



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 4th 2018—Year B

Not far from the Kingdom of God

Words we connect with the Kingdom of God,
like gentle, kind,
compassionate, caring,
are words we connect with Jesus.

Activities like working for justice,
caring for the poor,
housing the homeless,
concern for the developing world,
teaching prayer and the meaning of life,
are activities within the Kingdom of God.

We want to be like Jesus,
accepting of others
in difficulty and dispute,
forgiving of faults and failings,
challenging in teaching the truth,
for he is the human image of
the kingdom of God,
and when you try to live like him,
you are not far from the Kingdom of God.

These are some words and activities of love,
For to love God and the neighbour
means you are not far from the Kingdom of God.

This is our entry to God's Kingdom

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

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.*

“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)

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle—0423 065 825

Bereavement Ministry:

Monika Bredhauer

Parish Office

Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Ph: 9873 1341

Parish Secretaries:

Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday & Friday)

Elisa Kelesidis (Tuesday—Friday)

RE for Government Schools:

Andrew Puls 0407 352 706

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

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Philippians 2:1-4 Luke 14:12-14

Tue: Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 14:15-24

Wed: Philippians 2:12-18 Luke 14:25-33

Thur: Philippians 3:3-8 Luke 15:1-10

Fri: Ezekiel 47:1-2 8-9 12 John 2:13-22

Sat: Philippians 4:10-19 Luke 16:9-15

Sun: **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism **Niki Amaya Weerasinghe, Zander Jace Yu.**

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Alfreda Pierscioneck, Ty Thi Bui** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Gino Di lenno.**



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 Beryl & Milroy Fernando from Sunday 4 November to Friday 9 November at 7.30pm.

Enquiries Helen 9874 7024



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

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| Monday | (Church Closed) |
| Tuesday | (Church Closed) |
| Wednesday | 10am Mass |
| Thursday | 10.20am Mass SJV |
| Friday | 10am Mass |
| Saturday | 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation |

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Dear Lord, I know you are everywhere. You are in the people I meet every day. Please help me today to see you in the face of my family, my friends, my work colleagues and even strangers.
"My dear young friends" Pope John Paul II



| Nov 10 / 11 | 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 |
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| C'Tator | G Rodrigues | K Thorneycroft | D Ranjit | T Black | M Greenwood | |
| Lector | S Rodrigues | C Anderson | V Burnie | C Black | M Day | A Rouse |
| Eucharist | P Bateman | R Smith | P Taggart | M Crowe | T Rhynehart | G Gartland |
| | C Pearson | G Smith | V Menon | N Flores | P Wallace | M Hosie |
| | M Perkins | D Hancock | S Harrison | T Fernandes | S Solomons | |
| | | | K Callinan-Moore | J Kiekebosh | R Hangan | |
| Children's Liturgy | | | | | | A O'Riley S Gonzalez |
| Laptop | J Sexton | M Truong | N Santamaria | C Andrade | S Chan | |
| Welcome Desk | C Nicolas | B Francis | M Davison | A Monks | | |



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

**Whitehorse Combined Churches
Social Justice Group**

MORE THAN ONE PLACE TO STAY

Come and hear how **STABLE 1** will be providing **HOMELESS PEOPLE** with shelter for seven nights a week during the winter months of June – August 2019.

Jenny, who started **STABLE 1**, will outline the work at a meeting at:

The Uniting Church, 333A Canterbury Road, Forest Hill

on **SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018**

at **5pm**

Learn how seven churches this year combined to provide an evening meal, accommodation and breakfast each week.

RSVP: 4th November 2018 Alex Adam 0407 092 976 or Helen Thomas 0413 000 325
(see flyer on parish website What's On What's New?)

St John's Bereavement Team

warmly invite you to the:

November Remembrance Mass

to be held on

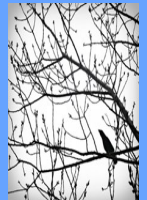
Monday 12 November 2018 at 7.30pm



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. This year, we will be meeting at 7.15pm, prior to Mass in the Memorial Garden for a special blessing of the garden. 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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Our November gathering will be **cancelled** as we are very close to Fete time and wish to be 'mindful' of parishioners extra business at this time. This means our next meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, **10th December at 7.30pm**. Join our dedicated group of meditating parishioners in the conducive quiet of the **parish meeting room** for our monthly gathering. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, come along. **All are welcome. Free of charge.** We usually gather on the second Monday of each month. *The parish meeting room is entered from the rear of the parish centre.*
All enquiries: Chris Ryan 9874 5940



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.**

**Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria:
Our Survival Art Instillation**

When: **18th November 2018** at the **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**, 434 St Georges Rd, **Thornbury**.
Proceedings: **Mass at 11am** followed by the Unveiling & Blessing of Art work. 12.30pm light refreshments.

