



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## The Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ June 18 2017 —Year A

**The bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world**

Isn't the greatest gift  
one can give to another,  
the gift of oneself?

Gifts can be sent in the post,  
credited and impersonally given;  
a gift can be chosen quickly or with care.  
The gift expressing the giver's personality  
or the relationship between two people  
is most welcomed.

That's the gift of the Eucharist;  
**The bread that I shall give is my flesh,  
for the life of the world.**

This means, it is myself.

When I give my time and listen,  
when I share my experience,  
or speak from the heart,  
or risk opening myself  
that another person may grow,  
then I am giving myself,  
and this is what Jesus does.

He allows us into the hidden heart of his life:  
his relationship with his Father,  
his real beliefs about love and justice,  
peace and religion, life and death;

his hopes for the poor,  
his conviction to suffer and die  
for God and for us.

He breaks the joys and sorrows of his life,  
he invites his disciples and friends—  
you and me—  
to share our love for the life and growth,  
the encouragement and development  
of those with whom we share our lives.

**The bread that I shall give,  
is my flesh for the life the world.**

**Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ**

## 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: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10      Matthew 5:38-42  
Tue 2 Corinthians 8:1-9      Matthew 5:43-48  
Wed: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11      Matthew 6:1-6 16-18  
Thur: 2 Corinthians 11-1-11      Matthew 6:7-15

#### Feast of the Sacred Heart

Fri: Deuteronomy 7:6-11      Matthew 11:25-30  
1 John 4:7-16

#### Sat: The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Isiah 49:1-6      Luke 1:57-66 80  
Acts 13:22-26

#### Sun: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13      Matthew 10:26-33  
Romans 5:12-15

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Samuel Phillip Viola.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Edith Wregg** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Barbara Healy, Brian Maslin.**

#### RECEPTION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

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



#### 6pm Mass—Saturday 24 June—St John's

Brygidka Allen, Oliver Williams, Matthew Barclay, Bill & Meg Johnson, Jaie Ramsdale, Angus Hurley, Jack Brown.

#### 11.15am Mass—Sunday 25 June—St Johns

Grace Barber, Isabella Dougherty, Maria Skaliotis, Camille Soeradinata, Ruby Moret, Abbey & Jacob Tran, Ryan Werikhe.

### Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday Church Closed  
Tuesday 12noon Mass  
Wednesday 10am Mass  
Thursday **No** 9.15am Mass SJV  
Friday **Feast of the Sacred Heart**  
10am Mass SJM  
12noon Mass SJV  
Saturday 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service  
9.30am Reconciliation

**Travelling Rosary —will be held at the home of Joan Adamson from Sunday 18 June to Friday 23 June, 9893 5615.**

Enquiries Helen 9874 7024



June 24 / 25	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
<b>C'Tator</b>	M & N Bredhauer	A Buchanan	B Mills	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	
<b>Lector</b>	A Livy	E George	A Crowe	G Lewis	P Wallace	N Thurbon
<b>Eucharist</b>	M Livy	J Santamaria	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	A Rouse
	E Booth	R Jess	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	L Cairnduff
	R McIntosh	M McMahon	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			J Kiekebsoch		
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			A Elliott L Elliott			C Gorry A Thurbon
<b>Laptop</b>	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert	
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	M Ayling	J/B Houlihan	K Hay	V Keys		



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

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

**Next Sunday** we will be having the **Annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**. There will be a leaving collection at all Masses. Donation envelopes will also be available at the church doorways for those who wish to receive a receipt or donate via a credit card. It would be appreciated if these could be returned to the church via the Collections, handed in at the Parish Office or posted to the St Vincent de Paul Society address as shown on the envelopes.

In the last financial year in Victoria alone, St Vincent de Paul Society members provided over \$11.6 million in assistance. This is \$1 million more than the previous year. As you can see the need is growing and we would greatly appreciate your assistance with raising funds to enable us to continue our good works.

We are also grateful for your previous support of our appeals, and I would like to express our sincere gratitude on behalf of those we assist. This is an essential lifeline to people experiencing poverty and difficulty in our local communities.

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS**

We have 82 young people from our parish community preparing to be welcomed further into the life of our Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation on July 28th & 29th, so we are inviting you, the initiating community to once again sign up to be a 'Prayer Sponsor' for one of these candidates. Please sign the sheets in the Narthex with your name, address and phone number (in clear print) and we will be in touch with you.

