



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20 2017 —Year A

Be true to yourself and your feelings,  
Follow your heart and be guided by your mind;  
Love sincerely and with respect;  
express faithfully your love,  
Listen and remember,  
You're not alone.

Keep sight of your roots,  
the love of your parents, your home, your friends.  
these roots are only the beginnings.  
You create the branches,  
care for the fruit  
and delight in the harvest.

Live really and honestly,  
dream of peace and beauty,  
Love gently and with care.  
Have faith in God.

Be true to yourself.

John McHugh

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: Judges 2:11-19	Matthew 19:16-22
Tue Judges 6:11-24	Matthew 19:23-30
Wed: Judges 9:6-15	Matthew 20:1-16
Thur: Revelation 21:9-14	John 1:45-51
Fri: Ruth 1:1 3-6 14-16 22	Matthew 22:34-40
Sat: Ruth 2:1-3 8-11 4:13-17	Matthew 23:1-12
Sun: <b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Isaiah 22:19-23	
Romans 11:33-36	Matthew 16:13-20

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Jack Griffin, Bob Collins** (father of Anne McLaughlin) and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Eric Jansen, Gerard Perera, Kathleen Waugh, Margaret Pope, Vanessa Santamaria, William Box, Agnes Kay, Frederick Kay.**



### 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 Joan Santamaria from Sunday 20 August to Friday 25 August 9842 1505.**

*Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.*



### Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	11.30 Rosary/12 noon Funeral Mass for Jack Griffin
Tuesday	12 noon <b>Communion Service</b>
Wednesday	10am <b>Communion Service</b>
Thursday	<b>No 9.15am Mass</b>
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service <b>No 9.30am Reconciliation</b>

August 26 / 27	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
<b>C'Tator</b>	M & N Bredhauer	A Buchanan	A Crowe	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	
<b>Lector</b>	A Livy	E George	B Mills	G Lewis	P Wallace	N Thurbon
<b>Eucharist</b>	M Livy	J Santamaria	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	C Gorry
	E Booth	R Jess	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	G Gartland
	R McIntosh	M McMahon	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			J Kiekebosch		

#### No Children's Liturgy

<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	



**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY**

Sr Claire Griffin csb will give a talk on  
**Human Trafficking and Slavery**

at **St Clare's Church**, 138 Woodhouse Grove, **Box Hill North** on  
**Sunday, 27 August 2017** from **2pm to 3.30pm**

**During the session Sr. Claire will..**

- 1) Deepen awareness of the many experiences of human trafficking and slavery in our world.
- 2) Consider the impact of human trafficking and slavery on those involved.
- 3) Explore some of the actions we can all take to help eliminate this evil.

Sr. Claire has been a volunteer with ACRATH for about ten years, raising awareness of these issues and campaigning for the elimination of Human Trafficking and Slavery in Australia and the wider world. Pope Francis has described human trafficking as '*a despicable activity, a disgrace for our societies which describe themselves as civilized.*' May 2013

Sr. Claire will have cards for sale, supporting projects in the Philippines which help prevent people being vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation. **Bookings can be made by phoning 9890 2231.**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)  
COME AND SEE**



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith a journey of seeking, meeting new people and learning about the Catholic faith.

St John's RCIA team are inviting adults who are interested in asking questions about the Catholic faith—and about becoming Catholic to come and join us.

Two information sessions have been planned:

**Tuesday 5 September**

or

**Tuesday 12 September**

**7.30pm in the Coghlan Centre at St John's**  
(Both sessions have the same content)

You might like to invite family members and friends who may be interested in the Catholic Church to come along—you will be most welcome to accompany them to the information meetings if asked. We are also asking parishioners to assist in the RCIA journey by sharing their own faith—by helping when and where they are able. More details in coming weeks.

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

Flyer on St John's website What's On, What's New.



**Inspiration for the coming week from the  
Compassion and Friendship Group**

*Let nothing disturb you;  
Let nothing affright you;  
All things are passing;  
God never changes.  
Patient endurance attains all things.*  
St Teresa of Avila



The **Anointing Mass** is to be held on  
**Friday 8 September at 11.30am**  
followed by a luncheon In the Coghlan  
Centre. (no cost involved).

