



St. John's Parish Mitcham

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132

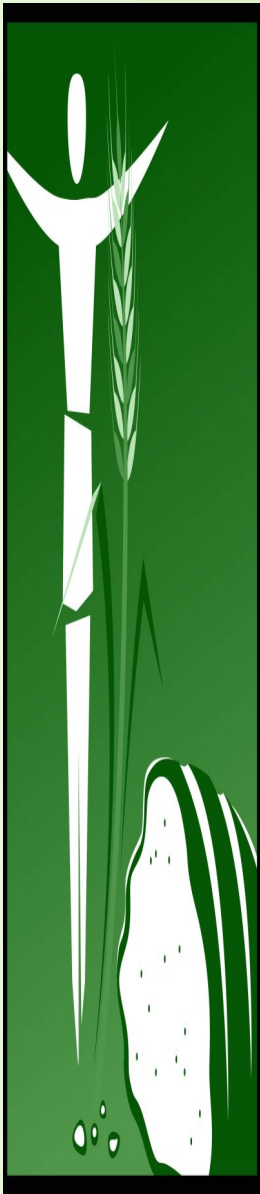
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12th 2018—Year B



Gift of God through others

The wheat was sown in the land
and grew silently, hidden, day and night;
the wheat was harvested
by many human hands.
And bread was made:
threshed, shaped, baked,
and its fragrance filled the house.

The fragrance of God
is the air we breathe.
The gifts of life and of love
are the sources of human strength.
And like the bread on the table,
life and love come from God
shaped and nurtured by human hands.

The bread of life is the work of human hands;
the work of Mary and Joseph caring for Jesus,
the food made by them nourishing the son of God.

The bread of life is Jesus,
given to us by Mary, by God;
given to us by many human hands,
the hands that care for us in life.

Jesus is the gift of God
through many others
to each of us.

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary

“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)

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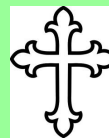
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Scripture Readings for week

Mon:	Ezekiel 1:2-5 24-28	Matthew 17:22-27
Tue:	Ezekiel 2:8 3:4	Matthew 18:1-5 10 12-14
Wed:	Feast of the Assumption	
	Revelation 11:19 12: 1-6 10	Luke 1:39-56
	1 Corinthians 15:20-26	
Thur:	Ezekiel 1:1-12	Matthew 18:21– 19:1
Fri:	Ezekiel 16:1-15 60 63	Matthew 19:3-12
Sat:	Ezekiel 18:1-10 13 30-32	Matthew 19:13-15
Sun:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Proverbs 9:1-6	
	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6: 51-58

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Fr John Van Suylen, Beth Coombe, Pat Walsh, Gerard Goldsmid, Les Thorneycroft** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Marie Alwis, John Walter McKenna, Kevin Hay, Eric Jansen, William Brown, Jacqueline Slattery, Sr Betilda D'Cruz, Wiliam Box, Sr M Dymrna sgs, Fr Geoff James SJ, Fr Bill Durkin, David Anderson, Myrna Anderson**



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	(Church Closed)
Tuesday	10am Communion Service
Wednesday	10am Mass SJM, 12noon SJV 7.30pm SJM
Thursday	10.20am Mass at SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service will resume in September 9.30am Reconciliation

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 Marg Coghlan from **Sunday 12 August to Friday 17 August at 7.30pm.***
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

A good deed is never lost; those who sow courtesy reap friendship, and those who plant kindness gather love. St Basil

Aug 18 / 19 Aug	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 Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosch	B Jordan	
Lector	L D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	W Gregg
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	N Winter
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	M Hosie
	Y Martin	G Smith	A Martonyi	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
			A Coyne	M Hegarty		
Children's Liturgy						M Brochoff A Stewart
Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy family	A Jordan	
Welcome Desk		P Bowen/J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan	



EUTHANASIA—WHY ARE WE CONCERNED?

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide – an ongoing national issue

As you may have heard, recently the Australian Senate decided to debate a Bill titled the *Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill*. If passed, the legislation will allow the territories the right to make laws on euthanasia and assisted suicide. It effectively means euthanasia will be legalised in the ACT and perhaps also in the Northern Territory in the near future.

The Australian Senate will debate the Bill from 14-16 August. It is important that as many as possible in our parish take the time to write to our 12 Victorian Senators. The timeframe is tight, so if you are able to write in the coming week, it would be hugely beneficial.

Please contact all 12 Senators and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill.

You can email each senator independently by going to the Federal Parliament website and looking up the list of Victorian Senators.

Or - go to the following website <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

There will be a **Leaving Collection** this weekend the **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

To enhance the safety of our children, parish keys and visitor passes are monitored from 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-August

Coffee, long life milk, rice and pasta sauce.

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.

JANSSEN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

**Meditation on Jesus—One Day Retreat at 9.30am-4pm
Saturday 29 September
OR**

5 Day Retreat: 9.30am-4pm

Monday 20 August—Friday 24 August 2018

Meditation through breathing exercises, and gentle postures for healing and well being of body, mind and soul.

Guided by Fr Gilbert Carolo, SVD

Come and Experience Energizing, Recharging & Healing in Jesus.

22 Woodvale Road, Boroonia RSVP Telephone: 9762 6625 or email: enquiries@janssencentre.org

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

Next Wednesday **15th August** the Seniors have arranged to have a speaker to come to talk about options available for **Aged Care**. This will include home care, low care, high care and anything else that maybe on people's mind.

This will be in the Coghlan Centre after **1pm**. No charge and there will be afternoon tea provided.

This invitation is open to anyone in the Parish who would be interested.

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

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.

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.



The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

Another month done and dusted!

Reminder our next get together will be at 1.30pm on Tuesday 14 August in Zebedee.

Enquiries: Veronica 9894 4692

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.

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.