



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18th 2016 —Year C

### ***You cannot be a slave of God and of money***

*If you like doing cryptic crosswords, you may enjoy today's Gospel. The parables Jesus told were meant to be puzzling, meant to tease the listeners into thinking and even to turn their normal perspective upside down. Today's parable certainly does this. There are as many interpretations of this parable as there are interpreters so what follows is by no means "the last word".*

*The steward in the story is about to be fired so he re-writes the bills for his master cutting them down considerably in the hope that by doing this he could seek employment when he is fired. This action earns his master's praise for its astuteness! Why would Jesus present this character as an example for disciples?*

*The master recognizes the wisdom (astuteness) of the steward in the way he uses money with an eye to the future. It is possible that the steward is not losing money for his master but simply writing off his personal cut from the money owing, and so is not doing anything dishonest. He is forgoing a present profit in the hope of a future gain—employment. The master in the parable recognizes the shrewdness of this behaviour.*

*It is this attitude that Jesus commends to his disciples. Use your wealth and your position in society with an eye to the future. Let the perspective of God's reign determine how you live now. From God's perspective, it may be wiser to forgo some of your current profits and your share dividends. Such outrageous behaviour may earn you the commendable title of "a shrewd steward".*

### ***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**

#### Parish Priest

Fr Mark Reynolds

#### Visiting Priests

Fr John Van Suylen

#### Pastoral Associate:

Maree O'Keefe (Tuesday-Friday Sunday am )

#### Pastoral Care:

Monika Bredhauer—Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry  
Kevin Hay—Coordination of Communion to the Sick  
Sr Margaret Richmond—Visitation

#### Parish Office

Office hours:  
Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Ph: **98731341**  
Parish Secretaries:  
Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday)  
Elisa Kelesidis (Wednesday—Friday)  
Therese Matson, Finance Office (Tue only)

#### 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: Proverbs 3:27-34	Luke 8:16-18
Tue Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13	Luke 8:19-21
Wed: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13	Matthew 9:9-13
Thur: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11	Luke 9:7-9
Fri: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	Luke 9:18-22
Sat: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8	Luke 9:43-45
Sun: <b>26th Sunday in Ord Time</b>	
Amos 6:1,4-7	
1Timothy 6:11-16	Luke 16:19-31

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Seth Reuben Hollow, Gwen Anneke Armel.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Dominic Vecci, John Winter, Manuel D'Souza, Charles Allen, Freida Fernandez, Shayne Heard-Lowry, Gerald Heard, Gwendoline Rose'Meyer, Veronica Young.**

### 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 2016—The travelling Rosary will be held this week Sunday September 18th—Friday September 23rd at the home of David & Marlene Ray 0428886829. Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024.**



### Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

#### Mission Week

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	Middy Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	<b>No Mass - SJV</b>
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

**Reconciliation** Saturday 9.30am

Sept 24 / 125	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	J Magree	A Crowe	G Lewis	M Lambert	
<b>Lector</b>	A Livy	E George	B Mills	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	N Vernal
<b>Eucharist</b>	M Livy	M Lamb	K Hay	A Glenn	K Placido	G Gartland
	E Booth	J Santamaria	L Sissins	S Catacutan	C Kook	L Cairnduff
		R Jess	M Battagello	S Edwards	J Ryhnehart	
			A White			

#### Children's Liturgy

**No Childrens Liturgy due to School holidays**

<b>Laptop</b>	S Tapley	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	P Wallace
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	M Ayling	J / B Houlihan	K Hay	V Keys	



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

**THE SEASON OF CREATION**

In his Encyclical *Laudate Si*, Pope Francis proclaims that the poor are those most harmed by environmental destruction and climate change, and that developed countries like ours owe the poor an “environmental debt” in the encyclical we are urged to do what we can to support global agreements on sustainable development, on protecting ecosystems globally and on limiting greenhouse gases to a greater extent in developed countries than in poor countries, and to not support the “ply” of trading carbon credits since it does not reduce the total global emissions. Rather we are encouraged to reduce our consumption, as Pope Francis highlights that overconsumption and excessive economic development as the primary causes of the destruction of our common home. He sees “integral ecology” as the profound, fundamental interconnection between God, human beings, and all the rest of creation.

With Pope Francis we pray “O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, ..... That we may protect the world and not prey on it, and to discover the worth in each thing.

For further information and ideas about how we may be able to do this check the **Caritas Australia August newsletter** and “google” **James Martin video Top 10 things You need to Know about Laudate Si**.

We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on 25 September**. This year, the **Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘A PLACE AT THE TABLE: Social Justice in an Ageing Society’**.

The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognize their significant contribution to society and emphasizes that this contribution should not be valued in more economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

Website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL September:** Long Life Milk, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Tomatoes & Sweet 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.

