



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30th 2016 —Year C

Guess who's coming to dinner?

The story of Zacchaeus acts out the teaching of last Sunday's parable and repeats its message. Jesus comes to Jericho, and of all the people in that village, he singles out the one most in need, the senior tax collector. Jesus gives himself to Zacchaeus, just as he now is. He imposes no conditions and simply says, "Come down, it is necessary that I stay at your house today". The necessity is caused by Zacchaeus' neediness. Jesus responds to him and offers to eat with him, the village outcast. In response to Jesus' offer Zacchaeus changes. He recognizes the utter generosity of God and makes the only appropriate response, humble gratitude and generosity in return. In the gift, its reception and the generous response Jesus recognizes Salvation has happened for Zacchaeus.

When Jesus says, "I must stay" - or more literally, "it is necessary that I stay at your house", this type of passive expression is referred to as "the divine necessity". As part of Jesus mission to seek out the poor and the lost, he must necessarily find a home with the social and religious outcasts. Their state of need calls out to God to come to their aid.

In our neediness and poverty may we continue to place our hope in the gracious generosity of God. In the words of the psalms, "May God support the fallen, and raise up those bowed down."

Sundays under the Southern Cross—Mary Coloe PBVM

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: Philippians 2:1-4 Luke 14:12-14

Tue **All Saints**

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14

1John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

Wed: **All Souls**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Romans 5:5-11 Luke 7:11-17

Thur: Philippians 3:3-8 Luke 15:1-10

Fri: Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 16:1-8

Sat: Philippians 4:10-19 Luke 16:9-15

Sun: **32nd Sunday in Ord Time**

2Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

2Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Una Haines** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Carole Elford, Yvonne Hurley, Miguel Estrada, Brian Payne, Tom Steward.**



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 October 30th —Friday November 4th at the home of **Delphine & Frank Matchado 0428 886 829. Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024.****



November 5 / 6	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	Youth Group	A Buchanan	R Horner	P Spencer	S Solomons	
Lector	J Dinh	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A & F Puls	P Chalkley
Eucharist	C Irvin	J Franklin	G Gill	S Box	B Belot	L Cairnduff
	K McClure	M Gartland	A Anthony	C Bantawig	D Lim	M Gartland
	Y Martin	B O'Reilly	J White	J Bantawig		
			R Elliott	A Wilson		
Children's Liturgy			L Freeman			C Gorry
			C Bramble			B Hosie
Laptop	S Tapley	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	P Wallace	
Welcome Desk	M Rasmussen	H Thomas	A Wallis	S Box	D O'Farrell	



Faith Formation 2016

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

The release by Pope Francis of the encyclical **LAUDATA SI** heralded the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our rich Catholic Social Teaching. Pope Francis reminded us of our God-given responsibility to be good stewards of God’s creation World-renowned Eco-theologian **Fr Sean McDonagh** will deliver the 2016 **Rerum Novarum** Oration on the topic: “A NEW DAY DAWNS” based upon the call by St John Paul II for an “ecological conversion”. The official Respondent will be **Ms Jacqui Remond**, Director, Catholic Earthcare Australia.

You are invited to attend this free Oration:
Tuesday 15 November 2016 Cardinal Knox Centre, **383 Albert St, East Melbourne**
 (cnr Albert & Lansdowne Streets)
Oration begins at 7.30pm (refreshments served from 7pm)
Inquiries / RSVP justice@cam.org.au or 99265727
ALL WELCOME

SPECIAL COLLECTION AFTER MASSES ON THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 5/6 AND NOVEMBER 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.

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.



**COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP
 Monday 31 October**

At our next session we will commence at **10.00am** in the **Lyons Room**. We are having a special activity and I would appreciate if you could let me know if you are coming so the activity can run smoothly. Hope to see you there, so if you’re interested please call Monika on 0438 220 361.

November Calendar 2016

- Tues 1 - Melbourne Cup Day—Office Closed
- Feast of All Saints—12 noon Mass
- Wed 2 - Feast of All Souls—10am Mass
- Liturgy Team Meeting—5pm
- Mon 7 - Remembrance Mass—7.30pm
- Tues 8 - Mitcham Catholic Solo Group 12.45pm
- PMG Meeting & Lunch— 1pm
- RCIA—7.30pm
- Music Ministry practice—7.30pm
- Tues 15 - PMG Meeting & Lunch—1pm
- Music Ministry practice—7.30pm
- Wed 16 - Parish Leadership Team attending Fr James Mallon Evening at Box Hill North
- Thurs 18 - St John’s & James School Staff & Parish Team PD Day on “Liturgy & Spirituality”
- Sat 19 - PARISH FETE DAY
- Sun 20 - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
- 9.45am Mass for the Newly Baptised
- Tues 22 - PMG Meeting & Lunch—1pm
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Music Ministry practice 7.30pm
- Wed 23 - Sion 10.30am Yr 10 & 11 End of Year Eucharist
- Thur 24 - Parent Night for First Reconciliation (2017 Grp) 7.30pm
- Sat 26 - Yr 5 Level Mass & Creed Presentation 6pm Mass
- Sun 27 - Parish Family Mass & Baptism Anointing— 9.45am Mass
- Yr 5 Level Mass & Creed Presentation— 11.15am Mass
- Mon 28 - Compassion & Friendship Grp 10.30am-12.30pm
- Tues 29 - PMG Meeting & Lunch 1pm
- RCIA—7.30pm
- Music Ministry practice—7.30pm
- Wed 30 - WP RE Break up

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group
Don’t ruin a good today by thinking about a bad yesterday. Let it go.

FETE—SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19—3 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

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.

BBQ Stall co-ordinator

Book Stall co-ordinator

Dutch Pancakes Stall co-ordinator

Pizza 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

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 SENIORS

Just a reminder that because of the Fete, our **Film** afternoon will be next **Wednesday November 2nd**. Could those going to the Christmas Concert who have not paid please give me the money asap. The money for the trip to the Buddhist Gardens is due next week to, the cost is \$50 which includes morning tea and lunch. **If any one else would like to join us, please ring Helen 98740809.**

The 2016 Parish Fete Raffle COMMENCES TODAY.

Fete Raffle ticket sales will continue for the next three 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:

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| 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 - 15th | \$100 Coles Myer Gift Vouchers Value \$100 each |

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

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
Leisurewear	\$4
Teen wear	\$3
Children's wear	\$2
Baby wear	\$1
T-Shirts	\$1



Mitcham Catholic Solo Group - Looking forward to seeing you on **Cup Day** at Pat's house at **12.30pm**. Veronica 9894 4692.

It's BACK!!!

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

Friday, February 24th, 2017

St John's Parish International Food Feast.

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

