



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28 2018 —Year B

AN AUSTRALIAN CREED

I believe in God the Father of us all, who has given the earth to all people,
and I believe in people as the image of God.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to encourage us and to heal us,
to proclaim the peace of God to humankind.

I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in every man and woman.

I believe in the Church, moved by the Spirit to serve all people.

I believe in Australians
in their courage and spirit of adventure
in their perseverance and hard word
in their ordinariness and at-home-ness
in their black aboriginal beauty
in their migrant struggles
in their search for identity.

I believe in our responsibility for creation
the trust of every mountain range
of every forest of every harbor of every city
of every plan to build a future.

I do not believe in the right of the strongest,
Nor the power of the oppressors.

I do not believe that I can fight oppression far away
if I tolerate injustice here.

I do not believe that conflict and hunger are inevitable
and peace unattainable.

I do not believe that all suffering is in vain, nor
that our dreams will remain dreams, nor that death is the end.

But I dare to believe, always and in spite of everything,
in a new humanity;

in God's own dream of a new heaven and a new earth where justice
will flourish, and peace will reign, in our land, in our world.

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

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**

Parish Office

Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Ph: **98731341**

Parish Secretaries:

Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday & Friday)

Elisa Kelesidis (Tuesday—Friday)

RE for Government Schools:

Andrew Puls 0407 352 706

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: 2 Samuel 15:13-14 30 Mark 5:1-20
16:5-13

Tue: 2 Samuel 18:9-10 14 Mark 5:21-43
24-25 30 19:3

Wed: 2 Samuel 24:2 9-17 Mark 6:1-6

Thur: 1 Kings 2:1-4 10-12 Mark 6:7-13

Fri: Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 2:32

Sat: 1 Kings 3:4-13 Mark 6:30-34

Sun: **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Job 7:1-4 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **April Elaine Hare, Colette Hanh Yu Chen.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Laura Bakker, John Salvana, Barry Maher, Sheila O'Neil, Therese Anne Frank, Luke Robin, Michael Egan.**

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
	9.30am Reconciliation

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

*Dear God,
please help me to make my days useful,
my nights restful, my home peaceful
and my efforts fruitful.*

February 3 / 4	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	Youth Group	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A & F Puls	
Lector	J Dinh	J Magree	R Horner	T Spencer	S Solomons	A Rouse
Eucharist	C Irvin	M Gartland	G Gill	C Bantawig	B Belot	N Winter
	K McClure	B O'Reilly	A Anthony	J Bantawig	D Lim	J Matarazzo
	Y Martin	J Adamson	J White	A Wilson		
			R Elliott	B Bartling		
Laptop	N Bredhauer	F McKenna	T Rowland	J Bantawig	R Doyle	



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

In 2015, Pope Francis declared 8th February each year (the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita of Sudan) to be the **International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking**. To mark this important day, the Office for Justice & Peace, the Archdiocesan Office for Youth, the South Sudan Catholic Community—Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans— and the Melbourne Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office invite you to attend St Patrick’s Cathedral on

Date: Thursday 8th February at 6.30pm Holy Hour—7.30pm Mass
Where: St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne
Principal Celebrant: Very Rev Joe Caddy, Episcopal Vicar for Social Services and Justice
Inquiries: justice@cam.org.au

(See flyer on Noticeboard or on the website “What’s On What’s New”)

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Lenten Scripture Reflection
&
Discussion Groups**

Lent provides us with an opportunity to slow down, to reflect on God’s Word, to pray, to attend to the needs of others and to prepare ourselves to participate fully in the Paschal Mystery at Easter. If you are interested in being part of a Lenten reflection and discussion group please contact Maree to express your interest 9873 1341. Depending on numbers we have a morning and/or evening group.

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— 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.

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

Hospitality after 8.30am Sunday Mass—if there is anyone interested on being on the Hospitality Roster after 8.30am Mass on Sundays, ie, setting up and helping out with cuppa's please contact **Margaret** on **0407 505 723**.



**HOUSE OF BOOKS WILL RE-OPEN
MONDAY 29 JANUARY at 10am**

St Vincent de Paul are in need of **Linen (new or clean used)**. 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

petamarriner@gmail.com / www.mitchampilates.com.au



COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The first meeting for the year will take place on **Monday 27 January at 10.30am** in the **Parish Office**. If you are interested you will be made most welcome. Enquiries contact the **Parish Office** 9873 1341 or **Monika 0438 220 361**.

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**.

St Vincent de Paul Society—Mitcham Conference Report on activities for the half year July-December for the full 2017/18 Year

	<i>Period July-Dec</i>
Number of home visits	127
Adults assisted	174
Children assisted	123
Assistance provided:	
Christmas hampers delivered	85
Bread runs	50
Supermarket vouchers	\$7,480
Purchased food for hampers	\$1,100
Transport	\$1,560
Whitegoods purchased	\$545
Bills paid	\$4,356
Donated food (Parish plus Foodbank)	\$5,720
Other (Medical, etc)	\$69
Donations received:	
Cash donations received (incl Christmas & Winter Appeal & Magistrates Court)	\$6,154
Whitehorse Community Chest	\$2,500
Drawdown from Region	\$3,500

On behalf of the Mitcham Conference I would like to thank all who have supported the conference with food donations and Christmas presents and those who gave cash donations. The response to the Christmas Gift Appeal was very generous. We could not operate at the level which we do without the help of the Parish.
Ross Hancock Conference President

St John's Seniors—commences on **Wednesday 7th February** with **Mass at 10am**, followed by **morning tea**, a **film** and **lovely luncheon** in the Coghlan Centre, where we will have a program for the year to hand out. We would like to invite anyone who is a senior to join us, you would be made most welcome, but I **MUST** have names by **Sunday, 4th February** to arrange catering. **Cost is \$15** payable at the door. If you have any friends you might like to come, please bring them along. I will have the tickets for the February concert on 14th to give out, so for all those going, please bring money (**\$17**) on day of luncheon. Hope to see you there. **Helen 9874 0809**