



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5 2017 —Year A**

ST JOHN'S PARISH COMMUNITY FETE - 18 NOVEMBER 2017

“Just 2 Hours...please”

Remember to register your Fete assistance for “Just 2 hours...please!”

Sign up forms can be found in the newsstands or online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/just-2hrs>

Cake Stall

We are inviting all parishioners to bake something delicious for the cake stall this year. A favourite cake, slice or biscuits would be a wonderful and much appreciated contribution to our cake stall. You can deliver your baked goods to the **Cake Stall area** at St John's between 1pm and 3:00pm on Friday the 17th November or take them directly to the Cake Stall area on Fete Day from 8:45am. Health Regulations require that all items need to be recorded in the registration book when they are delivered, so please make sure deliveries are made during the specified times.

If you would like to contribute to our stall, please find plates, instructions and labels at the back of the church which can be picked up after mass. Please make sure all baked goods are labelled as outlined in the instructions. If packaging items for individual sale please make sure each individual item is clearly labelled. Many thanks in advance. Enquires to Carolyn Gorry 0405309145 or Nadine Murray 0410138177.

Attention all walkers! It's Fete Brochure time again!

This year's Fete Brochure is ready for distribution throughout our local community. Please consider picking up a bundle from the tables at the rear of the Church.

“St John's Parish Community, is committed to the Victorian Safe Standards”

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**

Acting Principal: Mrs Carmel Foster

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: Romans 11:29-36 Luke 14:12-14
Tue: Romans 12:5-16 Luke 14:15-24
Wed: Romans 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33
Thur: Ezekiel 47:1-2 8-9 12 John 2:13-22
Fri: Romans 15:14-21 Luke 16:1-8
Sat: Romans 16:3-9 Luke 16:9-15
Sun: **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Peter Hammond, Baby Hollie Thiel, Thomas Tran** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Dr Emilio R Villanueva, Florsefina Villanueva, William Delaney, Leonard Delaney.**



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 **Joan Adamson from Sunday 5 November to Friday 10 November at 7.30pm.**
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	Church Closed
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	No 9.15am Mass (SJV) 10am Mass (SJM)
Friday	10am Mass 1pm Funeral Prayers for Peter Hammond
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

November 11 / 12	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	J David	K Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	T Black	M Greenwood	
Lector	P Richards	C Anderson	V Burnie	C Black	M Day	P Stewart
Eucharist	P Bateman	R Smith	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	M Gartland
	C Pearson	G Smith	D Matchado	N Flores	P Wallace	T McLaughlin
	M Perkins	H de Kauwe	S Harrison	T Fernandes	S Solomons	
	B Meehan		K Callinan-Moore	T Vaz		

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy for St John's until further notice due to Church renovations

P Stewart
S Gonzalez

Laptop

J Sexton F Foley N Santamaria C Andrade S Chan

Welcome Desk is cancelled till after the renovations.



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

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONDEMNS VICTORIA'S ASSISTED DYING BILL

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/world-medical-association-calls-on-victorian-mps-to-reject-euthanasia-bill/news-story/d40584a772400f289837279e3321eee1>

This comes following similar calls from all palliative care organisations in Victoria, The AMA and three former Labor Leaders—Hon Paul Keating, Hon Kevin Rudd and Hon Jon Stanhope.

“To paraphrase Blackstone, it is better that ten people who wish to be euthanised not be euthanised rather than one person who does not wish to die is euthanised.” Hon Jon Stanhope, Former ACT Chief Minister.

URGENT

The Bill will now be debated in the Victorian Upper House on Thursday of THIS WEEK. If you haven't already done so, please contact all five of your Upper House members and urge them NOT to pass this Bill. The provisions of this Bill will fundamentally—and for all time—change the manner in which medicine is practiced in this state.

Further reading—the Australian Catholic Bishops 2016/17 Social Justice Statement—**A PLACE AT THE TABLE, Social Justice in an Ageing Society**. <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements@SJS2016>

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 John's Bereavement Team warmly invite you to the: **November Remembrance Mass on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm**

The Mass will be held for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time and particularly those families who have farewelled a loved one during the last 12 months. You are warmly welcome to come and join us for Mass. This year we invite you to write the names of your loved on the cards provided on the night of the Remembrance Mass. You may like to prepare your own card and bring it along with you to Mass. These cards will be placed in baskets and taken to the Altar as part of our Offertory Procession.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— November Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Long Life Custard, Tinned Ham, Shortbread Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Carrots, Peas & Corn, Savoury Biscuits. Please leave donations in the tub in the Church.

Conference Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Enquiries Glyn McIntosh 9873 5772.

