



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 9 2017 —Year A

In the Ordinary

*Come to quiet place,
a place so quiet that you can here
the grass grow.*

*Run your fingers
through the softness
of its petals, and listen:
listen to the earth,
the warm earth,
the life pulse of us all.*

*Rest your body against its warmth;
feel its greatness, the pulse and throb,
the foundation of the world.*

*Look up into the sky, the all-embracing sky,
the canopy of heaven.*

*How small we really are:
specks in the greatness but still a part of it all.
We grow from the earth and find our own place.*

Anon

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.*

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**

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: Genesis 28:10-22	Matthew 9:18-26
Tue Genesis 32:23-33	Matthew 9:32-38
Wed: Genesis 41:55-57	Matthew 10:1-7
42:5-7 17-24	
Thur: Genesis 44:18-21 23-29	Matthew 10:7-15
45:1-5	
Fri: Genesis 46:1-7 28-30	Matthew 10:16-23
Sat Genesis 49:29-33	Matthew 10:24-33
50:14-26	
Sun: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Isaiah 55:10-14	Matthew 13:1-23
Romans 88:18-23	

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Charlie Patrick Kook.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Mary Murphy, Nora Bredhauer, Alicia Tokarski, John (Jan) Pierscionek, Giuseppe Abate, Phyllis Craig, Cesar Nicolas Snr, Phillip Wallis, Ted Rodrigues.**

RECEPTION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

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



6pm Mass—Saturday 15 July—St John's
Lexie Eagle, Kane Crawford, Maeve Gill, Leah Pal, Aidan & Kieran Puls, Christopher Wallis.

11.15am Mass—Sunday 16 July—St John's
Jessica Gilbert, Gracen Laffin, Ebony Saez, Grace & Evie Ahern, Amy Talia, Angie Tran, Brian Wiltshire.

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	No 9.15am Mass SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

Travelling Rosary —will be held at the home of Vera Patterson from Sunday 9 July to Friday 16 July, 9876 6517.



Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.

July 15 / 16	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	L D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	
Lector	L Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosch	B Jordan	W Fitzpatrick
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	J McCarthy
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	C Gorry
	Y Martin	G Smith	C Boyd	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
			A Martonyi	M Hegarty		

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy During School Holidays

Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy Family	A Jordan
Welcome Desk	J David	J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan



Euthanasia and Physician assisted Suicide – Why are we concerned?

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce a euthanasia and assisted suicide bill early in the next sitting of Parliament in August. The proposed legislative changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. Because of their concern about this grave matter the Bishops of Victoria are urging all parish communities around the State to avail themselves of information about this issue and to become involved in discussion and representations with their state members.

For further information about this issue go to: <http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia>

SOME BACKGROUND:

In June 2016 the Victorian Parliament’s Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues committees released its report on the Inquiry into End of Life Choices. The committee recognized the need to improve palliative care services across the entire community and they made 50 recommendations to improve end of life healthcare and raise awareness about end of life issues in our society.

The 49th recommendation is to make it lawful for doctors to intentionally end a person’s life within the context of certain conditions. If this recommendation is adopted in law it could totally change society’s understanding of the value of each person’s life. Prohibition on killing another is fundamental to our beliefs and is the cornerstone of our law. Our commitment to that belief and to that cornerstone falters when we undermine the fundamental protection of life.

ACTION:

Over the next two weeks the parish will undertake two actions

On the weekend of **15/16 July** a petition will be circulated after each Mass to sign in opposition to the proposed changes.

This week we ask for 12 people to write a letter to the sitting members of their state electoral seat/region indicating their opposition to the proposed change in our law. Assistance with “points of concern” will be available to assist with the letter writing and the names and electoral office addresses of appropriate sitting members will be provided.

This is a very serious issue confronting the people of Victoria and one which should have both our interest and concern.

For information about our parish action contact parish office and/or **Jan 0402141519**.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria and South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017.

Cost Ex Melbourne: \$2,990 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel admission fees and meals.)

Single Supplement: \$610

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon (02) 8912 4845 or Sr Annie Bond (02) 8912 4818, or at MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au

*Thank you to those parishioners who offered to be a **Prayer Sponsor for our Confirmation Candidates**. You will receive a letter in the post including a profile of the child. Your letters/ cards for your Confirmation Candidate need to be dropped in at the Parish Office or in the box in the Sacristy by **16 July**. Thanking you again. Maree*

At Home With God – Winter is a Time for Going Inside

An invitation to experience a Retreat in Daily Life!