RSVP for catering purposes Odette Lo Castro
email LoCastro@cam.org.au
(see flyer on parish website "What's On What's New?")

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

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: Ross Hancock 0419 117 343. 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.



"This Week's Fete News"

65th Fete - Saturday 17 November 2018

Please **DO NOT LEAVE** fete donations, bric-a-brac/clothing/toys etc. in the **Church Narthex**.

St John's Parish Community Fete Raffle

12 fabulous to be won. Tickets are just \$2.00.

1st Prize—\$2000 Shopping Voucher from a Shopping Centre of your choice. Donated by Biggin and Scott Mitcham

TIME TO RETURN ALL RAFFLE BOOKS

Tickets can be returned at each of the Masses next week, or to the Parish Office.

Tickets are available after each Mass this weekend, or on Fete Day.

Many thanks for your support in this important fundraising efforts.

Still need help with ticket sales at the Fete.

Contact: Robin or Gracie Smith 0419 379 005

FETE HELPERS WANTED "JUST 2 HOURS"

It's Fete time again and we need your help. Please consider offering to assist. This is not a chore it's simply another great way to meet your fellow parishioners and assist with a legendary annual event. And yes, it's the **65th Parish Fete**. Consider "**just 2 hours**" or more or less. No matter what your contribution it will be greatly appreciated. We need **helpers** with Fete set-up, on Fete day and with pack-up. **Register your interest online via the parish website** <http://www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au/> Follow the "Parish Fete" link at the top of the page to "volunteer register" OR visit the Raffle table in the Narthex and complete the details on any of the volunteer register sheets.

Please consider assisting at the parish community event. We will never have too many helpers.

FETE ADVERTISING FLYER DISTRIBUTION—CALLING ALL WALKERS/ RUNNERS/STROLLERS

Next weekend, **10 & 11 November** there will be many Fete flyers in desperate need of a letterbox. With the Fete occurring the following weekend these flyers will need to be distributed early in the following week. Please plan to put a little time aside for a healthy walk dropping the flyers into letterboxes. More details next weekend!

FETE HIGHLIGHTS!!!

This year our Fete we will see the introduction of the opportunity to purchase a gastronomic experience provided by a locally renowned one hat chef. Our celebrity chef has been enticed to cook a four course meal for 10 to 15 people.

What does the offer include? Where will it be held? How long is it valid for? How do I buy it?

Watch the Parish News and school Newsletter next week for more information.

CRANE HELP REQUIRED!!!

One of our Fete shipping containers needs to be craned out of its current home at St James Vermont so it can be brought up to St John's Mitcham before the Fete. Can you help or know someone that can help safely lift this over some vegetation to minimize Parish expenditure? We can arrange the truck but need help with the crane! If you can assist please contact **Keith** on **0425 809 046** or **Gerard** on **0419 360 835**.

PRE-LOVED CLOTHES

We are now collecting quality, washed & ironed clothes, plus shoes, handbags & accessories for our very popular pre-loved stall at the FETE. Remember the items you donate can only be re-sold if they are in good condition. A clothes rack will be set up in the **Parish Garage** for you to hang your clothes on (no need to bag them). If you do bag them please use a separate bag for clothes and shoes, this saves our hard working volunteers a lot of time! Donations can be dropped off at the **Parish Garage** on **Sunday mornings** from **9.15am-11.15am** or **weekdays** at the **Parish Office** between **9am-4pm**.

SORTERS NEEDED Are you able to spare an hour or two to help sort and iron on **Sundays 11am-1.30pm**—Come and see us in the Hall or contact **Leonie** on **0417 459 610**.

Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIORS—Next **Wednesday 7th November**, the Seniors are going to **Morning Melodies** at the **Mitcham Pub**. A table has been booked but for those going, remember to pay **\$15** the day before **otherwise** the charge is **\$20 on the day**. Enquiries **Helen 9874 0809**.