



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19 2017 —Year A**

CHURCH RENOVATIONS—AN UPDATE

Our renovations in the Church sacristy and narthex are coming along with the builders making steady progress.

The next stage is a major undertaking in the main body of the church and this will take place from **Monday DECEMBER 4th until Thursday DECEMBER 21st.**

There will be **NO ACCESS** to the church during this time. We realise this is an inconvenience for everyone but ask for your patience and understanding and all going well, we can all look forward to moving back into our newly renovated church in time for our Penitential Celebration on Thursday December 21 and then our Christmas Masses.

Usual 10am weekday masses will be celebrated in **ZEBEDEE** from **Tuesday 5th December** until **Thursday 21st December.**

Weekend masses for **9/10th December** and **16/17th December** will be celebrated in the **St John's School Multipurpose space.** We thank the school community for their support during this time and also our thanks to Bernie Kiekebosch for his work and commitment as Project Manager.

Fr Dispin and the Parish Team

“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
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: Maccabees 1:10-15 Luke 18:35-43
41-43 54-57 62-64
Tue: 2Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10
Wed: 2Maccabees 7:1 20-31 Luke 19:11-28
Thur: 1Maccabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44
Fri 1Maccabees 4:36-37 52-59 Luke 19:45-48
Sat: 1Maccabees 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40
Sun: **Feast of Christ the King**
Ezekiel 34:11-12 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26 28 Matthew 25:31-46

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Mathew James Clifford, Christine Hope Clifford, Bella Tiare Clifford, Thomas Albert Hill.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Thomas Joseph Leonard, Les Foran** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Bobbie Hanlan, Flora Langford, Marea Kiekebosch, Ray Milton, Louise Hendricks.**

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 **Joan Cox from Sunday 19 November to Friday 24 November 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
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

November 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	A Buchanan	A Crowe	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	
Lector	A Livy	E George	B Mills	G Lewis	P Wallace	W Gregg
Eucharist	M Livy	J Santamaria	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	N Winter
	E Booth	R Jess	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	L Cairnduff
	R McIntosh	M McMahon	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			J Kiekebosch		

No Children's Liturgy due to Parish Family Mass

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 World Day of the Poor

The Pope has declared that the Church shall celebrate an annual *World Day of the Poor* (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time) in preparation for the Feast of Christ the King, the end of the liturgical year.

The establishment of the *World Day of the Poor* is a call for us to give *concrete examples* in carrying out Jesus' commands to love God and our neighbour. The term "preferential option for the poor" does not mean to care for the poor is an optional extra. It is the fundamental choice we make as Christians to express that the real presence of Christ in our life and the life of the Church.

Across the Melbourne Archdiocese the Catholic Church can point to concrete examples of our institutions that serve the poor. There are numerous Catholic Social Services (www.css.org.au), the Society of St Vincent de Paul (www.vinnies.org.au), and many parishes that care for those struggling in our community. These are not separate from our celebration of Eucharist but a "response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist." The works of these agencies of the Church are a continuation of our encounter of Christ in the liturgy. Through these works of service we celebrate and proclaim the Word of God present in the world.

Communion to the Sick & Housebound

Some parishioners may not be able to attend Mass on the weekend. If you would like to receive Communion in your home on Sunday morning please contact Monika at the Parish Office on 9873 1341. We have a group of special ministers who can visit the sick and housebound at a convenient time.

Marcellin College Memorial Mass for Deceased Students

Parents, family and friends of deceased Marcellin students are welcome and encouraged to attend this annual memorial service. Mass will be celebrated by Father Pat Harvey in the Marcellin College Chapel on **Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 7.30pm** followed by supper afterwards.

Enquiries: Mrs Mary Norden 9842 3080

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others.



St John's Bereavement Team warmly invite you to the:
November Remembrance Mass on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm

The Mass will be held for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time and particularly those families who have farewelled a loved one during the last 12 months. You are warmly welcome to come and join us for Mass. This year we invite you to write the names of your loved ones on the cards provided on the night of the Remembrance Mass. You may like to prepare your own card and bring it along with you to Mass. These cards will be placed in baskets and taken to the Altar as part of our Offertory Procession. For parishioners who have dropped off November Mass envelopes these names will also be remembered and included in the Offertory Procession.

**All Welcome
REMEMBRANCE PHOTO DISPLAY**

During the month of November we will be remembering those who have died in the last 12 months. If you wish to have a photo on display in the church, please leave the photo with the person's name on the back, at the parish office. If you should have any queries, please call Monika on 0438 220 361.

Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIORS

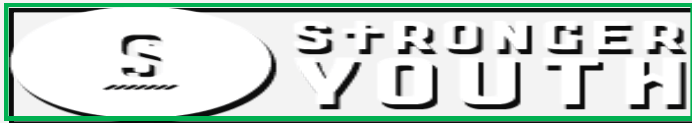
Our end of the year meeting with a **Film** will take place on **Wednesday 29 November** cost is **\$5**. Film, then afternoon tea, general reports about the year, and kris kringle, with lovely door prize. All welcome ring **Helen** on **9874 0809** for queries. For people going to Christmas concert at Nunawading, tickets available then please remember to bring money if you haven't yet paid.



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 available at the door close to the Memorial Garden. Columban calendars are priced at \$8.50 & Christmas cards \$4.50 (8-pack); \$3 (5-pack).

YOUTH GROUP Christmas Party is Coming! Save the date Saturday 2nd December.....look out next week for more information.



Plaza Cinema Group

Thursday 30 November at 7.30pm

Captain's Courageous

The classic MGM film of the famous Rudyard Kipling adventure story! Hailed as "one of the best pictures of the sea ever made" it's the stirring tale of a boy



(Freddie Bartholomew) rescued by fishermen at sea. Great cast includes Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore, Mickey Rooney and more.

A Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings

3 month Membership: \$15 Visitors welcome.

Membership enquiries: Barbara: 9873 3508

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— November Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Long Life Custard, Tinned Ham, Shortbread Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Carrots, Peas & Corn, Savoury Biscuits.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

As the festive season is approaching it is an opportune time to invite anybody that even thinks they have a reasonable voice to come along and join us. You are welcome to come along to a practice session and experience what this beautiful music ministry is about. Contact Bernie Kiekebosch 0409 771 946

Pilates at St John's—Find out the benefits of Pilates and why it is so popular with a highly trained instructor with a Diploma in Pilates Movement Therapy.

Classes at St John's on:

Monday evenings at 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 8pm

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

Free trial classes available and thereafter only \$15 per class. Please contact Peta Marriner on 0419 028 769 or email: peta@marriner@gmail.com



Older Adults Strength Training Classes—It is never too late to start your strength training. Come and find out the benefits of strength training for the over 60s in a relaxed, friendly and fun environment with a qualified instructor with over 7 years' experience with teaching the older age group.

Classes at St John's on:

Tuesday at 10.30am and Thursday at 9.30am.

Free trial classes available and thereafter \$10 per class.

COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our next gathering for the year will be on **Monday 27 November at 10.30am** and we will be going on an outing. Please contact **Monika 0438 220 361** for the details.