



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16th 2016 —Year C

Will not God see justice done?

Luke's community lives at a time when hope for an imminent return of Jesus is fading. The initial enthusiasm of faith is wearing thin with the constancy of living in a society where Christian values are odd. The parable is an encouragement to be persistent in faith. Don't give up.

The images in the parable are strange. The community is presented as a helpless widow; a woman without a male provider would be the most powerless in the patriarchal society of that time. God is portrayed as a judge having neither a religious nor a social sense of responsibility. The judge eventually gives in to the widow out of concern for himself, as the translation reads, "She will worry me to death" (literally, "punch me in the face"!). The reasoning is that if this unjust person will do the right thing for someone he doesn't care about, then surely we can trust that a loving God will do the right thing for us. Even though prayer seems to go unanswered, don't give up on God.

The images point to the humanness of prayer. A woman wants justice. A judge wants peace. Prayer is a simple activity we can take part in anywhere and any time. I often pray when I'm out walking or driving for in these times of solitude it is easy to begin a dialogue from my heart and let God know my current concerns. There's no need to save up prayer until you're in a holy place, or a prayerful position. Bring God into your daily activities and discover God as friend.

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: Ephesians 2:1-10	Luke 12:13-21
Tue 2Timothy 4:10-17	Luke 10:1-9
Wed: Ephesians 3:2-12	Luke 12:39-48
Thur: Ephesians 3:14-21	Luke 12:49-53
Fri: Ephesians 4:1-6	Luke 12:54-59
Sat: Ephesians 4:7-16	Luke 13:1-9
Sun: 30th Sunday in Ord Time	
Sirach 35:12-14;16-19	
2Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	Luke 18:9-14

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Tony Box, Margaret Evans, Elizabeth Willis** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Theresa Kenny, Edward Kenny, Florence Tomlinson, George Ranasinghe, Vera Barden.**

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	Church Closed due to Parish Team Planning Day
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	No 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 16th —Friday October 21st at the home of **Maureen Donnellan 9874 6048.** Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024.**



October 22 / 23	St Johns 6pm	St. John's 8.30am	St John's 9.45am	St. John's 11.15am	St John's 5pm Mass	St James 9.30am
C'Tator	M & N Bredhauer	J Magree	B Mills	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	
Lector	A Livy	E George	A Crowe	G Lewis	M Lambert	P Stewart
Eucharist	M Livy	M Lamb	K Hay	A Glenn	K Placido	C Gorry
	E Booth	J Santamaria	L Sissins	S Catacutan	C Kook	T McLaughlin
		R Jess	M Battagello	S Edwards	J Rynhart	
Childrens Liturgy			R Burke			M Brockhoff
			L Burke			S Gartland
Laptop	S Tapley	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	P Wallace	
Welcome Desk	M Ayling	J/B Houlihan	K Hay	V Keys		

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

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 2016
16th—22nd OCTOBER

The aims of anti-Poverty Week are:

- To strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia.
- To encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.
- Poverty and hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor.

In Anti-Poverty Week you can help fight poverty and hardship. See www.antipovertyweek.org.au

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

1pm-1.30pm—Tuesday 18th October 2016

St Mary MacKillop Chapel

Australian Catholic University (enter via Daniel Mannix Building)

8 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

ALL WELCOME

Light refreshments afterwards

RSVP / Inquiries: justice@cam.org.au

SUPPORTING TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

Please email Jan on plaf0249@gmail.com or go to St John's new website and look for the link to 'Supporting Traditional Marriage' under the Groups and Activities bar. Here you will find the introductory newsletter and also a link through which you can submit your email address for further information.

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.

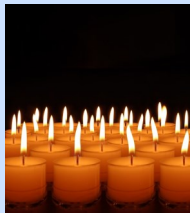
\$5 from each CD is donated to
St Vincent de Paul.

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.



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.

A Heartfelt THANK YOU
from Paranda Patchworkers

Our members have been overwhelmed by the
generosity of all those parishioners who supported
our raffle last weekend. Together with the tickets sold
and donations given by many, we were able to raise
\$1048!!! This will enable us to continue producing
quilts and help our disadvantaged know there are
many people who care for their wellbeing. The raffle
will be drawn on November 1st. Thank you

As mentioned last weekend we would love to have
some new people join our group. If you enjoy sewing
and would like to learn how to make patchwork quilts
please contact Di on 88388150

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

Lord, I bring to you my burdens and you know my situation. You know I can't make it
without you. Comfort my heart, give me strength and help me carry on. Amen!



FETE—SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19—5 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 people to fill the following roles:

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. 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**

Last month we had such a wonderful day at Jindivick that we have decided to go to Noojee next Wednesday **19th October with lunch** at Neerim South again. Cost \$50 leaving at 9am with morning tea and lunch included. If anyone would like to join us, please ring **Helen 98740809**.

The 2016 Parish Fete Raffle COMMENCES TODAY.

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**.

Raffle ticket sales commence on **today** 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:

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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

Plaza Cinema Group

Thursday 20 October at 7.30pm
MGM's Ziegfeld Follies

CANCELLED:

Due to unforeseen circumstances this showing of MGM's Ziefelds Follies for October 20 has been cancelled.

Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings

month Membership: \$15

Visitors welcome.

Membership enquiries: Barbara: 9873 3508

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

