITENTIAL
CELEBRATION 7.30PM**
- Thur 30 **FIRST RECONCILIATION 7.30PM**
- Fri 31 Term 1 Ends



**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.**

The **Anointing Mass** is to be held
on **Friday 17 March** 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 the Tuesday 14 March at the latest.**

LENTEN REFLECTION
“LITTLE BLACK BOOKS” are on sale
this weekend after all masses
Cost: \$5.00

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



*People will forget what you said.
People will forget what you did. But people will
never forget how you made them feel.*

Social & Other

STEWARDSHIP GIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of Stewardship envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please save us the *increased* cost of mailing your set out by remembering to pick up your set on your way out!



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.

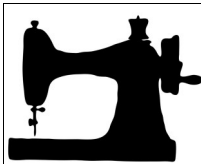
A HOUSE TO RENT IN THE BAYSWATER AREA

available from **July 11 to September 19, 2017**
3 bedrooms, close to Wantirna Mall and Knox Shopping Centre.

Please contact Paul on 0425 737 287

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.

COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Monday 27th February

This Monday bring along old greeting cards, birthday, Christmas etc and a pair of scissors for an activity at **10.30am** in the **Lyon Room**. If you have any queries please ring Monika 9873 1341. All welcome.



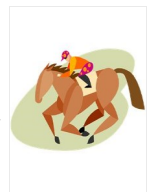
A Great family day out in Yea

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

Stronger Youth Fun Night is BACK!

Come along next **Saturday 4 March**, share our youth led Mass at 6pm and then join us for youth group with a BBQ and games. We would love to catch up or meet some new faces from the parish family.

Any questions contact Lauren 0431 638 675.



Welcome to our Parish—Please make yourself known at the **Welcome Desk** in the **Narthex** and collect your **Information Package** which we hope will be of value to you.