



St. John's Parish Mitcham

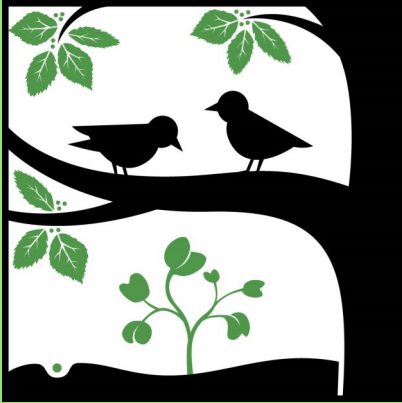
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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23 2017 —Year A

A letter of thanks from Fr John Van Suylen

Dear Dispin

Sincere thanks to you and the community of St John & St James for a lovely farewell Mass and Morning Tea on Sunday 9 July.

Kindly thank all who contributed in any way to a memorable morning for myself.

Thank you for your generous words and gift from the Parish.

***Sincerely in Christ
John Van Suylen***

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 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

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: Exodus 14:5-18	Matthew 12:38-42
Tue 2Corinthians 4:7-15	Matthew 20:20-28
Wed: Exodus 16:1-5 9-15	Matthew 13:1-9
Thur: Exodus 19:1-2 9-11	Matthew 13:10-17
	16-20
Fri: Exodus 20:1-17	Matthew 13:18-23
Sat 1John 4:7-16	John 11:19-27
Sun: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
1Kings 3:5 7-12	
Romans 8:28-30	Matthew 13:44-46

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Lucas Miguel Foo Arcenas, Alexander Caelan Grice, Tyler Ashley Moore, Audrey Victoria Knell.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Beryl Frawley, Vincente Sceberas** whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **William Maus, Kathleen Ditchburn, Domin Kieu Le, Maria Hong Le, Joseph Luu Le, Kevin Cotton, Sr Christine Rose'Meyer, Nick Corken, Joy Lewis.**

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 Delphine & Frank Matchado from Sunday 23 July to Friday 28 July, 0428 886 829.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	1pm Funeral Mass for Beryl Frawley
Tuesday	Feast of St James 9am Mass—SJV 12noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	No 9.15am Mass SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

July 29/30	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	Youth Group	J Magree	R Horner	P Spencer	S Solomons	
Lector	J Dinh	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A/F Puls	A Rouse
Eucharist	C Irvin K McClure Y Martin	B O'Reilly M Gartland J Adamson	G Gill A Anthony J White R Elliott	A Wilson C Bantawig J Bantawig B Bartling	B Belot D Lim	L Cairnduff M Hosie
Childrens Liturgy			L Freeman R Horner			L Sully B Hosie
Laptop	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert	
Welcome Desk	C Nicolas	J Adamson	J Adamson	J Adamson		



Euthanasia and Physician assisted Suicide – why are we concerned?

Thankyou to those parishioners who signed the petition against Euthanasia last weekend. Your names will be submitted to 3 Victorian Legislative Assembly members (Forest Hill, Ringwood and Warrandyte) and our 5 Eastern Metro Region Council members.

A number of people asked if there could be further opportunity for information on the issue. Many are unsure of the moral and legal implications, nor of the consequences of introducing Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide as has been experienced in other countries.

It is very important that the implications of legalizing Euthanasia are fully understood. Over the next few weeks further information will be available together with a call for further action.

Contact - Parish office or Jan White on 0402 141519

Website: <http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia>

- 1) We protect our fellow human beings from killing. This is at the core of our legal system. “*We don't kill each other. The prohibition of killing is the glue that keeps our society together*” (Dr Margaret Somerville) So we must not legalise the patient killing whether it be euthanasia or assisted suicide.
- 2) Our country rightly sees suicide as a tragedy. We put great effort into reducing suicides because we value life. Legalizing help for people to kill themselves flies in the face of those efforts and society's value on life.
- 3) Genuine compassion moves us to do all we can to eliminate suffering, but never to eliminate the sufferer. We need to expand palliative care and good pain management options.
- 4) Palliative care cannot flourish alongside euthanasia.

Alpha

An Invitation to 'Come & See'

Have you heard about Alpha and wondered if it might be useful in your Parish?



