



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4th 2018—Year B

I am the bread of life

The bread that feeds the body:
grown, harvested,
baked, prepared
by human hands.

The bread of God,
grown, harvested,
baked, prepared
by the hands of God and our hands.

The bread of Jesus
is the compassion of God for us, his people,
the friendship and the forgiveness of God.

The aroma of fresh bread can fill a house
and the fragrance of God's presence fills our lives,
especially when we most need it.

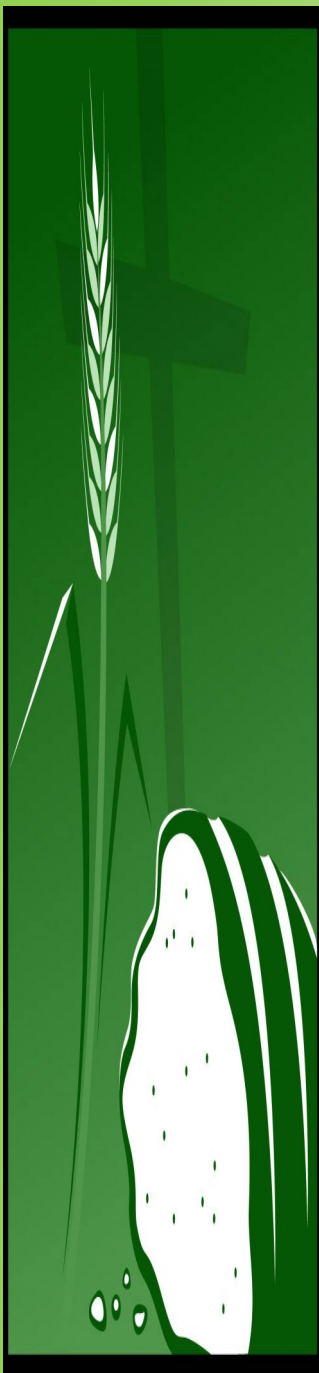
The peace of God at times of death,
the justice of God in hunger and homelessness,
the closeness of God when we feel lonely.

There could be no bread of life
without our co-operation:
And we bake that bread for the world;
we are grateful for the gift of Jesus;
for God's love in prayer
and for the care of God
experienced in the care of others.

As we hear the words of Jesus:
I am the bread of life,
may we also say,
with courage and thanks:
we are the bread of life.

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)

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Please contact the Parish Office—9873 1341

Bereavement Ministry:

Monika Bredhauer

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**

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 3652 706

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10 13-14 Mark 9:2-10
2 Peter 1:16-19

Tue: Jeremiah 30:1-2 12-15 18-22 Matthew 15:1-2 10-14

Wed: St Mary of the Cross

1 Kings 17:7-16 Matthew 6:25-34
Colossians 3:12-17

Thur: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Matthew 16:13-23

Fri: St Lawrence

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 John 12:24-26

Sat: Habakkuk 1:12- 2:4 Matthew 17:14-20

Sun: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8 John 6:41-51
Ephesians 4:30-5:2

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Richard Lai** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **William Tham, Nick Montagnese, Maddalena Montagnese, Claire Shelley, Emilio Villanueva Snr, Joseph O'Sullivan, Marie O'Sullivan, Mary Bateman, Pat Donnellan.**



RECEPTION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

We welcome the following young people to the table of the Lord at:

6pm Mass—Saturday August 11—St John's Liam Lidgerwood, Owen Mills, Joshua Ryan, Jack Zammit.

11.15am Mass—Sunday August 12—St John's Melissa Hall, Eloise & Javier Petrilli, Zaneta & Zita Selvarajah, Andrew Thomson, Evan Williams.



Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Vera Paterson from Sunday 4 August to Friday 10 August at 7.30pm. Enquiries Helen 9874 7024



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	(Church Closed)
Tuesday	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	10.20am Mass at SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service will resume in September 9.30am Reconciliation



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Intuition is the GPS for the Soul.

Aug 11 /12	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	S Rodrigues	C Anderson	V Burnie	T Black	M Day	
Lector	G Rodrigues	L Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	C Black	M Greenwood	W Fitzpatrick
Eucharist	P Bateman	K Thorneycroft	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	H Lucas
	C Pearson	R Smith	S Harrison	N Flores	P Wallace	G Gartland
	M Perkins	G Smith	V Menon	T Fernandes	S Solomons	
	B Meehan	D Hancock	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosch	R Hangan	

Children's Liturgy

A O'Riley
S Gonzalez

Laptop

J Sexton

F Foley

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?

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT—3RD—16TH AUGUST 2018

44,000 Pacific Island small farmers participate in Fairtrade producer organisations, and there is a program in New Guinea, run in conjunction with Care International, to promote gender equality, and so encourage and empower women to have control over food production in their communities. This has been shown to be a positive way of decreasing poverty and hunger. These are our near neighbours, and they need our support.

