



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12 2017 —Year A**

**FETE NEXT SATURDAY,
18 NOVEMBER 2017
10am-5pm**

**Reminder—Pre-loved Clothes Preview Night
Tuesday 14 November 2017
7.30pm-9pm in the Coghlan Centre
Gold Coin Donation**



FETE RIDE WRISTBANDS are now available for purchase

\$30 from Trybooking website OR **\$35** on Fete Day. Includes unlimited rides.

Book now at: <https://www.trybooking.com/SXUH>

Don't Forget "Just 2 Hours...please"

We Still need your assistance!

A reminder with the Fete next weekend please register your Fete assistance for "Just 2 hours...please!" See the enclosed sign up form OR Register your assistance online at: <https://tinyurl.com/just-2hrs>

Attention all walkers!

It's Fete Brochure time again!

There are still a good number of Fete Brochures for distribution throughout our local community. Please consider picking up a bundle or two from the tables at the rear of the Church.

"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)

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**

Acting Principal: Mrs Carmel Foster

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: Wisdom 1:1-7 Luke 17:1-6
Tue: Wisdom 2:23-3:9 Luke 17:7-10
Wed: Wisdom 6:1-11 Luke 17:11-19
Thur: Wisdom 7:22 - 8:1 Luke 17:20-25
Fri: Wisdom 13:1-9 Luke 17:26-37
Sat: Wisdom 18:14-16 19:6-9 Luke 18:1-8
Sun: **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Proverbs 31:10-13 19-20 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Mary Mulcahy, Anne Guiney** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Christina Frigo.**



*We offer our prayers and congratulations to **Nicholas Spencer and Amanda Cairncross** who were recently married at St John's.*



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 **Nola Rush from Sunday 12 November to Friday 17 November at 7.30pm.**
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday Church Closed
Tuesday 10am Mass
Wednesday 10am Mass
Thursday 9.15am Mass (**SJV**)
10am Mass
Friday 10am Mass
Saturday 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
9.30am Reconciliation

November 18 / 19	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	G Gartland
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	B Kenny
	Y Martin	G Smith	C Boyd	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
			A Martonyi	M Hegarty		
Children's Liturgy			No Children's Liturgy for St John's until further notice due to Church renovations			A O'Riley B Hosie
Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy Family	A Jordan	
Welcome Desk is cancelled till after the renovations.						



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

EUTHANASIA—WHY ARE WE CONCERNED

On Friday 3 November the Legislative Council (upper house) of the Victorian parliament voted 22 to 18, for the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill be read a second time with amendments. Some of the concerns raised by MPs during the debate:

- What does “ordinarily resident” mean? Is simply providing an address in Victoria enough? Will Victoria attract assisted suicide/euthanasia seeker visitors?
• What lethal substance will be made available to those requesting assisted suicide/euthanasia? A number of MPs asked what lethal substance(s) the government would make available.
• Patients who are to self-administer the lethal substance will die alone.
• That 12 months prognosis of life expectancy is too difficult to make with accuracy.
• That there is no requirement for psychiatric assessment of decision-making capacity if a patient has a mental illness.

The next step is to debate the proposed amendments and expose just some of the flaws and loopholes in the Bill. The debate will begin on November 14 when each amendment will be individually debated. The process will take time, allowing opportunity to contact upper house members asking them to oppose the Bill. State-sanctioned suicide/euthanasia and fails to protect vulnerable people from coercion.

Please use next week to:

- 1) Ring/email the MPs who opposed the Bill. Thank them for their vote which will protect the vulnerable from coercion and focus government policy on providing care to people as they die.
2) Ring/email the upper house MPs who voted in favour and ask them, politely, to oppose the Bill. You can adapt and use the following points as highlighted in the flyer found in the newsstands.
3) Ring/email the MPs who were concerned enough to propose amendments. Ask them to oppose the Bill. No amount of safe guards can make the Bill safe.

For a list name of those members who voted for and against, and those who proposed amendments please contact Jan 0402 141 519 or jlwhite@reyglas.com

Communion to the Sick & Housebound

Some parishioners may not be able to attend Mass on the weekend. If you would like to receive Communion in your home on Sunday morning please contact Monika at the Parish Office on 9873 1341. We have a group of special ministers who can visit the sick and housebound at a convenient time.



