



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 9nd 2016 —Year C

“Are we the one, or one of the nine? When Jesus entered the village, ten lepers met him, called out, and asked for pity. Surely all ten held out some level of hope that Jesus could help them, otherwise why would they call out after him. We cannot know what they really knew about Jesus and his ministry, but they call him “Jesus, Master”.

Perhaps the lepers had already heard about his power to heal and hoped that healing would be theirs as well. Jesus commands them to show themselves to the priests and they are healed, but only one comes back, bows down, and thanks Jesus.

We all come to Jesus to ask for pity, for healing of one kind or another. We call Jesus by name. We have heard about his power to heal, and believe he will help us; otherwise, why would we call out to him? When we ask, we are healed. But in our humanity we still sin; we are still broken and return time and time again to ask for his healing compassion. Each time we ask, we receive, but how many of us return to bow down and thank the Lord for his mercy?”

“...he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.”

Gospel Reflections—A Year of Sundays

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: Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 Luke 11:29-32
Tue Galatians 5:1-6 Luke 11:37-41
Wed: Galatians 5:18-25 Luke 11:42-46
Thur: Ephesians 1:1-10 Luke 11:47-54
Fri: Ephesians 1:11-14 Luke 12:1-7
Sat: Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 12:8-12
Sun: **29th Sunday in Ord Time**
Exodus 17:8-13
2Timothy 3:14-4:2 Luke 18:1-8

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Oriel King, Bev Harrap, William Delaney, Lenard Delaney, William Cleary, Catherine Cleary, Maria Caruana, Gerry Van Graas.**



We offer prayers and congratulations to **Mitchell Sydenham** and **Elizabeth Paine** who were recently married at St John's.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday Church Closed
Tuesday 12 midday Mass
Wednesday **9.30am Mass**
Thursday 9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday 10am Mass
Saturday 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

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 October 9th —Friday October 14th at the home of Joan Adamson 9893 4615. Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024.



October 15 / 16	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	L Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosch	B Jordan	
Lector	L D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	N Thurbon
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	M Hosie
	M Cummins	J Franklin	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	J McCarthy
	Y Martin		C Boyd	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
			A Martonyi			
Children's Liturgy			A Elliott			A O'Riley
			L Elliott			A Thurbon
Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy Family	S Solomons	
Welcome Desk	J David	J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan	



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

SUPPORTING TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

With the possible upcoming plebiscite on changing our marriage laws in Australia it is important that when we cast our vote we are as fully informed as possible about the true value of traditional marriage and the consequences of change.

While a balanced advertising campaign has been promised to air both sides of this issue prior to the plebiscite, (this may not happen) the messages in the media so far have been very much weighted towards supporting a change in our law. There has been little discussion about the significant consequences of changing a fundamental social tradition and social policy.

During the lead up to the plebiscite you are invited to subscribe, via email, to a weekly newsletter with informative articles which explore the importance of traditional marriage and why it is essential to retain traditional marriage for the health and stability of future generations.

To subscribe: Please fill in name and email address on the sheet available in the Narthex.

or

Subscribe via the St John's website under the heading "Groups & Activities".

or

Contact Jan on 0402 141 519 or email at plaf0249@gmail.com

All email addresses will be held strictly just for the purpose of this newsletter, and never used for any other purpose.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—PIETY STALL NOW SELLING....

Mary Torpy Christmas CD—\$15

Quiet visions, by Mary Torpy (Cotter),

18 beautiful tracks capturing the spirit and humanity of Christmas.

\$5 from each CD is donated to

St Vincent de Paul.

NEW stock has arrived please visit and see display cabinet at the Piety Stall.

Columban Calendars now on sale for \$8.50

Genevieve Bryant's beautiful CD "Little Things" - \$20.

Please mark in your calendars

for our November

Remembrance Mass

Monday 7 November at 7.30pm.



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

15/9/2016

Dinners for Eight (an initiative of PLT) have begun and the feedback has been great!

Planning has begun for:

'Feb Feast—keep Friday 24th February 2017 free

AND

'A celebration of 65 years of St John's Parish'

—keep Sunday 12th February 2017 free.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL October: Long Life Milk, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruit, Peanut Butter & small jars of 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.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

ACMV Mass

Please join us

All Welcome—October 16th 11am

433 St Georges Rd Thornbury

All welcome to stay and enjoy a Shared meal with the team. Please bring a sweet or salad to share. Phone 9480 3849 or email: Sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Before you say something, think how you'd feel if someone said it to you



FETE—SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19—6 weeks to FETE DAY

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.