Agriculture plays a major role in our everyday lives, but it is also the industry that, in many countries, is responsible for 108 million children working as child labourers. Fairtrade certified co-operatives and producers have to have child labour free supply chains, while supporting former child labourers to make sure that they are not left vulnerable to other forms of exploitation, always a danger due to poverty. There has been some improvement following the focus on the issue in the Millennium Development goals, but there is still much to do.

Please check out the **Fairtrade and Caritas websites**, particularly in these 2 weeks, for more information about poverty and hunger in the developing world.

There will be a **Leaving Collection** on the weekend of **11/12 August** for **CatholicCare Sunday Appeal**—your participation and the donations from the parish will both celebrate the parish community as a place of supporting our youth and, from that base, help raise funds to provide services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged families in our community.

CHILD SAFETY

As part of our Child Safety Programme, all visitors to St John's for parish activities (excluding Masses) during school hours, are required to check in at the Parish Office.



VISITATION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Do you have some time to spare and would like to make a difference to a person's day? We invite you to join our **Parish Visitation Group** which will be involved in visiting our parishioners who are ill and housebound and are looking for some friendly companionship.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved in this rewarding and important Ministry 9873 1341.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset... Your Marriage!



Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Melbourne dates: 17-19 August & 9-11 November Starts 7pm on Friday and ends 5pm Sunday.

Accommodation and meals provided. For further information and bookings contact Andre & Maria 0411 225 992 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au Or the website on www.wwme.org.au for further information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-August

Coffee, long life milk, two minute noodles and tins of spaghetti. 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.

Catalyst for Renewal, with The Grail, presents

An Evening with John Allen, Jr

Pope Francis and the Devolution of responsibility to the Local Church.

Thursday 6 September at 7.30pm

St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh

Bookings essential online at Try Booking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/WWRZ>

Cost \$20 (\$10 unwaged)

For further information contact:

Jack Stuart jgpstuart@hotmail.com 0416 034 144

Kevin Burke kjburke@bigpond.com 0419 372 976

Maria George maria@thegeorges.com.au 0409 792 168

Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Wednesday **15th August** the seniors are going to have an information session at **1pm**.

Any queries please contact **Helen** on **9874 0809**.

Seeking Volunteers

Looking for volunteers for the **Welcome Desk** at weekend masses. This is generally a monthly commitment and requires a short time before and after mass. A friendly smile is all that is needed and vacancies exist for all masses. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 9873 1341 and we would be happy to include you on the Roster.

FAMILY CARE SISTERS

Wholistic & Wellness Centre for Women
69 Alto Avenue, Croydon

“Kewn Kreestha”, our Wholistic-Wellness Centre for Women, provide a supportive and caring environment which emphasizes the benefit of establishing a pattern of healthy self-care.

- * Are you in need of support and nurturing?
- * Need a safe place to work on issues such as Loss, grief, abuse, illness, marriage problems
- * Learn strategies—for personal growth, improve self-esteem, assertiveness

Each day, there is a balance between sessions offered, time for private chats with staff, as well as the opportunity to rest and relax in the afternoons or go for a walk in the garden. Guests have individual rooms; linen and all meals provided.

Phone 9723 6797 (business hours)

email: resthome.familycare@bigpond.com

Web: institute.mercy.org.au/about-us/ismapng/family-care-sisters/

THE LAUNDRY

A great little Coffee Shop has opened at the Croydon Parish
35 Wicklow Avenue, Croydon
Monday—Friday 8am—11am (during school terms)

It is run by volunteers, and new volunteers are welcome. All training will be provided. Located within the old Monastery (which turns 80 years in 2019), and affectionately named “**The Laundry**”, the café has great views over the Dandenongs and offers a great range of coffees, from cappuccino’s, Thai lattes and specialty teas. The café is a great place to enjoy a coffee with friends after Mass, in a Catholic environment.

An Invitation to the MEN of the parish new and old

If interested in meeting a small and friendly group of men in the parish on a periodic basis please see the invitation notices at the back of church. The notice gives more information about what we do and you are encouraged to complete the application form and forward to Robert Vecci

0449 941 433 or

Veccirobert@gmail.com

HOUSE OF BOOKS

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The House of Books is in need of volunteers to help out on a **morning** on a **weekly and/or fortnightly** basis for a 3 and a quarter hour duration.



If you are able to provide some assistance please contact Kitty on 9874 2389 or the Parish Office on 9873 1341.

Announcements

Parishioners are welcome to have special moments announced at the end of mass on the weekends. For example, special birthdays, engagements, weddings, births, anniversaries etc. If you wish for a special announcement to be made or if you are a new parishioner could you please advise the Parish Office on 9873 1341 by 12 noon on the Thursday for that particular weekend.

Welcome

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.