St John’s Bereavement Team warmly invite you to the: November Remembrance Mass on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm

The Mass will be held for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time and particularly those families who have farewelled a loved one during the last 12 months. You are warmly welcome to come and join us for Mass. This year we invite you to write the names of your loved ones on the cards provided on the night of the Remembrance Mass. You may like to prepare your own card and bring it along with you to Mass. These cards will be placed in baskets and taken to the Altar as part of our Offertory Procession. For parishioners who have dropped off November Mass envelopes these names will also be remembered and included in the Offertory Procession.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— November Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Long Life Custard, Tinned Ham, Shortbread Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Carrots, Peas & Corn, Savoury Biscuits.

Please leave donations in the tub in the Church. 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 box at the door on the parish office side of the Church. 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

Sometimes one creates a dynamic impression by saying something, and sometimes one creates as significant an impression by remaining silent.



Dalai Lama

All Welcome REMEMBRANCE PHOTO DISPLAY

During the month of November we will be remembering those who have died in the last 12 months. If you wish to have a photo on display in the church, please leave the photo with the person's name on the back, at the parish office. If you should have any queries, please call Monika on 0438 220 361.

Social & Other

"Just 2 Hours...Please!"

"This Week's Fete News"

"Just 2 Hours... Please!"

NO BRIC A BRAC in 2017—There will not be a bric a brac stall at this year's fete! Parishioners are asked not to leave bric a brac items in the **garage** or at the **school**. You are encouraged to donate the items to the **Vinnies shop** at **Ringwood**. Thank you!

DEVONSHIRE TEAS

Devonshire Tea Stall Coordinator, Michelle Plant, would love to hear from anyone interested in offering to assist with Devonshire teas on Fete day. **Michelle** can be **contacted on 0414 786 147**.

"Just 2 Hours...Please!"

For more *Fete updates & information* see the latest **NEWSLETTER** by visiting the *Parish website* www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Please remember to register for: "Just 2 Hours...Please!"

THE ST JOHN'S PARISH FETE RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

TIME TO RETURN ALL RAFFLE BOOKS.

TICKETS CAN BE RETURNED AT EACH OF THE MASSES OR TO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER EACH MASS THIS WEEKEND, OR ON FETE DAY.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING EFFORT.

STILL NEED HELP WITH TICKET SALES AT THE FETE.

Contact: Robin or Gracie Smith 0419 379 005

CAKE STALL

We are inviting all parishioners to bake something delicious for the cake stall this year. A favourite cake, slice or biscuits would be a wonderful and much appreciated contribution to our cake stall. You can deliver your baked goods to the **Cake Stall area** at St John's between **1pm and 3:00pm** on Friday the **17th November** or take them directly to the Cake Stall area on Fete Day from 8:45am. Health Regulations require that all items need to be recorded in the registration book when they are delivered, so please make sure deliveries are made during the specified time. If you would like to contribute to our stall, please find plates, instructions and labels at the back of the church which can be picked up after mass. Please make sure all baked goods are labelled as outlined in the instructions. If packaging items for individual sale please make sure each individual item is clearly labelled. Many thanks in advance.

Enquires to **Carolyn Gorry 0405 309145** or **Nadine Murray 0410 138 177**

The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

Our last get together at St John's will be at 12.45pm in the Lyon's Room on Tuesday 14th November, with a gentle reminder of the Christmas hamper. Also I urge all financial members to submit their names for the drawing of the Kris Kringle. Greetings for Christmas and 2018 to each and everyone.

Enquiries: Veronica 9894 4692



ST JOHN'S SENIORS

On Wednesday **5 November** we are visiting the Werribee Rose Gardens.
Enquiries: ring Helen on 9874 0809.

***MUSIC MINISTRY**—As the festive season is approaching it is an opportune time to invite anybody that even thinks they have a reasonable voice to come along and join us. You are welcome to come along to a practice session and experience what this beautiful music ministry is about.*

Contact **Bernie Kiekebosch 0409 771 946**