



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21 2017 —Year A

The Father will give you another Paraclete.

This Gospel continues from last Sunday as Jesus offers consolation to his disciples on the eve of his departure. Today we hear of the Spirit who will come to the disciples when Jesus returns to his Father. Because the Spirit will come and remain with them the disciples will not be left orphaned; they will not be left alone and desolate. The Spirit dwelling in the community will continue to meditate the presence of God with us.

The word 'Paraclete/Advocate' comes from the world of legal dealings. It can seem a strange word but is the image Jesus offers to emphasise we have God on our side. The Greek word is based on the word 'to call' and so it means 'one who answers the call' or one called on for support—thus advocate. John's community was engaged in a struggle with both the Roman world and the Jewish world where Christianity had its origins. This is the context in which Jesus speaks of the Spirit as the Advocate in these struggles, the one who will answer their call, who will help and offer support.

Today, our context is different but we still have much to struggle with in a society that no longer lives out and publicly espouses Gospel values. We still need the Spirit to be on our side as we struggle with the complex moral issues raised in our times. The Gospel still needs to be given a voice through the example and words of Christian men and women supported by our Advocate, the Spirit of the truth.

Sundays under the Southern Cross—Mary Coloe PBVM

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

Visiting Priest
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 6:11-15	John 15:26—16:4
Tue Acts 16:22-34	John 16:5-11
Wed: Sirach 4:11-18	John 19:25-27
Thur: Acts 18:1-8	John 16:16-20
Fri: Acts 18:9-18	John 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28	John 16:23-28
Sun: The Ascension of the Lord	
Acts 1:1-11	
Ephesians 1:17-23	Matthew 28:16-20

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Desiree Robyn Carlsson, William Oliver Brockhus, Riley Elliot Jayawardena.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Dr John Flanagan, Josephine (Josie) Basile** (grandmother of Claire Boyd) **Rita Rodrigues** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Antonio Di Simone, Cecilia Lentejas, Peter Dunbar, Peter Rose'Meyer, Mark Bateman.**

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	11am Funeral Mass for Dr John Flanagan
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Communion Service
Thursday	No 9.15am Mass SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 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 David & Marlene Rea from Sunday 21 May to Friday 26 May 98723402. Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024



May 27 /28	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	M & N Bredhauer	J Magree	A Crowe	G Lewis	K Harvey	
Lector	A Livy	E George	B Mills	Z D'Silva	P Wallace	N Vernal
Eucharist	M Livy	M Lamb	K Hay	A Glenn	K Placido	J Matarazzo
	E Booth	J Santamaria	L Sissins	S Catacutan	C Kook	L Cairnduff
	R McIntosh	R Jess	M Battagello	S Edwards	J Ryhnehart	

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy due to Parish Family Mass

Laptop	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert
Welcome Desk	C Nicolas	J/B Houlihan	K Hay	V Keys	



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

An Afternoon with Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr

Saturday 3 June 2.30pm—4.30pm

St Oswald's Anglican Church, 100 High Street, Glen Iris

Miriam-Rose is well known in Catholic circles. This afternoon will help promote support for her works and foundation. The topic of her presentation is

'Dadirri: A deep listening to local issues'.

All funds raised will be used to provide youth services in Naulyu and support to students studying via the Miriam-Rose Foundation. **Cost: \$20**

Details : Rev Glenn Loughrey on 0418 911 714 or redshoeswalking@me.com

A little more about Miriam can be found at

<http://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-us/who-miriamrose>

URGENT

LAPTOP OPERATOR NEEDED for 11.15am Mass once a month commencing from July 2017 training will be provided if interested. We also need MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST for all Sunday morning Masses. Please contact Maree 98731341.

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

Pastoral Care Corner

On **Wednesday 14 June** we will be having a meeting for all **Ministers of Eucharist** from St John's and St James who take Communion to the **Sick and Housebound**. We will meet straight after 10am Mass. We invite you to come along for an update and stay for morning tea afterwards. A new roster will be ready for collection at this meeting. We welcome any parishioners who may be interested in joining us in this wonderful and fulfilling ministry. If you are able to attend or have any queries please contact Monika at the Parish Office on 98731341.

Thank you

The **Anointing Mass** is to be held on **Friday 9 June** 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 June at the latest.

St John's Memorial Garden Update on Landscaping and Redevelopment

The sub committee formed from the Parish Leadership Team to work on the re-development and landscaping of the St John's Memorial Garden has met to further discuss what will be appropriate for our Parish. Visits have been made to several other Archdiocesan parishes who have Memorial Gardens to obtain ideas and conversations are being held with appropriate people as to what is the best way forward.

We will keep you advised of the progress of this project—which will ultimately provide a place of prayer and reflection in a peaceful and tranquil setting.

If you have any queries regarding this re-development, please contact either the Parish Office on 9873 1341 or Maureen



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

We often add to our pain and suffering by being overly sensitive, over reacting to minor things, and sometimes taking things too personally.



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Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIORS



**Wednesday 24 May—Bingo—
Time 1pm Cost \$5.00**

**Please note the change of date from 31st May
to 24 May**

Enquiries: Helen 9874 0809

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM AIRS 14 MAY 2017



This week on the Journey, our very own Fr Steven Varney reflects on the gospel of John as read by Nick Weir. The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes reminds us to 'Act before it's too late', Sr Hilda shares her wisdom from the Abbey about 'God's memory' and Marilyn

Rodregues, The peaceful parent inspires us about 'Creating Memories'. As always, we have some fabulous Christian music creating a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL May

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 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.

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.

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**.



KEY REGISTER

We are currently updating our Key Register and would ask that if any parishioner has a key could they please let the parish office know of the key number so it can be recorded. If you no longer require the key could it be returned to the parish office as soon as possible. Many thanks



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 Or the website on www.wwme.org.au for further information.

COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP



Our next gathering will be Monday 29th May in the Lyon Room at 10.30am. We will have an Autumn reflection and enjoy morning tea together. We would love you to join us please call **Monika** on **0438 220 361** if you have any questions.

Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach— A Catholic winter holiday program for young people 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16(Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information visit www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 5987 2692.