



St. John's Parish Mitcham

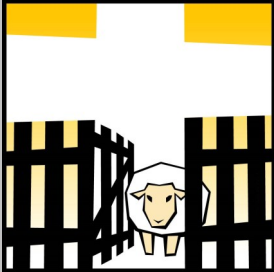
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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7 2017 —Year A

I have come that you may have life to the full.

*One of the titles of God
is 'Lover of Life'.*

*God is the lover of
real life among us;
yet we often make him into a killjoy God.*

*Jesus brought the life of
forgiveness to people crippled with guilt,
peace to those driven by anxiety,
hope to people darkened by despair,
friendship to people isolated in loneliness:*

*Jesus' gift of life
is the gift of love.
His companionship offers
peace, forgiveness, hope,
in all the experiences of life.*

I have come that you may have life to the full.

*Lord, lover of life,
make us truly grateful
for gifts of laughter and humour,
of endurance and courage,
of care and reconciliation,
and for all which makes us truly alive.*

I have come that you may have life to the full.

Communion reflections—Donal Neary SJ

**On Saturday 20th May 2017, Archbishop Denis Hart will celebrate 6pm Mass with us.
During this mass Fr Dispin John will be formally installed as parish priest.
We will gather together for supper afterwards in the Coghlan Centre.
All very welcome.**

Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times at St. John's

Saturday Vigil, 6pm, then 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Visiting Priests

Fr John Van Suylen

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: Acts 11:1-8	John 10:11-18
Tue Acts 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5	John 12:44-50
Thur: Acts 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52	John 14:7-14
Sun: 5th Sunday of Easter	
Acts 6:1-7	
1 Peter 2:4-9	John 14:1-12

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Ayush Ethan De Silva, Isla Margot McDade.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Jim Ross** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Pat Wilson, Ted Austin, Barbara Leary, Patricia Cleary, Betty Joyce, Cyril Joseph, Jose Eduardo Peralta, Stephen Brook, Margaret Farrelly, Veronica Smith.**

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 **Delphine & Frank Matchado** from **Sunday 7 May to Friday 12 May 0428 886 829.** Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

May 13 / 14

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	J David	K Thomeycroft	D Ranjit	T Black	M Greenwood
Lector	P Richards	C Anderson	V Burnie	C Black	M Day
Eucharist	P Bateman	T Foster	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart
	C Pearson	J Foster	D Tew	N Flores	P Wallace
	M Perkins		D Matchado	P Halabut	S Solomons

Childrens Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy due to Mother's Day

Laptop	J Sexton	F Foley	N Santamaria	Black family	S Chan
Welcome Desk	J David	J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan



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

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB
SIP AT THE NOTT

‘WHAT CHALLENGES DO WE HAVE WITH OUR IMAGE OF GOD?’
ROSE MARIE PROSSER

Rose Marie was formerly a secondary teacher and has been a lecturer in Practical Theology at YTU, a college of University of Divinity, for many years teaching the units Scripture for RE teachers and Faith Religion and & Spirituality in Contemporary Society. She works with teachers throughout Victoria

TUESDAY 9 MAY at 7.30pm-9pm
The Steakhouse, The Notting Hill Hotel, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd Clayton



LITURGY ROSTER 2017-2018

Yes—IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN! We need to re-do our roster for Lectors, Commentators and Ministers of Eucharist at weekend Masses. If you need to come off the roster or better still be part of our new roster (training provided if required) please contact Maree 9873 1341 or Tricia on 9872 4903 over the next week or two. The roster is due to commence in June 2017.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL May

Long Life Milk, Rice, Pasta, Tinned Soup, Tinned Vegetables, Biscuits. Please leave donations in the tub at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.

Conference Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month and on the 3rd Wednesday 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.

St Vincent De Paul Assist a Student Appeal

Today there is an Appeal for the St Vincent de Paul Assist a Student (AAS) Program. The AAS program assists students in very poor circumstances in countries to our North to get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key in helping young people to get out of poverty cycle. It costs \$70 to assist one student for one year.