Many thanks for your support. Maree

**TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

If you are a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and/or housebound or are wanting to be part of this ministry an invitation is extended to come along to a morning of training with Fr Dispin on **Saturday 1 July 2017 at 10am at St John's Church** followed by morning tea. It will be an opportunity to understand the importance of this ministry and the way it changes peoples lives. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**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. 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.**



**Ecumenical & Interfaith Commission  
Jewish & Catholic Friendship Dinner**

**Sunday 30 July 2017 7pm for 7.30pm start**  
Adele Southwick Hall, St Kilda Hebrew Congregation  
Gate 4 12 Charnwood Grove St Kilda  
**Tickets \$50 each**

Besides enjoying good food, wine & company, we will address an important issue facing all Australians drawing on the wisdom of our Hebrew ancestors in faith: "Strangers and Neighbours: Responding to Asylum Seekers". Our Guest Speaker will be Sr Brigid Arthur of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project and Rabbi Ralph Genende. There will be an opportunity to make a contribution to the work of the BASP in our local community.

To Book by phone or email  
Jewish Community Council of Victoria Ph 9272 5641 or  
ccommunity@jccv.org.au Or  
Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission Ph 9926 5708 or  
eic@cam.org.au Bookings close 27 July

See website [www.stjohnsmitcham@cam.org.au](http://www.stjohnsmitcham@cam.org.au) "Whats on What New" for further details.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL June**

**Jam, Vegemite, Pasta Tinned Vegetables, 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**

God help us to live slowly:

To look softly:

To allow emptiness:

To let the heart create for us.

Amen

**Michael Leunig**



# Social & Other

## St John's Mens' Group

The men of the parish are invited to the next gathering of the Mens' group. The details are as follows:

Date Friday 23 June at 7pm at Daisy Bistro  
Cnr Mount Dandenong Road &  
Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood

It is close and a good way to finish the working week.

For Booking and or any questions please ring  
**Robert Vecci** on **0449 941 433**.

## ST JOHN'S SENIORS

**Wednesday 21 June—Concert at Nunawading Arts Centre**, morning tea at **10am**, show with **Tendori Group**, and then on to lunch at the **Manhattan Hotel** for a change.

For those who haven't got their tickets yet, I will have them. Enquiries: Helen 9874 0809

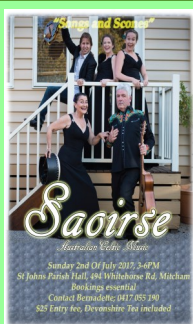
## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM AIRS 18 JUNE 2017

This week on the Journey, Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the gospel and the Feast of Corpus Christi! Our very own Trish McCarthy talks about Intimacy with God (part 1) in her Milk & Honey segment, Bruce Downes, 'The Catholic Guy' encourages us to Pray for Yourself, and Fr Dave Callaghan encourages us to listen to 'The Call'. Threaded together with amazing Christian music artists, to create a show for you that is all about faith, hope, love and life.

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or  
[www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



**Catenian Invitation**—join other Catholic men from nearby parishes for dinner at a local restaurant with function room privacy on **21 June 2017**. Guest speak Daniel Copsey—Group Fleet Manager—Eastern Plant Hire speaking on Major infrastructure projects in Melbourne. & EPH's role in them. Confirm attendance Andrew Ruigrok on 0487 138 140.



Come join **Premiere Irish band Saoirse** for an afternoon of songs and scones (and a few jigs for good measure) on Sunday 2nd July from 3-6pm.

Bookings essential.  
Contact Bernadette on 0417 055 190

\$25 entry free with a Devonshire tea included.

Refer to the flyer in Narthex/newsstands or What's On What's New on the website [ww.stjohnsmitcham.com.au](http://www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au)



## EMMAUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY Vermont South Campus

**THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2017**

**1.30pm—6.30pm**

For tour bookings or more information visit  
[www.emmaus.vic.edu.au](http://www.emmaus.vic.edu.au)

The Eastern Suburbs Pilipino Community is extending an invitation to celebrate the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Sunday, 25 June at Our Lady's Church, corner Bedford Rd and Wilana St, Ringwood. Activities are as follows: 3pm-4pm Novena & Rosary, 4pm-5pm Holy Mass, 5pm refreshments and fellowship at Our Lady's Hall.

Contact Pol Arboleda 0435 704 035 or  
Jun Martin 0400 801 280

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

## 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: 28-30 July 2017. Starts 7pm on Friday and ends 5pm Sunday.** Accommodation and meals provided. For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel 9733 0997 or email [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Or the website on [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) for further information.

**St Johns Parish Womens Retreat Weekend**  
*Allowing God to work in us is a life-long process. During this weekend you will be gently led by Colleen in a program that allows us to access our core strengths and befriend our compulsive behaviours for personal development and wholeness. All are welcome.*

**Venue:** Pallotti College Millgrove

**Cost:** \$210 (3 meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday, private room shared bathroom)

**Date:** Friday 30th June 8pm to 3pm Sunday 2 July

**Facilitator:** Sr Colleen Leonard — Spiritual director of the Ignation tradition who works at Campion CIS

For further information or booking contact **Helen Lucas** on **0435232101** or  
[helen.lucas@seerpharma.com.au](mailto:helen.lucas@seerpharma.com.au)