



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10 2017 —Year A**

ST JOHN'S PARISH COMMUNITY FETE

SAVE THE WEEK

SUNDAY 12 NOV—SUNDAY 19 NOV 2017

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2017

COME AND CELEBRATE

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See inside for the first Newsletter or the Parish website.

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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 Andrew Mullaly

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: Colossians 1:24—2:3	Luke 6:6-11
Tue Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 6:12-19
Wed: Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 6:20-26
Thur: Numbers 21:4-9	John 3:13-17
Fri: Hebrews 5:7-9	John 19:25-27
Sat: 1 Timothy 1:15-17	Luke 6:43-49
Sun: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sirach 27:30—28:7	
Romans 14:7-9	Matthew 18:21-35

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, **Imela Raphael, Dominic Vecci, Ursula Clifford, Eileen Salvana, Sr Noelle Magree, Val Magree, Frances Considine, Annie Considine, Denise Donnelly, Rex Pearce, Robert Allen, Anna Yannakis.**



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.**



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12noon Communion Service
Wednesday	10am Communion Service
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	10am Communion Service
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service No 9.30am Reconciliation

Travelling Rosary —will be held at the home of Beryl & Milroy Fernando from Sunday 10 September to Friday 15 September at 7.30pm.
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



September 16 / 17	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 D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	
Lector	L Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosc	B Jordan	W Fitzpatrick
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H Mclroy	M Kristan	A Rouse
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	T McLaughlin
	Y Martin	G Smith	C Boyd	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
			A Martonyi	M Hegarty		
Children's Liturgy			A O'Riley			L Sully
			S Arulanandam			B Hosie
Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy Family	A Jordan	
Welcome Desk	J David	J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan	



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

On **Sunday 24th September 2017** the Church will celebrate **Social Justice Sunday**. In keeping with tradition, the **Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC)** will be releasing a **Social Justice Statement—titled Everyone's Business Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy**.

The **Official Launch** of the **ACBC's Statement** will take place on **Monday, 18 September 2017** from **3pm** at **MacKillop Room, St Francis' Pastoral Centre**, Cnr Elizabeth & Lonsdale Sts., Melbourne

Guest Speaker: Susan Pascoe AM, Commissioner of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits

RSVP is essential: justice@cam.org.au or phone **9926 5727**
(see Flyer on St John's website What's On What's New)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)



Information Evening:

The last Information Session is next Tuesday 12 September at 7.30pm in the Coghlan Centre. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who would like to find out more about the Catholic faith, please invite them to come along to our **Come and See** evening.

Volunteers—Request for assistance

Over the last couple of years many parishioners have assisted the RCIA team in hospitality and prayer support. We thank them most sincerely and hope they are able to come on board again this year. This is an important part of the RCIA program as candidates become aware of the support, generosity and welcome of the whole parish.

There are volunteer sheets in the narthex and we are asking for people to register interest in supporting and being part of the RCIA in the following ways.

Hospitality, Prayer Support, Faith Sharing and Buddy Families.

Enquiries: Maureen Campbell 0409 894 328
Maree O'Keefe 9873 1341

**Euthanasia and Assisted Dying
Why are we concerned?**

The campaign to raise awareness on this issue continues on.

Eight copies of the 300+ signatures collected from concerned parishioners several weeks ago were hand delivered to 3 MLA reps (Warrandyte, Ringwood and Forest Hill) and the 5 Eastern Region MLC's. The petition to these representatives also contained a covering letter setting out some major concerns in regard to Euthanasia and Assisted Dying, and also noting our desire to have the Victorian Parliament create more widely available palliative care options.

Please watch for further information in next weeks newsletter.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—September

Long Life Milk, Savoury Biscuits, Small Jars of Coffee, Tinned Vegetables and Tinned Fruit. 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 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.

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

*Do what you can,
where you are,
with what you have.
Teddy Roosevelt*



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Sip at the Nott

THE POWER OF ONE

Guest Speaker: Moira Kelly AO
Creating Hope Foundation

Tuesday 12 September 2017

8pm-9.30pm

The Notting Hill Hotel
260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd Clayton



(See Flyer on St John's website What's On, What's New)

Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Next Wednesday, seniors are going to Maldon/ Castlemaine, leaving from the football ground at **9am sharp** as we have a long way to go so please be there by **8.45am**. There are still a few people who have not given me their money. As I need to bank it straight away, give it to me by 5pm Sunday. Thank you.
Enquiries: **Helen 9874 0809**

Congratulations to the St James Girls Netball Team who won the **Netball Victoria State Finals** during the week. A fantastic outcome for all those involved.

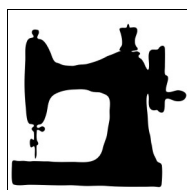
They have also have won their way through to compete in the **Finals** next week of the **School Sport Victoria State Finals**. All the very best and good luck for next week.



STEWARDSHIP GIVING ENVELOPES LAST WEEK!

The next set of Stewardship envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please save us the *increased* cost of mailing your set out by remembering to pick up your set on your way out!

St Vincent de Paul are looking for donations of **Sewing Machines** to assist the needs of community groups.



Donations can be left in the Narthex or Parish Office.
Thank you, Kevin Raphael
(St Vincent de Paul)

The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

*Hope and trust all our "sickies" have recovered and will be well and able to join us in the **Lyon's Room** at **12.45pm** on **Tuesday 12th September**. I'd be delighted if you could bring along a head full of suggestions for the lead up to Christmas.*
Enquiries: *Veronica 9894 4692*

LANGUAGE ISN'T A BARRIER WHEN WE REACH OUT IN FRIENDSHIP

We have a family member of a parishioner visiting from overseas who has become unwell. She would very much appreciate a visit and company. Conversing in Russian or Ukrainian would be helpful. However, when we reach out in friendship, language shouldn't be a barrier. Just some company will make all the difference. Please contact Monika at the Parish Office 9873 1341 if you are able to assist us. Thank you.

The House of Books

Interested in reading, discovering old book treasures or need a quiet place to browse, then why not drop into the "House of Books", 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, next to the Church and find that special book you have been looking for. We have a wide range of **good quality books** as well as a good range of **CDs & DVDs** to purchase and all are welcome to come and visit.



The Bookshop is needing donations of Childrens books, so if you have any at home that are no longer needed please consider dropping them into the Bookshop

Shop Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-4pm
Saturday: 10am-1pm Phone: 9874 2389

Celebration Day For Girls

A workshop for girls aged 10-12 and their mothers/carers.

Lively discussion, fun activities, women's stories and gentle celebration on the threshold of menarche, puberty and womanhood.

When: **Sunday, 22 October, 2017 at 11am-5pm**
Where: **Coghlan Centre, St John's**

This beautiful workshop explores the step from girlhood to womanhood in the time honoured way of sisterhood and circles—full of information, discussion and fun activities.

Bookings/enquiries :
Kath Callinan-Moore 0438 802 379 /
kathcm61@gmail.com