



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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3rd Sunday of Lent March 19th 2017 —Year A

If only you knew what God is offering.

In today's reading Jesus meets a woman of Samaria who represents the whole Samaritan race. There was conflict between Samaritans and Jews so it is surprising that Jesus speaks to this woman. But Jesus has come to bring all people to life in God, which is the point of this episode. Jesus invites even the Samaritans to share the gift he brings, expressed in the symbol of living water that will last forever.

This living water symbolises the life of God. We are to be like the well with God's own life flowing within us. This is a completely new revelation to the Samaritans and to the Jews. This is why Jesus speaks of a new way of worshipping that will go beyond Israel's worship in Jerusalem and the Samaritans' worship on mount Gerazim. No one place or people has a monopoly on God. The life of God within us will enable Christians to worship in Spirit, and enter into a true relationship with God. The woman's former husbands symbolise the way people in the past tried to be in relationship with God, but now Jesus has come to offer a new and fuller way of relating with God. From now on all people are invited to come to God in Jesus.

Are we ever aware of God's life within us? Do we ever catch a glimpse of the wonder or beauty of God? This week spend some time beside the well of your own life and acknowledge the God who dwells within.

Sundays under the Southern Cross—Mary Coloe PBVM

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

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Visiting Priests

Fr John Van Suylen

Pastoral Associate:

Maree O'Keefe (Tuesday-Friday Sunday am)

Pastoral Care:

Monika Bredhauer—Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry
Kevin Hay—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: 2Samuel 7:4-5 12-1416 Matt. 1:16 18-21 24

Tue Daniel 3:25 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35

Wed: Deuteronomy 4:1 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19

Thur: Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23

Fri: Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34

Sat: **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Isaiah 7:10-14 8:10

Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38

Sun: **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1Samuel 16:1 6-7 10-13

Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Lily Shannon Gommers.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Peter Hyland, Myra Marmion, Patrick McKenna, Patricia Williams, Mary Gill** those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Harry & Gladys D'Rozario, Anne Delaney.**

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday Church Closed

Tuesday 12 noon Mass

Wednesday 10am Mass

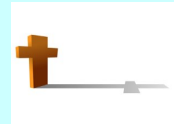
Thursday 9.15am Mass - SJV

Friday 10am Mass

Saturday 9am Stations of the Cross
9.30am Reconciliation

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Come walk the way to
Calvary with Jesus**



During **Lent** the **Saturday morning Prayer of the Church** will be replaced by the **Stations of the Cross**, starting at 9am—9.30am.

Travelling Rosary —will be held at the home of **Vera Patterson** from **Sunday March 19—Friday March 24 9876 6517.**
Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024



March 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

J Magree

A Crowe

G Lewis

K Lambert

Lector

A Livy

E George

B Mills

Z D'Silva

P Wallace

N Vernal

Eucharist

M Livy

M Lamb

K Hay

A Glenn

K Placido

N Winter

E Booth

J Santamaria

L Sissins

S Catacutan

C Kook

T McLaughlin

R McIntosh

R Jess

M Battagello

S Edwards

J Ryhnehart

A White

Childrens Litugy

No Children's Liturgy due to Parish Family Mass

Laptop

L Elliott

B Meehan

G Gill

Black family

M Lambert

Welcome Desk

M Ayling

J/B Houlihan

K Hay

V Keys



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

Like many First Australians, Uncle Richard was torn from his family and culture as a child. Forced to grow up in the State-run Kinchela Boys Home (KBH), he suffered violence and pain that haunted his adult years. Now, through Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, a Caritas Australia partner, he is reconnecting with former KBH boys in a program that restores their wellbeing and helps their families.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—RCIA

The RCIA group are now preparing for the Easter celebrations when Ben Stennett will be welcomed into our Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist . On the first Sunday of Lent, Ben together with his sponsor Joan Daw and the RCIA team, attended St Patrick’s Cathedral for the Rite of Election, where Ben’s name, together with Catechumens and Candidates from across the Archdiocese was presented to the Archbishop. This Sunday at 9.30 am Mass at St James, Ben will be presented with The Creed – which is a further step in the RCIA journey. Please continue to keep Ben, and the RCIA team, in your prayers as he comes to this most important part of his journey in our Catholic Church. If you are attending Mass at St James, please make Ben and Joan most welcome.



Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality

90 Studley Park Rd, Kew
Telephone: 9854 8110
email: secretary@campion.asn.au

Walking with God in Nature

Saturday 25 March 2017

9.30am-4pm

Cost: \$35

BYO: Lunch (leave in the cars), a day pack, snacks to carry, hat and sunblock, jumper/rain-jacket, hiking poles.

Wear hiking boots or solid shoes with good tread

A Stillness Weekend

With The Being with God in Nature Ministry

Friday 7 April 3pm—Monday 10 April 3pm 2017

Venue: Pallotti College, Millgrove

McNamara’s Rd, Millgrove 3799

This weekend will offer a quiet and stillness in Nature.

Cost \$400

For further details see website “What’s On, What’s New or flyers can be found at the church entry points.

RECEIVING Communion at Mass—If you are physically unable to come to the sanctuary step to receive Communion at Mass please let Maree or Dispin know and we can arrange for a Minister of Eucharist to bring communion to you.

HOLY THURSDAY

FOOT WASHING CEREMONY

If you would like to be part of our traditional Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Please contact Maree 9873 1341. We need 13 volunteers.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—the booklet “**Ten Things Everyone Needs To Know About Islam**” written by John L Esposito & published by St Columban’s Mission Society is available **Cost \$5.50**. A new consignment of regular items are also available for purchase.

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?



-Corrie ten Boom

Social & Other



ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL VERMONT

OPEN DAYS

With tours at 9am & 10am

Monday 27th March
Friday 21st April
Friday 5th May

Or at anytime by appointment
CALL 9874 1830

OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 2ND MAY
at 7pm (please register) by calling 9874 1830

51 Centre Rd, Vermont
www.sjvermont.catholic.edu.au



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MITCHAM

OPEN DAYS

Tours from 9am to 10.30am

Tuesday 28th March
Thursday 20th April
Friday 28th April
Monday 1st May

Parking available on the basketball court (enter via Elizabeth St) or out the front of the school/church)

**PLEASE COME AND SEE OUR GREAT SCHOOL
IN ACTION!**

**INFORMATION EVENING
WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY AT 7PM**

490 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham
Phone 9874 1575
email principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au
www.sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Wednesday 29 March, Trip to Mornington Peninsula includes a ride on the Dromana Chairlift, morning tea and lunch at Rosebud. Leaves from football ground at 9am Cost \$55. Any who would like to join us please ring Helen 9874 0809. If you are not going to concert, please bring money to me at least a week before the outing. Because of medical reasons, I will not be around for a few weeks but hopefully back on deck on 29th, but just leave message and I will get back when able. Enquiries: Helen 9874 0809

ST VINCENT DE PAUL March

Jam or vegemite, tinned tomatoes, spaghetti, baked beans, sweet biscuits, tinned fish. Please leave donations in the tub at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.—Conference Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month and on the 3rd Wednesday 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.

AQUINAS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 13s BOYS AND GIRLS

There is still room for more boys and girls for Under 13's teams. The team is entered in the Yarra Junior Football League, playing on Sundays, with the home ground being at Aquinas College. The Club is open to ALL, regardless of where you go to College. Training is at Aquinas after school on Wednesday afternoons, starting at 2.45. Come along and join the fun, training and playing with your school mates or your mates from other Colleges. Matches are on Sundays, playing in the Yarra Junior Football League, with Aquinas College as our home ground. For enquiries, contact me at juniors @aquinas.com.au Gavan Harkin Vice President



Children's Liturgy – Urgent Need of Volunteers

Have you noticed – there's been no Children's liturgy in Term 1 at St Johns 9:45 Mass?

For many years Children's liturgy has been running on the back of a small number of very supportive and willing volunteers – some of these fabulous people have had to step down from this service.

We need new volunteers!

You do not need teaching skills, just a love for kids, their learning and the Word of God. Support and all materials are provided. You'll never be on your own – we always roster on at least 2 people to share the experience, and where possible at least one is experienced in children's liturgy, or has teaching experience.

With sufficient volunteers the roster is 3 to 4 times per year and is not in school holidays or long weekends.

This is a great opportunity for responsible high school aged youth to play an active part of the church community and the kids love Dad's to get in and give a hand here as well.

If you are interested in going onto the roster for 2017 or want to find out more, please contact: -

Ben Boyd
Children's Liturgy Coordinator
m) 0412 221 062
e) Ben.A.Boyd@bigpond.com

Or
Maree at the Parish Office on 98731341.