ONLY FOOD ITEMS are to be placed in the box at the door on the parish office side of the Church. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

There are envelopes at the exit points of the Church for donations to the John Pierce Centre—Spirit of the Deaf Community—for those parishioners who would like to contribute. The John Pierce Centre appreciate the support of parishioners of St John's Mitcham.

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—The Piety Stall will be closed while renovations to the Narthex are in progress. However, Columban calendars and Christmas cards will be available at the door close to the Memorial Garden. Columban calendars are priced at \$8.50 & Christmas cards \$4.50 (8-pack); \$3 (5-pack).

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Human life is an exchange of glances: someone who, by looking at us steals a first smile. Thus, we who smile freely at those who are locked up in sadness, open a way out for them: an exchange of glances, looking people in the eye will open the doors of hearts.

Pope Francis

(included in this month's Melbourne Catholic)



All Welcome REMEMBRANCE PHOTO DISPLAY

During the month of November we will be remembering those who have died in the last 12 months. If you wish to have a photo on display in the church, please leave the photo with the person's name on the back, at the parish office. If you should have any queries, please call Monika on 0438 220 361.

Knights of the Southern Cross will hold their next meeting at **St Thomas Retirement Village**, 97 Hawthorne Rd, Forest on **Wednesday 8 November at 7.30pm**. The main topics of discussion will be a Project to raise funds for Mary MacKillop International (MMI) to aid education in Timor-Leste, and refugee and asylum seeker support. If you would like to attend and join the Knights contact Allen Rouse on 9874 3448 or Peter Demsey on 9878 6829.

Seeking a Laptop Operator for 11.15am Mass on a once a month basis.



Please contact Maree O'Keefe if you are able to assist 9873 1341.

Social & Other

"Just 2 Hours...Please!"

"This Week's Fete News"

"Just 2 Hours... Please!"

NO BRIC A BRAC in 2017 ...Unfortunately there will not be a bric a brac stall at this year's fete! Parishioners are asked not to leave bric a brac items in the garage or at the school. Anyone with bric a brac items is encouraged to donate the items to the Vinnies shop at Ringwood. Thank you!

Devonshire Tea Stall Coordinator, Michelle Plant, would love to hear from anyone interested in offering to assist with Devonshire teas on Fete day. **Michelle** can be **contacted on 0414 786 147.**

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For more Fete updates & information see the latest NEWSLETTER by visiting the Parish website www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Please remember to register for: "Just 2 Hours...Please!"

THE ST JOHN'S PARISH FETE RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

Only **\$2.00** a ticket or \$20.00 for a book of ten tickets. Available after Mass at the back of the Church and at the St James Mass Centre, sales will continue to the lead up to our Parish Fete.

Please ensure tickets are returned by Sunday 12th November after mass or to the Parish Office.

10 amazing prizes available

First Prize - \$2500 Shopping Voucher from a Shopping Centre of your choice.

(Donated by Barry Plant Heathmont, Ringwood Blackburn)

Second Prize - \$1000 Shopping Voucher from a Shopping Centre of your choice.

Third Prize - \$500 Shopping Voucher from a Shopping Centre of your choice.

(Donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre)

Fourth Prize - \$200 Shopping Voucher at Rebel Sports Ringwood

(Donated by Mitcham Junior Football Club)

Fifth Prize - \$200 Coles Myer Gift Voucher (Donated by Vermont Junior Football Club)

Prizes 6-10 \$100 Coles Myer Gift Vouchers Value \$100 each

PRE-LOVED CLOTHES

It's Fete time!! In need of a **SPRING CLEAN? Pre-Loved Clothes** is calling out for your pre-loved clothes.

Clothes can be dropped off at the **Parish Office / Parish garage** on weekdays between **9am-4pm** or on a **Sunday** at the **Hall** from **11am-2pm.**

SORTERS NEEDED

Are you available to spare an hour or two to help sort through all the lovely donations? We are currently sorting on:

**Sundays 11am-2pm &
Tuesdays 1.30pm-4pm**

Come and see us in the Hall or contact Leonie on 0417 459 610



The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

Our last get together at St John's will be at 12.45pm in the Lyon's Room on Tuesday 14th November, with a gentle reminder of the Christmas hamper. Also I urge all financial members to submit their names for the drawing of the Kris Kringle. Greetings for Christmas and 2018 to each and everyone.

Enquiries: Veronica 9894 4692



ST JOHN'S SENIORS

On Wednesday **15 November** we are visiting the Werribee Rose Gardens.

Enquiries: ring **Helen** on **9874 0809.**

MUSIC MINISTRY—As the festive season is approaching it is an opportune time to invite anybody that even thinks they have a reasonable voice to come along and join us. You are welcome to come along to a practice session and experience what this beautiful music ministry is about.

Contact Bernie Kiekebosch 0409 771 946