Continue your normal, everyday activities, spending a little time each day reflecting on what’s happening in your life and how God might be present with you. Come to the Heart of Life Spirituality Centre to share with a spiritual companion on five Mondays 1.15pm – 2.15pm, beginning Monday 24 July 2017.

Please phone Heart of Life (9890 1101) **by 17 July** to register, or leave a message stating your name and phone number; alternatively email holsc@bigpond.com.

Cost: a donation to Heart of Life at your discretion.

Heart of life Spirituality Centre, 96 Albion Road Box Hill

ST VINCENT DE PAUL July

Jams, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Tinned Tuna, Small Jars of Coffee. 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 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.

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

May you never forget what is worth remembering nor ever remember what is best forgotten.

Irish Proverb



Social & Other

If you are the owner of a Silver Volvo with the number plate **XBA 695** could you please see Fr Dispin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP GIVING TAX RECEIPTS

Your Stewardship giving tax receipts are available for collection in the Narthex. Please check for yours on the way out from Mass.

Please take the time to collect them and save the Parish the cost of mailing them out. Thank you

The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

*To keep in touch, make sure to come along to the **Lyons Room** at **12.45pm** on **Tuesday 11th July**.*

Enquiries: Veronica 9894 4692

KEY REGISTER

We are currently updating our Key Register and would ask that if any parishioner has a key could they please let the parish office know of the key number so it can be recorded. If you no longer require the key could it be returned to the parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks



Christian Radio Stations

- 96.3—FM
- 89.9—Light FM
- 1179am—Vision Australia Radio
- ABC Radio Nation—"Encounter"
- ABC Radio National—"The Religion Report"
- ABC Radio National—"The Spirit of Things"
- 94.1FM—The Journey Catholic Radio Show

The **Autism Family Support Association (AFSA)** is holding a Forum for family members of those with ASD on **Tuesday 25 July** at the **Whitehorse Centre Nunawading, Willis Room**, at **10am-2.30pm**. To register via the TRYBOOKING online service www.trybooking.com/286098. **Cost: \$10 for AFSA members and \$20 for non members** plus a 30 cent booking fee. **Registrations close Wednesday 19 July**. For further queries email secretary@afsconnect.org.au or visit www.afsconnect.org.au. See flyers in newsstands.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—has received a new stock of greeting cards. Cards are priced at **\$2.30**.

The House of Books

Interested in reading, discovering old book treasures or need a quiet place to browse, then why not drop into the "House of Books", 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, next to the Church and find that special book you have been looking for. We have a wide range of **good quality books** as well as a good range of **CDs & DVDs** to purchase and all are welcome to come and visit.

Shop Hours: Monday-Friday

10am-4pm

Saturday: 10am-1pm

Phone: 9874 2389



ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Next Wednesday the Seniors have a Film/Winter Luncheon in the Coghlan Centre commencing at 10.30am \$15 pay at the door but if anyone else wants to join us, please ring me no later than 5pm Sunday because I have to confirm catering numbers. I would also ask for anyone coming to our Christmas-in-July Luncheon at Templestowe Hotel on 26th July to get the money \$25 to me no later than next Wednesday. All queries please ring **Helen 9874 0809**.

PILATES AT ST JOHN'S

TERM 3 commencing **17 JULY**

Monday at 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 8pm

Tuesday at 9.15am and Wednesday at 7pm

OLDER ADULT STRENGTH & BALANCE TRAINING AT ST JOHN'S

TERM 3 commences **Tuesday 18 July**

Tuesday 10am or Thursday 9.30am

Please contact Peta Marriner for more information and your free trial class.

Phone: 0419 028 769 or email:

petamarriner@gmail.com



CHAVOIN COLLEGE, Burwood Class of 1977 (Year Level: Form 1/1972 to Form 6/HSC/1977 inclusive) **40 YEAR REUNION** to be held **12 August 2017**.

For information, please contact Michael Jones, Alumni Rep., by either E: Michael.Jones@emmaus.vic.edu.au or phone 9758 7784.