A Presentation on why it is important to preserve the Marriage Act will be held on **Tuesday 20 September at Maureen Clifton Centre St Clement of Rome Egan Drive Bulleen at 7.30pm**. Contact John Bruce 0408 995 040 For further details see website “What’s On, What’s New” or flyer at church entry points.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group**

The “**Lectio Divina**” (or **Holy Reading**) **Group** meet on the fourth Friday of the month. Time is given to read and reflect on a passage of scripture and listen to where God is speaking to our hearts. The purpose of this prayer is to deepen our relationship with God and to reflect on what God is inviting us to in the here and now. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Sunday’s Gospel reading. Our next meeting is on **Friday 23 September at 11am** in the **Rear Meeting Room** of the **Parish Office**. The duration of each meeting is 1 hour.

**If you are interested please contact**

Carina Lobo: 0431 321 787 or email [carinalobo26@gmail.com](mailto:carinalobo26@gmail.com) or Sr Joan Sibberas 0400 578 455.

**AVAILABLE NOW AT THE PIETY STALL**

**2017 COLUMBAN CALENDAR \$8.50 EACH**

**Genevieve Bryant’s beautiful CD  
“Little Things” - \$20.**

**Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality**

**Walking with God in Nature  
PRAYER DAY**

With Peter Saunders, Iain Radvan SJ & Helen Lucas

**Saturday 22 October 2016**

Location: Doongalla Forest, The Basin  
14km total, medium

This is an opportunity for you to spend some reflective time walking in silence with a group in Nature.

Suggested donation \$25 BYO

For further details see website What’s On, What’s New.

To make a booking contact **9854 8110** or email [secretary@campion.asn.au](mailto:secretary@campion.asn.au)

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

*The beauty of life is, while we cannot undo what is done, we can see it, understand it, learn from it and change so that every new moment is spent not in regret, guilt, fear or anger but in wisdom, understanding and love—Jennifer Edwards*



# Social & Other

## ST JOHN'S SENIORS

The Seniors are going to the Broughton Gardens at Jindivick on **Wednesday 21st September** stopping for **lunch at Neerim South. We have a couple of seats available if anyone would like to join us.**

**Cost is \$55** which includes **morning tea and lunch**  
Leaving from footy ground at **9am.**

If anyone would like to join us, please ring **Helen** for details on **9874 0809.**

## ST JOHN'S PARISH FETE NEWS—HELP WANTED

If you have ever considered how you can do more to support the parish and the schools then this may be the opportunity, we are currently looking for people to fill the following roles:

**Sponsorship Co-ordinator** to help with the sourcing and collection of donation from supporting business.

**Parish Stall Co-ordinator** to assist stall that are currently run by stall holders with the logistics of supporting them in the operation of the stalls.

If you are interested discussing what may be required please don't hesitate to call Andrew Russell on 0402 529 308 or leave your details with the parish or school office.

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** will hold their **Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 8 October 9am-3pm** at 154 Cotham Road, **Kew.**

This year the proceeds will assist a project initiated by Sr Amelia, Yendi, Ghana to enable women acquire various skills, such as sewing, breadmaking and soap-making. The eventual aim is to help them to set up a co-operative and generate income. Phone: 9817 3715.



## CHURCH LOST PROPERTY BOX



The lost property box in the Narthex is overflowing with umbrellas, sunglasses, scarves, childrens toys and books, drink bottles etc, can you please check if any of these belong to you! The contents of the box will be donated to Fete if these belongings are not redeemed soon. Thank you



**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.

## The Delicious & Nutritious Mango Fundraiser



The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is back for 2016!

Trays of 14-20 delicious mangoes will be available in late November to early December and can be yours for only **\$24 a tray**. Order forms are available in the Parish Office and the newsstands so please tell your family, friends and co-workers and get your orders in early. Order forms can also be found on the website "What's On, What's New".

Final orders and payment are due by **Friday 28 October**. For any questions, contact Rhyannon Elliott on rhyanthony.elliott@gmail.com or 0423 151 848.

## FETE PLANT STALL

### CALLING ALL GREEN & BROWN THUMBS!

Now that Spring is here, please consider growing some cuttings or seedlings for the Plant Stall. Donations of spare pots are also most welcome. Please email Melissa at melissa.greenwood1@hotmail.com or call 9877 7302 AH, if you can assist.

There are vacancies on the Parish Buses for those too ill or frail to drive, if you are interested and would like to attend the **9.45am Mass** please contact the parish office on 9873 1341.



## PLAYGROUP

A couple of things:

- 1) Any parishioner interested in assisting with the coordinating / running of our Playgroup sessions in 2017 (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday) mornings please see Fr Mark.
- 2) Enrolments for 2017 are now open—cost per family per term \$85.00. Please contact Fr Mark if interested on 9873 1341.



The Parish of **St Francis Xavier & St Clare** Box Hill warmly invite you to **Weekly Social Dance Classes** for Catholic Youth aged **18-30**.

Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Hall  
1087 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill \$20 individual classes from 7.15pm to 9.45pm including supper. Fridays 23 & 30 September, 7 & 21 October. Ph: 9890 2231