There is a small information display on the AAS Program on the noticeboard beside the Piety Stall. If you are able to support the program there are Sponsorship slips near the church entrances. These can be completed and posted to the Victorian SVdP State Office as per address details on the slip.

For those unable to commit \$70 to sponsor a student there is also a leaving collection and the Mitcham Conference will amalgamate the money donated towards student sponsorship.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

Catholic Theological College
2017 Knox Public Lecture

Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 7.30pm

Rev. Prof Denis Edwards
Ecumenical Priorities after 50 years
of ARCIC

Bookings and Information: Email jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3304. R.S.V.P.: Friday 26 May.

Venue: Gateway Lecture Theatre, Trinity College
Royal Parade, Parkville

Inspiration for the coming week from the
Compassion and Friendship Group

Before you speak let your words pass through
three gates:
Is it true?
Is it necessary?
Is it kind?



Social & Other

St John's Seniors had a wonderful holiday in Bright with beautiful weather and glorious scenery. Next Wednesday **10 May**, instead of a film this month, we are having a **Talk** called "**Worried about your Memory**" with afternoon tea starting at 1pm, Cost \$3. The wider parish community are more than welcome to attend this talk in the Coghlan Centre.

On Wednesday **17 May**, we are having a day trip to Marysville and Stevenson Falls with lunch at Sladdin Park at Narbathon, leaving at 9am from football ground. The cost is **\$45** and please pay me a week earlier. Bring it on the day of talk or drop it in. I have tickets for June concert so I would appreciate the **\$16** for that too. Please remember to put exact money in **SEPARATE** envelopes with your name on front.

Enquiries: Helen McIlroy 98740809.

Mitcham Catholic Solo's Group

Our Catholic Solo Support Group will celebrate its **29th Birthday** on **Tuesday 9 May**. We plan to attend the **12 noon Mass** at **St John's** and after being joined by Fr Dispin proceed to **Natalie's Restaurant**, 669 Maroondah Hwy, Mitcham for a 1pm lunch.

Enquiries: Veronica 9894 4692



Kimberly Catholic Volunteer Service

Urgently Wanted: Volunteer Workers for Balgo Parish

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local church on Aboriginal Missions. We are currently seeking a couple in Balgo to assist the Priest in the running of the parish. There are several other roles in the Kimberley for single people or couples also available. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr 08 91992 1060 email volunteers@broomedioocese.org or PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725

HOUSE OF BOOKS



Are calling for more volunteers to help out at the **House of Books**. If you able to spare some time please contact **Kitty** on **9874 2389**.

Our Lady of Sion College, Box Hill is holding an Information Evening for prospective families on **Tuesday 23 May** from **7pm to 8pm**, in the lead up to close of application for enrolment for Year 7 2019.



St Vincent de Paul—Piety Stall

Have you visited our Piety Stall in the Narthex? **We have some beautiful prayer cards for only 25 cents.**

- * Rosary Beads with Mary MacKillop
- * Baptism Candles
- * Crucifixes
- * Cards & gifts
- * Rosaries and Rosary cases
- * Prayer Cards
- * Prayer Books for adults & children
- * Holy pictures
- * Bibles for children
- * Books on Saints for children
- * Medals (with & without chain)
- * Scapulars (Green & Brown)
- * Car magnets & key rings

Family Care Sisters are having a Film presentation & Review on "Queen of Katwe". The movie is based on a vibrant true story. In this celebration of the human spirit, a Ugandan's girls life changes forever when she discovers she has an amazing talent for chess.

When: Monday 15 May 10am-3pm

Cost \$25 morning tea, Tea & Coffee provided.

BYO lunch. RSVP 9723 6797 or email

resthome.familycare@bigpond.com 69 Alto Av Croydon

Please note if the Piety Stall is unattended you can still purchase greeting cards and place the money in the hole in the wall beside the St John statue. Thank you.

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.

Southern Stars Social Club

Over 28s Party Night for Single Catholics in 28 to 60 age group

Saturday 20 May 2017 starting at 8pm

Location: Benedict House at St Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Rd Burwood.

Cost: \$13 includes lucky door prizes and supper.

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167