



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5th 2017 —Year A

You are the light of the world

When you share your bread with the hungry,
You are the light of the world.

When you do your best to find shelter and homes for the poor,
You are the light of the world.

When you clothe those who are cold and educate those in ignorance,
or support those who help others,
You are the light of the world.

In the darkness of loneliness and of isolation, the light of God will shine only
because you have chosen
to be a helper, to be a carer, to be a friend

In the darkness and gloom of confusion and dread the light of God will shine
only because you have chosen
to be helper, a listener, a friend.

Let our words, Lord,
be words which bring light;
let our touch
bring consolation and light,
and let us believe,
strongly and in the heart,
that each of us is the light of God.
You are the light of the world.

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 Dispin John

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 & 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

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: Genesis 1:1-19	Mark 6:53-56
Tue Genesis 1:20 - 2:4	Mark 7:1-13
Wed: Genesis 2:4-9 15-17	Mark 7:14-23
Thur: Genesis 2:18-25	Mark 7:24-30
Fri: Genesis 3:1-8	Mark 7:31-37
Sat: Genesis 3:9-24	Mark 8:1-10
Sun: 6th Sunday in Ord Time	
Sirach 15:15-20	
1Corinthians 2:6-10	Matthew 5:17-37

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Lola Maisy Blutman.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Jack Franklin** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Don Webb, Jack Sullivan, Bob Jackson, Michael Egan, James Henry Heywood, Mary D'Souza, Antonino Suppa, Tony Suppa, Rosario Caleca**

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 Cox 9874 4150 from **Sunday February 5th—Friday February 10th.**



Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
	9.30am Reconciliation

Feb 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	P Richards	J Adamson	V Burnie	T Black	M Day	
Lector	J David	L Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	C Black	M Greenwood	W Gregg
Eucharist	P Bateman	K Thorneycroft	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	C Gorry
	C Pearson	T Foster	D Tew	N Flores	P Wallace	J McCarthy
	M Perkins	J Foster	D Matchado	P Halabut	S Solomons	

Laptop	S Tapley	F Foley	N Santamaria	Black family	S Chan
Welcome Desk	C Nicolas	B Francis	M Davison	A Monks	



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

HOMELESSNESS

During 2017, the Combined Churches Social Justice Group is planning to obtain information that will help us to take some action about this important social issue, particularly in our local community. Our first step toward this goal is to have someone come and speak at our next meeting on FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY and we would welcome any parishioners who are interested in gaining further knowledge about the topic to join us.

The members of the group represent several churches within the city of Whitehorse and we have an Ecumenical focus, with the meetings being held bimonthly at either one of the Uniting, Catholic or Anglican churches in our area. Details of the meeting are as follows

Date: Friday 17th February

Time: 10.00 AM

Venue; St. John’s Parish Office or the Coghlan Centre (this will depend on numbers attending)

The guest will speak for 20-30 minutes and there will then be an opportunity for questions and discussion for a further equivalent time. Our regular meeting will then conclude at 12.00pm.

It is important that you let us know if you are able to attend, so if you are interested in this meeting or the group in general please contact Helen Thomas on 9874 7024 or 0413000325. On behalf of the group, I would love to hear from you, as new participants with new ideas are always welcome.



World Day of Prayer AUSTRALIA

Everyone is welcome to attend the ecumenical service to celebrate

World Day of Prayer being hosted by St John’s Church, Mitcham on

Friday 3 March 2017

There will be a morning tea provided at 10.30am followed by the service at 11am.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL February

Peanut Butter, tinned vegies, spaghetti, savory biscuits, tinned fish or ham. 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.

On Sunday 19th February, the Parish will be celebrating 65 years with a special Mass at 11.15am and a parish bbq afterwards. This is also Founders Day.

We will be saying farewell to Fr Mark as a Parish on this day so please keep this very important date free!!

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert St, East Melbourne, invites parishioners & friends to the first weekend Open Day on Saturday 11 February from 10am-4pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A local “Walking Tour” will take place at 11am.

