



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6th 2016 —Year C

**To him all people are alive**

Coming to the end of life  
is like travelling through a narrow tunnel  
and when we pass through it at its narrowest,  
we then emerge into the widest space we have ever known,  
Wider, brighter  
than any of our thoughts, dreams, hopes.

For a true description of God  
is the Lover of life,  
bringing life to the full,  
seeing life when all seems lost,  
in despair, hopelessness,  
confusion at any age,  
or when pain and ill-health drain the body of life.

God looks on our dying moments  
and sees not a person nearly dead,  
but a man or woman  
on the doorstep of full life.

God looks on our times of illness  
and sees us struggling with the limits of earthly life  
but growing in the life of the soul.

And this is how people saw Jesus:  
a man full of the life  
of love and of compassion,  
of conviction and energy.

One who lived in the fullness of God's promise  
that life is linked  
in the golden string  
of heaven and earth.

God is not the God of the dead,  
But of the living,  
and to God,  
all people are alive.

Communion Reflections: Donal Neary SJ

### *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: Titus 1:1-9	Luke 17:1-6
Tue Titus 2:1-8,11-14	Luke 17:7-10
Wed: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12	John 2:13-22
Thur: Philemon 7-20	Luke 17:20-25
Fri: 2John 4-9	Luke 17:26-37
Sat: 3John 5-8	Luke 18:1-8
Sun: <b>33rd Sunday in Ord Time</b>	
Malachi 3:19-20	
2Thessalonians 3:7-12	Luke 21:5-19

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Fr John Aldag** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Alfred Rogers, Walter Richards, Celso Batallones, Christina Frigo.**



### 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	Midday Communion Service
Wednesday	10am Communion Service
Thursday	No 9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service

**No Reconciliation**

**Travelling Rosary 2016—The travelling Rosary will be held this week **Sunday November 6th —Friday November 11th** at the home of **Vera Patterson** 9876 6517. Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024.**



November 12 / 13	St. Johns 6pm	St. John's 8.30am	St John's 9.45am	St. John's 11.15am	St John's 5pm	St James
<b>C'Tator</b>	J David	K Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	T Black	M Greenwood	
<b>Lector</b>	P Richards	J Adamson	V Burnie	C Black	M Day	N Vernal
<b>Eucharist</b>	P Bateman	T Foster	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	N Winter
	C Pearson	J Foster	D Tew	N Flores	P Wallace	G Gartland
			D Matchado	P Halabut	S Solomons	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			A Schafer Youth Group			L Sulley C Thurbon
<b>Laptop</b>	N Bredhauer	F Foley	N Santamaria	Black family	J Rhynehart	
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	C Nicolas	B Francis	M Davison	A Monks		



**PARISH NEWS  
THE NEW PARISH PRIEST**

I am delighted to advise that Archbishop Hart has appointed Fr Dispin John, currently Parish Priest of Alphington and East Thornbury Parishes, as the new Parish Priest of St John's. Fr Dispin will take up his appointment at the time of moving in January. Dispin is not a total stranger to us as when a deacon he spent a short time in the parish during the 'Days in the Diocese' leading up to World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008, the year he was ordained. I have spoken with Fr Dispin and he is delighted with his appointment and very much looking forward to working as part of a dedicated and creative team. I checked the Diocesan Seniority List and found that Dispin was born 3 months after I began in the seminary! Time marches on indeed!! - Fr Mark

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION AFTER MASSES ON THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 5/6 & 12/13**

Over the next two weekends we will take the opportunity for a special collection to present to Fr Mark on his farewell from our Parish. Collectors will be available after Masses or donations may be left at the Parish Office during the week. We will farewell Fr Mark from an 11.15am Mass followed by a Parish BBQ lunch at a date to be decided.



St John's Bereavement Team warmly invite you to the:  
**November Remembrance Mass on Monday 7 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 Memorial 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—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.  
St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are available at the Piety Stall. Cards are in packs of 8 and are priced at \$4.20 a pack or 5-pack cards are \$3.00 per pack.  
The Piety Stall has received a donation of some colourful home made rosaries and rosary bracelets which are on sale at \$2.50 each  
Columban Calendars now on sale for \$8.50  
Genevieve Bryant's beautiful CD "Little Things" - \$20.