For catering purposes and / or transport please ring  
the **Parish office** on **9873 1341.**

**It would be greatly appreciated if you could reply  
by Monday 5 September at the latest.**

**Child Migrants: the Vulnerable & the Voiceless  
Annual Mass of All Nations  
Sunday 27 August 2017**

Rosary at 2pm followed by Mass at 3pm.  
Main Celebrant Archbishop Denis J Hart DD  
**St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**

**ALL ARE MOST WELCOME**

**CATALYST FOR RENEWAL &  
CATHOLICS FOR RENEWAL**

invite you to

**AN EVENING WITH RICHARD GAILLARDETZ:**

"Wrestling with the Faith in Time of Scandal:  
Why belonging to the Church still Matters."

**Thursday 7 September 2017**

from **7.30pm to 9.30pm**

**YTU STUDY CENTRE**

Bedford St, **Box Hill**

Bookings essential. Price \$25 pp. Limited numbers  
Book at [www.trybooking.com/QSAL](http://www.trybooking.com/QSAL)

(See detailed flyer on St John's website What's On,  
What's New or Flyers in newsstands)

# Social & Other

## ST JOHN'S SENIORS

**Wednesday, 30 August—Concert Lunch—  
Time: 10am Cost: \$16  
Advance Notice**

Our next outing on **13 September to Maldon/  
Castlemaine, Cost \$45, lunch included.**

Anyone who would like to join us on the day,  
please contact **Helen** on **9874 0809**. I would like  
the money by **30 August**,  
which is day of the next concert.

**As we haven't had a coach trip since May,  
I hope many of you would like to come,  
you will be most welcome.**



## STEWARDSHIP GIVING ENVELOPES

**The next set of Stewardship  
envelopes are available in the Narthex.**

Please save us the *increased* cost of mailing  
your set out by remembering to pick up your  
set on your way out!

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL—August

**Long Life Milk, Savoury Biscuits, Pasta, Small Jars of  
Coffee, Tinned Vegetables.** 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.

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National  
Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to  
significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary  
MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8 November,  
travel through Victoria and South Australia, conclude  
in Sydney 18 November 2017.

Cost Ex Melbourne: \$2,990 (all inclusive: airfares,  
accommodation, coach travel admission fees and  
meals.)

Single Supplement: \$610

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure,  
please contact Sr Therese Leydon rsj (02) 8912 4845 or  
Sr Annie Bond rsj (02) 8912 4818.

**Lumina Theatre Company**, a not-for-profit  
amateur theatre company based in Ringwood, run  
by Aquinas College Alumni, extends an invitation  
to all parishioners to the show "**West Side Story**"  
on **2nd September at 2pm**. We are **offering a  
50% discount of \$15 per ticket**. We have  
disability access, with dedicated seating for those  
with mobility difficulties and wheelchairs.  
Alcoholic drinks & soft drinks are available for  
purchase, as well as light snacks.  
By coming to see our production you will be  
supporting and allowing our modest company to  
continue into the future.

If you are interested please email  
[lumina.theatre.company@gmail.com](mailto:lumina.theatre.company@gmail.com) with the  
number of tickets required.

## Vinnies Store in Ringwood

The Ringwood Vinnies Store is very short  
of Bric-a-brac so donations would be  
gratefully accepted. Items can be left in the  
Donation Bins which are just inside the  
front door of the shop beside the counter.

The address of the  
Vinnies Store is  
2/82 Maroondah Hwy,  
Ringwood.



## The House of Books

Interested in reading, discovering old book  
treasures or need a quiet place to browse,  
then why not drop into the "House of  
Books", 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, next  
to the Church and find that special book  
you have been looking for. We have a  
wide range of **good quality books** as well  
as a good range of **CDs & DVDs** to  
purchase and all are welcome to come and  
visit.

**Shop Hours: Monday-  
Friday 10am-4pm  
Saturday: 10am-1pm  
Phone: 9874 2389**



# 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.