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 a person to fill the following role:

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.



PRE - LOVED CLOTHES

We are now collecting quality, washed & ironed clothes, plus shoes, handbags & accessories for our very popular pre-loved stall at the FETE.

Remember the items you donate can only be re-sold if they are in good condition. A clothes rack will be in the **Garage** beside the Parish Office for you to hang your clothes on (no need to bag them). If you do bag them please use a separate bag for clothes and shoes, this saves our hard working volunteers a lot of time! We cannot accept, nor sell linen, sheets, underwear nor bras, these goods are best put in the St Vincent de Paul bins or thrown out. **Leonie Sissins on 0417 459 610**

Next week the **Seniors** have a Film afternoon at 1pm cost \$3 including a cuppa. The following Wednesday, we are going to Noojee for the day leaving the football ground at 9am. Cost \$50 including lunch at Neerim South Pub which was so great last month. Everyone welcome. Enquiries **Helen 98740809**

Reunions—Emmaus College (Burwood & Vermont South) Class of 2006 = 10 years, Class of 1996 = 20 years Chavoin College (Burwood) - Class of 1976 = 40 years. For further details please email alumni@emmaus.vic.edu.au or Michael Jones 97587784.

THE 2016 PARISH FETE RAFFLE IS COMING.

This year, the St John's Parish Fete Raffle will be bigger and better, with **FIFTEEN** fabulous prizes available, and a first prize of a **\$2000.00** gift voucher from a shopping centre of your choice. Tickets are still only **\$2.00**. In discussions with Fr Mark and the Parish coordinators of both the Car and Fete Raffles, it has been decided to rationalise our two major fundraising initiative into one, **the Parish Fete Raffle**. As of 2017, St John's Parish will hold **ONLY ONE PARISH RAFFLE** during the year. This year, 2016, is the transition year in this change. Fete Raffle ticket sales will commence on **Saturday 15 October after Mass in the Narthex**, and will continue for the five weeks leading up to the Fete. Please consider taking a book or two to sell to your friends. **Thank you to Biggin and Scott—formerly Ken Rose Real Estate**—for their continuing support as a **Major Sponsor** of the Parish Fete Raffle.

St John's Mitcham Parish Fete Raffle Prizes:

- 1st **\$2,000 Shopping Voucher** from a Shopping Centre of your choice **Donated by Biggin & Scott Mitcham**
- 2nd **\$1000 Shopping Voucher** from a Shopping Centre of your choice.
- 3rd **Apple iPad**
Donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre **Value \$500**
- 4th **Gift Voucher Fudge-Gifts Home & Lifestyles Forest Hill**
Donated by Vermont Junior Football Club **Value \$200**
- 5th **\$100 Voucher at Rebel Sports Ringwood & assorted Sports Gear** Donated by Mitcham Junior Football **Value \$150**
- 6th - **\$100 Coles Myer Gift Vouchers** **Value \$100 each**
- 15th

We need assistance with ticket sales at each of the Masses over the coming weeks. Please contact Rob or Gracie if you can assist on **0419 379 005**. Many thanks for your support. Rob & Gracie Smith

Feb Feast 2017

The Parish Leadership Team are planning another FEB FEAST for Friday 24th February next year.

Are you interested in joining our talented chefs for this event? We would love to offer the food of as many cultures as possible!! If you would like to know more about this please contact Therese Black at tblack@killester.vic.edu.au or ring on 0432 514 921. An event of this size and nature also requires lots of hands on help! If you think you could help us with set up and support on the night of the 24th, please contact Therese above.



St John's Parents Association warmly invites all members of the St John's community to the

Think Pink Afternoon Tea

Friday 21st October 1-3:20pm in the Coghlan Centre

This well-loved event is a great opportunity to gather together with family and friends, enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and glass of champagne whilst raising funds for Love Your Sister.

This year we welcome Samuel Johnson who will share with us his stories of love, family and cancer. Samuel and his sister Connie established the Love Your Sister charity which raises funds to support breast cancer research at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research.

Tickets are \$10 per person and include a glass of champagne, coffee and tea

Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share, there will be prizes for the plates that best epitomise the theme of "Love"

Raffle tickets on sale for a range of beautiful prizes.

RSVP by Wednesday 19th October to the St John's Parish Primary office or to yourpa.sjm@gmail.com