Everyone welcome.

Parishioners are welcomed to take a copy of a letter from the Archbishop regarding the Final Hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse to commence in Sydney on 6 February—copies to be found in newsstands.

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group



Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

Memorabilia needed!!! 1952—2016

St John’s Parish will celebrate its 65th year in February 2017. As part of our celebrations, we plan to commemorate school and parish life since 1952 with an exhibition of memories. We are calling for any photographs, vintage school items (from both St John’s and St James) sacramental mementos etc. If you have a story of a memorable school or parish event, we’d love to hear it!

Contributions may be dropped at the Parish Office. A box will also be placed in the narthex. Please include name and item details, along with a return address and contact phone number. If you would prefer items to be collected in person, or have any queries / ideas / stories, please contact Janine Sexton on janinecallanan5@gmail.com or call 0408 992 537. We look forward to compiling as many items as possible, to build a fabulous display of our Parish life across the decades.

Social & Other



FEB FEAST

Parish community event on **FRIDAY 24th February 2017** at St. John's
 Enjoy foods from Italy, Vietnam, Poland, Cook Islands, Malta, Sri Lanka UK, Australia
Time: 6.30 pm start...until the food runs out!!
Tickets: \$25 on sale
this weekend at St John's & St James
Kids \$5 - sausages/drink/icipole



Mitcham Seniors— The Seniors will start the new year with Mass, film and a lovely luncheon in the Coghlan Centre on Wednesday 8th of Feb, cost \$15.

(Please RSVP for catering purposes by 5pm today).

I also need to collect the money for the concerts on the 15th of February and 15th of March as I have had to pay for both up front, so please bring the money on the 8th of Feb. Hope you have all had a lovely restful break and are looking forward to a successful year but remember we can only accomplish that with your support. A new program will be ready at the luncheon on the 8th and any Senior parishioner who would like to join us at the luncheon will be most welcome. Helen 9874 0809

EMMAUS COLLEGE ENROL NOW YEAR 7

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Year 7 2018 - 17th February 2017

Year 7 2019 - 25th August 2017

Opening Morning 9am—10.30am
 Friday 10th February, 2017.



TRAVELLING ROSARY

The important part of the prayer life of the Parish commences again this week, and we would love to hear from any of you who would like to become a "Rosary Host". This entails making a commitment to have the statue of Mary and say the Rosary in your home from a Sunday to a Friday evening 3—4 times a year.

Some of our current hosts have neighbours join them, while others say the prayers by themselves.

Some of our hosts left the Parish during the year, and we would love to hear from anyone who may be able to take their place.

If you would like further information please call us and have a chat.

Helen Thomas 9874 7404

Religious Education Classes for Children attending non-Catholic schools



Are you interested in your child learning about the Catholic faith? Then join us at **ST JOHN'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL**, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham on **WEDNESDAY** afternoons during school terms **4.15-5.15pm** Enrolments are now open for 2017. We offer a 4 year program for children from Year 2-6 who would like to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church. Please note that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is celebrated in the third year of the program.

Contact **Parish Office** on **9873 1341** for an enrolment form.

There are vacancies on the Parish Buses for parishioners who are unable to drive, if you are interested and would like to attend the **9.45am**



Mass please contact the parish office on 9873 1341.

We are also seeking additional drivers. This would require a commitment of a couple of hours on a Sunday morning approximately every six weeks. In accordance with Catholic Archdiocesan guidelines a Working with Children Check & Police Check are required. For assistance in completing these checks please contact the parish office on 9873 1341.

A Palms Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor: A last minute gift that will deliver the real message of Christmas and be remembered forever. Palms long-term volunteers guide this intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding.

Register now for our **2-14 April Encounter** and receive \$400 off a 2nd ticket. Call Roger on **(02) 9560 5333** or go to **www.palms.org.au/Encounters** for more information.



Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life



Welcome to our Parish—Please make yourself known at the **Welcome Desk** in the **Narthex** and collect your **Information Package** which we hope will be of value to you.