



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17 2017 —Year A

Forgiving others

The heart of God is a compassionate heart;
Understanding weakness,
covering over faults and selfishness
and forgiving sins.

Compassion awaits compassion:
if God is compassionate to you,
surely you are to be compassionate to others.

Compassion opens the heart;
you see a person sleeping rough
and you wince and say
'it shouldn't be like that',
and you feel something deep inside for a person.
Compassion may often not be able to do anything
but offer presence, sympathy, support.

How often must I forgive others?

Or when someone doesn't hold your faults against you,
your heart is opened wider
and compassion enters
into the place forgiveness prepares.

Give thanks this day
for those who understand you;
give thanks this day
for those who forgive you;
give thanks for this day
for those whom you understand and forgive.

and then the Eucharist
will more deeply touch your life,
for the Bread of God
is the bread baked with compassion.

How often must I forgive others?

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

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: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 7:1-10
Tue 1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 7:31-35
Thur: Ephesians 4:1-7 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13
Fri: 1 Timothy 6:2-12 Luke 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Luke 8:4-15
Sun: **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24 27 Matthew 20:1-16

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life **Peter De Araugo** (nephew of Veronica—passed away at Lyell Mcwin Elizabeth Vale Hospital SA) and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Breanna Sterling, John Winter, Shayne Heard-Lowry, Gerald Lowry, Charles Allen, Maddalena Montagnesem, Freda Fernandez.**



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 David & Marlene Rae from **Sunday 17 September to Friday 22 September at 7.30pm.** Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

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

September 23 / 24	St Johns 6pm	St. John's 8.30am	St John's 9.45am	St. John's 11.15am	St John's 5pm Mass	St James 9.30am
C'Tator	M & N Bredhauer	A Buchanan	A Crowe	G Lewis	K Harvey	
Lector	A Livy	E George	B Mills	Z D'Silva	P Wallace	W Gregg
Eucharist	M Livy	J Santamaria	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	M Hosie
	E Booth	R Jess	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	J Matarazzo
	R McIntosh	M McMahon	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			J Kiekebsoch		

No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays

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?

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN IMPORTANT EVENT

Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 7.30pm

SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY
“GUARDING THE GALILEE”
(About the Adani mine in Queensland)



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Information Evening:

There have been 2 information sessions and three enquirers have come along to begin exploring the RCIA journey this year. We will begin with a Welcome Lunch on Sunday 8 October and would love to hear from anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, or about becoming Catholic. We would love to see you—contact details are below.

Volunteers—Request for assistance

Over the last couple of years many parishioners have assisted the RCIA team in hospitality and prayer support. We thank them most sincerely and hope they are able to come on board again this year. This is an important part of the RCIA program as candidates become aware of the support, generosity and welcome of the whole parish.

There are volunteer sheets in the narthex and we are asking for people to register interest in supporting and being part of the RCIA in the following ways.

Hospitality, Prayer Support and Faith Sharing.

Enquiries: Maureen Campbell 0409 894 328
Maree O’Keefe 9873 1341

Euthanasia and Assisted Dying
Why are we concerned?

At the present moment, people in all communities across the country have some very serious social issues to be concerned about. In Victoria, Legislation on Euthanasia and Assisted Dying to be debated in the Victorian Parliament is one of them.

The Bill to introduce this legislation has been postponed (for a third time) until the parliamentary sitting period beginning Tuesday 19 September. The expectation is that debate will commence four weeks later in the sitting period beginning Tuesday 17 October.

In this period it is important that the politicians who represent us clearly hear that our community supports an increased and more widely accessible Palliative Care service to all, so that everyone can die with dignity, surrounded by love and supported by excellent medical care.

Over the next few weeks there will be sheets available alongside the Parish Bulletin notices which give all the information required to write a short note to politicians urging them to support palliative care - and not to follow the path of euthanasia and assisted suicide. For further information - Jan 0402 141 519.

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group
Charity, patience and tenderness are very beautiful gifts.

If you have them, you want to share them with others.
Pope Francis



ST VINCENT DE PAUL—September

Long Life Milk, Savoury Biscuits, Small Jars of Coffee, Tinned Vegetables and Tinned Fruit. 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.

Social & Other

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"This Week's Parish Fete News"



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FETE PLANT STALL—CALLING ALL GREEN AND BROWN THUMBS!

Now that Spring is here, please consider growing some cuttings or seedlings for the Plant Stall. Donations of spare pots are also most welcome.

Please email Melissa at melissa.greenwood1@hotmail.com or call 9877 7302 AH, if you can assist with these, or would like to help out on the stall on Fete Day.

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ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Next Wednesday, the seniors are invited to listen to a talk from RACV on Seniors Security to be held in the Plaza — Time: 1pm Cost: \$3
Enquiries: **Helen 9874 0809**

Celebration Day For Girls

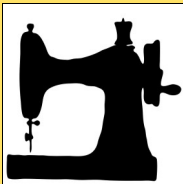
A workshop for girls aged 10-12 and their mothers/carers.

Lively discussion, fun activities, women's stories and gentle celebration on the threshold of menarche, puberty and womanhood.

When: **Sunday, 22 October, 2017 at 11am-5pm**
Where: **Coghlan Centre, St John's**

This beautiful workshop explores the step from girlhood to womanhood in the time honoured way of sisterhood and circles—full of information, discussion and fun activities.

Bookings/enquiries : Kath Callinan-Moore 0438 802 379 / kathcm61@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul are looking for donations of **Sewing Machines** to assist the needs of community groups.

Donations can be left in the Narthex or Parish Office.

Thank you, Kevin Raphael (St Vincent de Paul)

Magdalene: A WANTON SAINT

Where: **Renaissance Theatre,**
826 High St, Kew East

When: **4-7 October at 7pm**

Daily Matinee Saturday 1pm

Phone: **Florence 0433 851 662**

Geraldine: 0413 398 528

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/QZMG

(see flyer on noticeboard)

Plaza Cinema Group

Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm

Oliver Twist

The finest film version of the Charles Dickens' story. A superb recreation of Victorian London with Alec Guinness as Fagan and marvelous support from Robert Newton, John Howard Davies, Kath Walsh and Francis L Sullivan. A Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings
3 month Membership: \$15 Visitors welcome.

Membership enquiries:
Barbara: 9873 3508



Catenian Invitation—Come and join other Catholic men from nearby parishes for dinner and an evening of fellowship at a local restaurant with function room privacy on **Wednesday 20th September 6.45pm** onwards. Please confirm your attendance with Andrew on 0487 138 140 or ruigrokas@gmail.com for all details.

OCTOBER IS A BUSY MONTH AT ST JOHN'S PARISH PRIMARY!

The Community of St John's Parish Primary warmly invite everyone to two of our very special events for the year.
Major Fundraiser Saturday 14 October from 7pm in the **Coghlan Centre.**

We'll be celebrating the start of Spring with a **Masquerade Party** – enjoy a great night out with friends, a delicious roast dinner and sensational salads, wonderful silent and live auction prizes and roving entertainment from **Cirque Mystique.**

Early bird ticket price is \$35 each (before 22/9, \$45 after).

Think Pink High Tea 20 October 1-3pm in the **Coghlan Centre.** Our annual afternoon tea is 11 years old and this year all proceeds are being donated to the McGrath Foundation. Come along to share a delightful champagne high tea, hear from our informative guest speaker, enter the raffle for some fabulous prizes and support a cause close to all our hearts.

For more information or to book tickets for these events, please email yourpa.sjm@gmail.com