



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6th 2018—Year B

That my own joy may be in you

We search for joy and love in life:
in our emptiness and our yearnings,
our hurts and our griefs,
our loneliness and our boredom,
we want joy,
and we want to be loved.

And in friendships and loves,
in the moments of peace and harmony
among family and with friends,
there are glimpses of joy and love
that is everlasting.

Let's be thankful:
for the joy and love of life,
for the joy and love of children,
of husbands, wives and family;
for the joy and love of friends,
of neighbours and of colleagues,
and for the joy and love
we shared with those who have gone before us.

And let's be hopeful
in times where all this is missing,
that it is not missing forever.
When love is hurt or joy is muddied,
let's be hopeful
that we will find such joy again;
and let even the ache for joy and love
remind us of love and joy that lasts forever:
the love and joy of God.

Communion Reflections Donal Neary SJ

"St John's Parish community, committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards"

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
— 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 David Mutimer

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: Acts 16:11-15	John 15:26 27
Tue: Acts 16:22-34	John 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15 22 18:1	John 16:212-15
Thur: Acts 18:1-8	John 16:16-20
Fri: Acts 18:9-18	John 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28	John 16:23-28
Sun: The Ascension of the Lord	
Acts 1:1-11	
4:1-7 11-13	Mark 16:15-20

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Kevin Mills, Martin Hogan** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Ted Austin, Jose Eduardo Peralta, Sean McManus, Cyril Joseph, John William Flanagan, Matthew Nicolas Dekker, Betty Joyce, Stephen Brook, Ron Lewis.**



St Vincent de Paul—Piety Stall
Have you visited our new Piety Stall in the Narthex?

There is new stock available to see.

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass (for this week only)
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	10.20am Mass SJV (please note new mass time)
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

*Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of **Marj Coghlan** from **Sunday 6 May to Friday 11 May at 7.30pm.***
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Thanks be to God, throughout the history of the Church it has always been clear that a person's perfection is measured not by the information or knowledge they possess but by the depth of their charity.

From Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation: Gaudete et exsultate (Rejoice and be glad) released 9 April

May 12 / 13	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	J David	K Thomeycroft	D Ranjit	T Black	M Greenwood	
Lector	G Rodrigues	C Anderson	V Burnie	C Black	M Day	L McCarthy
Eucharist	P Bateman	R Smith	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	G Gartland
	C Pearson	G Smith	D Matchado	N Flores	P Wallace	J McCarthy
	M Perkins	H de Kauwe	S Harrison	T Fernandes	S Solomons	
	B Meehan		K Callinan-Moore	T Vaz		
Children's Liturgy						A O'Riley E Tibbals
Laptop	TBC	F Foley	N Santamaria	C Andrade	S Chan	
Welcome Desk	C Nicolas					



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

“What it means to be a Catholic Organisation in a Post-Royal Commission World”

The Ozanam Conversation: Vincent Long and Geraldine Doogue, Friday 27 April 2018

Bishop Vincent Long, former Melbourne auxiliary Bishop and now Bishop of Parramatta, joined Australian journalist and broadcaster Geraldine Doogue for this conversation last week.

Bishop Long spared a few moments to talk about the ‘crossroads’ at which the Church finds itself, coming off the back of the damning report from the Royal Commission into institutional sexual abuse and the Church’s response to it and spoke about the challenges ahead for the institutional church.

The full 2018 Ozanam Conversation was recorded and will be available next week on the St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria.

At [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Publications/VICTORIA/Ozanam Lecture/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Publications/VICTORIA/Ozanam%20Lecture/)

Ministry at the Margins—A Workshop on Monday 21 May 2018 at 10.30am—3pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

An invitation to reflect on our spiritual roots and our service to those on the margins.

Presenter: Distinguished author and speaker Rev Professor Anthony Gittins CSSp, Professor Emeritus of Theology & Culture Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Cost: \$50 bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/VLLB>

Phone: Lucia Brick 92875566 email lucia.brica@css.org.au

See flyer on parish website “What’s On What’s New”

Liturgy Roster 2018-2019

Yes—IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN!

We need to re-do our roster for Lectors, Commentators and Ministers of Eucharist at weekend Mass. If you need to come off the roster or better still be part of our new roster (training provided if required) please contact Maree on 9873 1341 or Tricia on 9872 4903 over the next week or two. The roster is due to commence in June 2018.