**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, either at the Parish Office or in a named envelope in the Sacristy. If you should any queries, please call Monika on 0438 220 361.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL November:** Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Carrots, Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding, Shortbread Biscuits UHT Custard, Jelly Crystals. 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.

**MASS FOR THE NEWLY BAPTISED**

During **9.45am Mass** on **Sunday November 20** we will welcome those children who have been baptised in recent months. If you have a child who was baptised in the past 3 or 4 months and would like to attend this Mass please contact Maree on 9873 1341 or email Maree.OKeefe@cam.org.au



**Paranda Patchworkers Raffle Result**

We are thrilled to announce the winner of our lovely quilt is a parishioner with Black F80 which was bought by Anne Jenkins. Congratulations Anne, we hope this quilt brings you much joy. Once again THANK YOU to everyone who supported our raffle and helped us raise \$1265 overall. Your support enables us to continue making our charity quilts.

# FETE—SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19—2 weeks to FETE DAY

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

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

**Book Stall co-ordinator**

**Dutch Pancakes Stall co-ordinator**

Training and mentoring will be provided, no experience is necessary. Please call Andrew Russell on 0402 529 308 or leave your details with the parish or school office.

## FETE WRISTBANDS

There has been a change to purchasing wristbands for the FETE rides this year. You will need to go on line to trybooking.com and pay for them on line. You can find the instructions on our website under the FETE tab. [www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au](http://www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au)

## 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**

## PRE—LOVED CLOTHES

### Sorters Needed

**Are you able to spare an hour or two to help sort through all the lovely donations?**

**We are currently sorting on:**

**Sundays 11am—2pm**

**&**

**Mondays 1.30pm—3pm**

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

## ST JOHN'S FETE PRELOVED CLOTHES PREVIEW NIGHT ALL WELCOME

Come and join us for some early shopping in preloved clothes. On **Tuesday 15**

**November 2016 from 7.30pm to 9pm.**

Enjoy a glass of sparkling and a nibble while you snap up some bargains, all for a gold coin donation.

Prices are as follows:

Ladies/Menswear	\$5	Children's Wear	\$2
Leisurewear	\$4	Baby Wear	\$1
Teen wear	\$3	T-Shirts	\$1

**St John's Seniors—Wednesday 16 November** trip to Buddhist Gardens at Yuroke & then Windy Hill for lunch \$50 including morning / afternoon tea. Leaving from footy grounds at 9am. This is our last trip for the year, if you would like to join us call **Helen 98740809**.

**The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group—will meet at 12.45 pm on Tuesday 8 November** in the Lyons Room please make an effort to attend as you will be selecting a name for the Kris Kringle. **Veronica 9894 4692**.

## The 2016 Parish Fete Raffle COMMENCES TODAY.

Fete Raffle ticket sales will continue for the next two weeks leading up to our Parish Fete. That this is the Fete Raffle not the Car Raffle. **TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, ST JAMES COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST JOHN'S & ST JAMES PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS, PARISH OFFICE AND ON FETE DAY.**

Please consider taking a book of 10 tickets home to sell to your friends and family. **FIFTEEN** fabulous prizes available. First prize is a \$2000 gift voucher from a shopping centre of your choice.

Tickets are still only \$2.00

**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 & on Fete Day. Please contact Rob or Gracie if you can assist on **0419 379 005**. Many thanks for your support. Rob & Gracie Smith

**CAKE STALL—**We are inviting parishioners to put your aprons on and 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 3.30pm on Friday 18th November or take them directly to the Cake Stall area on Fete Day from 9am. 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 in the Narthex which can be picked up after mass on the **13th November**. 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. Enquiries Carolyn Gorry 0405 309 145 or Melanie Hosie 0422 136 155.



## It's BACK!!!

\*\*\*\*\*Save this date! \*\*\*\*\*

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**St John's Parish International Food Feast.**

**Passport Tickets for this great event will be on sale in January...**

