



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21 2018 —Year B

Follow me

We follow Jesus, like the Twelve,
because we are drawn by him;
drawn and attracted by the way
this man Jesus
lives, speaks, suffers, dies and rises.

Something in him appeals;
maybe it's the wish to heal,
or his love for the poor,
or his forgiveness, so total,
or his desire to change the world,
or because he stands for what is good:
for justice, peace, equality.

Or just because he is a friend,
and because he is
the face of God, the word of God,
the son of God.

Like us, in all but our sin,
one of us, son of God,
and son of Mary too.

People left a lot to follow him,
they left their dreams and their burdens,
their families, and their businesses,
and gave up their lives.

drawn, attracted, challenged
as we are now,
by his words:

Come, follow me.

Trust that these words draw you, attract you,
trust that these words
are worth the whole love of your life,
for they are loving words of God.

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 David Mutimer

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: 2 Samuel 5:1-7 10 Mark 3:22-30
Tue: 2 Samuel 6:12-15 17-19 Mark 3:31-35
Wed: 2 Samuel 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20
Thur: Acts 22:3-16 Mark 16:15-18
Fri: **Australia Day**
Isiah 32:15-18
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Matthew 5:2-12
Sat: 2 Samuel 12:1-7 10-17 Mark 4:35-41
Sun: **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Elizabeth Ryan, Caleca Gaspare** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Jean Pavey, Clement Comarwel, Jessie Reed, Margaret & Ron White, John Benstead, Breda Falvey.**



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	Church Closed
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	Morning Prayer & Communion Service resumes 3 February 2018
	9.30am Reconciliation

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group



***Use what talents you possess:
the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.***

Henry Van Dyke

January 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	A Buchanan	A Crowe	G Lewis	K Harvey	
Lector	A Livy	E George	B Mills	Z D'Silva	P Wallace	C Thurbon
Eucharist	M Livy	J Santamaria	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	C Gorry
	E Booth	R Jess	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	A Rouse
	R McIntosh	M McMahon	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			J Kiekeboch		
Laptop	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert	





RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—RCIA

The RCIA team will meet for the new year on 23rd January and will meet with our candidates on 6th February for our first gathering of the year. The Rite of Election for RCIA candidates will be held at:

**St Patrick's Cathedral
on Sunday 18th February at 2.30pm**

All are welcome to attend and could you please keep our candidates and the RCIA team in your prayers.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— January

Long life milk, breakfast cereals, savoury biscuits, jars of coffee, tinned tuna and vegemite. Please leave donations in the tub at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.

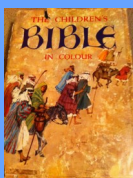
Conference Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Enquiries to Parish Office for details.

ONLY FOOD ITEMS are to be placed in the box beside the Piety Stall counter. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

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 Vincent de Paul—Piety Stall

Have you visited our **new** 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

Looking for a **Reader/Commentator** for the 6pm Mass Roster required once a month. Please contact **Maree 9873 1341** if you are able to assist.

Thank you

What's coming up at HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE



96 Albion Road Box Hill

Religious Experience

Peter Malone msc

14 x Mondays, 9.15am-11am 12 February to 4 June

The varieties of religious experience, Biblical and theological foundations, symbols and storytelling as well as religious experience as the focus of spiritual direction are examined and reflected upon. Cost \$450

Discernment

Paul Beirne

14 x Mondays 9.15am-11am 12 February to 4 June

This seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our lives in our ministry. Discernment of spirits and discernment of God's will are explored. Cost \$450

The Human Experience of God

Kathleen Spokes sgs

14 x Mondays, 2.30pm-4.15pm 12 February to 4 June

Through guided reflection on our human experience of God, we grow in appreciation of both our own experience and the experience described in classical writings about God and prayer. Cost \$450

Bookings please phone 9890 1101

Social & Other



HOUSE OF BOOKS
is **CLOSED BUT WILL**
WILL RE-OPEN
MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2018
at **10am**

St Vincent de Paul are in need of a **wheelchair** to assist a client. If you are able to help please contact **Kevin Raphael** on **0405 379 504**.



Over 60s Strength and Balance Training

Do you need to improve your balance and increase your strength while improving your bone density? Plus the added bonus of making new friends? Then this is the class for you. All fitness levels welcome.

Classes commence on **Tuesday 30 January** at **10.30am** or **Thursday 1 February** at **9.30am**.

Classes run school terms only and cost \$10/ session—**first class is free**.

Please contact Peta Marriner on 0419 028 769 or email: petamarriner@gmail.com

Pilates for improved posture and core strength

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to get fit or feel better about yourself? Then come and try Pilates. It can help relieve back pain, improve your posture and core strength while improving your balance, co-ordination and flexibility. Come and try a free class with Peta.

Classes commence on Monday 29 January and run during school term times.

Available class times:

Monday at 5.30pm, 6.45pm and 8.30pm

Tuesday at 9.15am

Wednesday at 7pm **and introducing Saturday** at 8.30am

Contact Peta Marriner on 0419 028 769 or email: petamarriner@gmail.com or www.mitchampilates.com.au



It is unfortunate to advise that due to health issues of the projectionist, and after 28 years of providing this wonderful service, the Plaza Cinema Group will no longer continue operating. We thank him for his generosity and dedication to the preservation of classic films and our parish is most fortunate to be given this opportunity and shall miss his passion and his enthusiasm for his art.



Binnap Partners extend an **invitation** to see the film inspired by true events

SWEET COUNTRY

Directed by Warwick Thornton
Starring Bryan Brown, Sam Neil
introducing Hamilton Morris

Sunday, 11 February at 2pm
Nova Cinema
380 Lygon Street, **Carlton**

Tickets \$20

Please contact Pat to book via email jandpschmidt@bigpond.com or via phone 9878 7939.

Please arrive at 1.30pm to collect & pay for tickets. **\$8 profit** is made on each ticket sold with remaining costs being donated to the **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**.

Please see flyer on noticeboard in the Narthex or visit www.stjohnsmitham.com.au What's On What's New.



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.