SAVE THE DATE

St Johns Parish

Womens Retreat Weekend

Date: Friday 29th June to Sunday 2nd July

Facilitator: Tim Moloney cfc

Venue: Pallotti College Millgrove

Cost: \$220

For further information, contact **Helen Lucas** on **0435 232 101** or email helen.lucas@seerpharma.com.au

See flyer on parish website - What’s On What’s New

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Sip at the Nott

Spirituality and Mental Health

How do we find happiness?

John Adamson

John commenced his career as a primary school teacher then Religious Education Coordinator in the Catholic school system. 12 years ago he commenced working in Pastoral Care and during that time attained a Bachelor of Theology. For the last 5 years he has worked at St Vincent’s Health in Mental Health as a Pastoral/Spiritual Care Practitioner.

Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 7.30pm—9pm
The Steakhouse, The Notting Hill Hotel,
260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Clayton

St John’s Student Social Justice Team are hoping to start a knitting club on

Wednesdays at 11am to knit blanket squares for those in need during the cold winter months. If you have a Working with Children card and would like to join us please contact Monica O’Shannassy moshannassy@sjmithcam.catholic.edu.au or



Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIOR

Next Wednesday 9th May, we will be having a **Talk** by a Physio who will talk on "Practical tips for Prevention of Falls". We invite anyone in the Parish who would like to attend to join in the Coghlan Centre to start at **1pm** for the talk. Our next day trip is to Clarkfield to the Ghost Pub leaving from footy ground at 9am on Wednesday 16th cost is \$45. Morning tea and lunch included. All enquiries contact **Helen 98740809**. Also on Wednesday Fr Dispin will be offering the 10am Mass for repose of soul of Frank Tutchener. We would love all seniors to attend.

The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

Will celebrate their 30th birthday since formation with a **12.30pm luncheon at Natalie's Restaurant, 669 Maroondah Hwy, Mitcham—on Tuesday 8th May** booking in the name of Veronica. Enquiries: Veronica 9894 4692



ST VINCENT DE PAUL—May

Coffee, tins of spaghetti, vegetables & fruit. 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 to Parish Office for details.

ONLY FOOD ITEMS & small household cleaning & toiletry items are to be placed in the box beside the Piety Stall counter. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

St Vincent de Paul Society—Victoria COMPEER PROGRAM

Compeer is a friendship program that matches volunteers with people living with a diagnosed mental illness, for one-to-one companionship for an hour a week. An invitation is extended to attend an Upcoming Information Session to be held at Box Hill on:

**Wednesday 9th May
OR
Monday 14 Monday**

Please contact the Compeer office to find out more or to make a booking. Phone 9895 5886 or email compeer@svdp-vic.org.au

“Autism Q&A presented by Autism Family Support Association” ‘Taking Care of Carers’

to be held on **Tuesday 29th May 2018** at the Waratah Room Whitehorse Centre, Nunawading at 10am to 2pm

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to ask an expert panel questions relating to the issues and situations they face parenting their family members with autism.

Registration is via **TRYBOOKING** by accessing the website www.afsconnect.org.au

Cost \$20 for AFSA members & \$30 for non-members
Registration closes at 5pm Wednesday 23 May, 2018

St John's Card Making Group will be selling **First Eucharist, Confirmation and Mother's Day Cards** after Saturday night and Sunday morning Masses **this weekend**. Cost of cards is from **\$3.00** with **all profits** going to **St Vincent de Paul**. Our cards are also sold at the **House of Books**. Any queries or orders please call Monika on 0438 220 361.



The Pearl Project Trivia Night

Friday 18th May—8pm
Surrey Hills / Wattle Park Parish Hall
311 Mont Albert Rd Surrey Hills
(enter via York St)

\$25 per person—BYO nibbles, glasses & drinks

The trivia night is in support of Kibanga community in Uganda, of which some parishioners of Wattle Park have been involved with, along with Fr. Stephens, who will be visiting Australia and will attend this event.

All bookings to be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/VCMN> and must be made by 11th May. Games will also be held on the night, so bring along your gold coins.

If you can help out with any donations of goods and/or services to auction on the night please contact Sue Whelan on swheelz024@yahoo.com.au or 0405465739

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Principal, Tina Apostolopoulos warmly invites all past staff & students of Our Lady of Sion College to attend an afternoon of reunion and reminiscing. Catch up with colleagues and friends, enjoy a tour of the College to see what has changed and enjoy afternoon tea with musical entertainment from our award-winning ensembles.

Saturday 19 May 2018 2pm-4.30pm

RSVP for catering purposes

www.trybooking.com/335414

All queries contact: **Robyn**
paststudents@sion.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming you back to Sion.



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