Alpha is an easy-to-use tool for evangelisation which has been used by thousands of Catholic Parishes around the world.

You are invited to 'Come & See' or attend Alpha Team Training Workshop **Saturday September 9, 10am-4pm.**

Information & Bookings

Lorraine McCarthy, Alpha in a Catholic Context
Co-ordinator Phone 0402 217 123
email Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au

Bookings: <http://australia.alpha.org/upcomingevents/alpha-in-a-catholic-context>

(See flyers in newsstands or What's On What's New on the St John's Website).

ST VINCENT DE PAUL July

Jams, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Tinned Tuna, Small Jars of Coffee. 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.

To celebrate the **Feast of St Mary MacKillop**, you are invited to an **OPEN DAY** at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne on **Saturday 5th August** between **10am & 4pm.**

(See flyer on Noticeboard or for further information & acceptances please contact MMHC on 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au)

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

**Use your voice for kindness,
your ears for compassion,
our hands for charity,
your mind for truth and
your heart for love.**



Social & Other

STEWARDSHIP GIVING TAX RECEIPTS



Your Stewardship giving tax receipts are available for collection in the Narthex. Please check for yours on the way out from Mass.

Please take the time to collect them and save the Parish the cost of mailing them out. Thank you

Family Care Sisters Wholistic Centre for Women is featuring a beautifully animated film depicting a man shipwrecked on a desert island and must face the challenges of nature and survival, initially alone. His story is simple, yet poignant, becoming more mysterious, meditative and profound as life's milestone's are expressed in the cycle of birth, death and rebirth. There is no dialogue in this film, which allows for the subtle influence of the visual images, silence together with natural landscape and film score. This film quietly asks big questions about ambition, acceptance, the beauty of companionship, love and death.

Where: Family Care Sisters, 69 Alto Ave, Croydon
When: Wednesday 15 August 2017
Time: 9.50am—3pm BYO Lunch M/Tea, Tea/Coffee
Cost: \$25
Bookings: Ring 9723 6797

Our Lady of Sion College, Box Hill 1065 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

We warmly invite you to join us for a scheduled Talk and Tour morning, held throughout the year during the school term. Talk and Tours commence at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 11:00am, please allow plenty of time for parking. The Tour involves an introduction by the Principal, followed by a tour of the College with our Year 10 student guides while classes are in progress.

College Talk & Tours dates for 2017:

- Monday 31 July
- Monday 7 August
- Monday 4 September
- Monday 13 November

To register for an upcoming Talk and Tour please contact the College on 9890 9097 or email info@sion.catholic.edu.au

Additional opportunities to visit the College:

Wednesday 9 August - College Open Day, 12:30pm to 5:00pm

See flyer on St John's Website What's On What's New



EMMAUS COLLEGE Vermont South Campus

**INFORMATION EVENING
MONDAY 24 JULY 2017 at 7pm**

**OPEN MORNING
FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2017 at 9am—10.30am**

For tour bookings or more information, please see our website www.emmaus.vic.edu.au

(See Flyer on St John's Website What's On What's New).

ST JOHN'S SENIORS

**Wednesday 26 July—Christmas
in July Luncheon at
Templestowe Hotel**



Bus will leave from the footy ground at 11.15am but please gather by **11am**.
Contact: **Helen 9874 0809**.

PILATES AT ST JOHN'S

TERM 3 commencing 17 JULY

Monday at 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 8pm

Tuesday at 9.15am and Wednesday at 7pm

OLDER ADULT STRENGTH & BALANCE TRAINING AT ST JOHN'S

TERM 3 commences Tuesday 18 July

Tuesday 10am or Thursday 9.30am

Please contact Peta Marriner for more information and your free trial class.

Phone: 0419 028 769 or email: petamarriner@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—has received a new stock of greeting cards.
Cards are priced at **\$2.30**.

CHAVOIN COLLEGE, Burwood Class of 1977

(Year Level: Form 1/1972 to Form 6/HSC/1977 inclusive) **40 YEAR REUNION** to be held

12 August 2017

For information, please contact Michael Jones, Alumni Rep., by either E: Michael.Jones@emmaus.vic.edu.au or phone 9758 7784.



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