



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25th 2016 —Year C

*Excerpt from "a place at the table
—social justice in an ageing society
Social Justice Statement 2016-17"*

*by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen,
Bishop of Parramatta,*

Chairman, Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

"Old age and frailty will come to us all eventually, and we will need the help and support of others. This is a time when we must see a just society in action. We must challenge the individualism and consumerism of modern society that gives rise to what Pope Francis calls a "throw-away" culture. Stereotypes of older people as doddering, out of touch or dependent are false and dehumanising. People are not commodities, to be valued only for their productivity or purchasing power. They are human beings in the fullest sense, precious in their own right, possessing a dignity that was given them by God. Furthermore, their wisdom and lived experience are priceless treasures that can enrich our lives.

At this time in Australia, we face a threefold challenge: to work for an inclusive society that brings older people into the heart of the community; to ensure the dignity and care of people who are frail and most vulnerable to neglect or abuse; and to foster solidarity among all generations, recognising the special affinity that exists between young and old."

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: Job 1:6-22	Luke 9:46-50
Tue Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23	Luke 9:51-56
Wed: Job 9:1-13,14-16	Luke 9:57-62
Thur: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	John 1:47-51
Fri: Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5	Luke 10:13-16
Sat: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17	Luke 10:17-24
Sun: 27th Sunday in Ord Time	
Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4	
2Timothy 1:6-8,13-14	Luke 17:5-9

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Timothy Bradley** (*grandson of Syd & Irene Wright*) and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Joe Cox, Piper Grace Dobson, Jane Kelly, Alfonso**



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Communion Service
Wednesday	10am Communion Service
Thursday	No 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 September 25th—Friday September 30th at the home of **Joan Santamaria** 0412868655. Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024.**



Oct 1 / 2	St John's 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	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A&F Puls	
Lector	J Dinh	A Buchanan	R Horner	P Spencer	S Solomons	T Wursthorn
Eucharist	C Irvin	J Franklin	G Gill	S Box	B Belot	N Winter
	K McClure	B O'Reilly	A Anthony	C Bantawig	D Lim	R McIntosh
	Y Martin	M Gartland	J White	J Bantawig		
			R Elliott	A Wilson		

Childrens Liturgy

No Childrens Liturgy—School holidays

Laptop	L Elliott	F McKenna	T Rowland	Hangan Family	R Doyle
Welcome Desk	M Rasmussen	H Thomas	A Wallis	S Box	D O'Farrell



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

THE SEASON OF CREATION

A remarkable aspect of Pope Francis’s Encyclical *Laudate Si* is that it draws on documents written by eighteen different bishops’ conferences from around the world, our Global Church, most from Africa, Asia and Latin America. By quoting from the leaders of communities that are suffering the most from climate change, he embodies the dialogical spirituality, the “integral ecology” he calls for in the encyclical, that calls for immediate and difficult changes in each of us, our country and the nations of the world. It is a message that we don’t always want to hear or heed, but the Pope is asking each of us to make some sacrifices for a better and more compassionate world.

In the Encyclical Pope Francis refers often and specifically to the destruction of local indigenous cultures, as well as the earth and the poor, whose insights are essential for planetary survival. In an address following the release of *Laudate Si*, he asked for forgiveness for the crimes that the church committed against the native peoples in the conquest of America.

Let us join with him in asking forgiveness for the crimes against indigenous cultures and call for the protection of present day indigenous communities from corporate land grabs and appropriation of land and water rights, which too often lead to the destruction of their communities, culture and the ecological wisdom that we need. Think of our Australian Aboriginal citizens!

For further information and ideas about how we may be able to do this check the **Caritas Australia August newsletter** and “google” **James Martin video Top 10 things You need to Know about Laudate Si**.

Remember the feast of St. Francis on 4th October and use it to re-energize our commitment to a more just and peaceful world where the products of the earth are shared more equitably.

We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on 25 September**. This year, the **Australian Bishops’ Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘A PLACE AT THE TABLE: Social Justice in an Ageing Society’**. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognize their significant contribution to society and emphasizes that this contribution should not be valued in more economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council. Website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499. (Social Justice Statement 2016-17 can be found in Newsstands)

Youth for Life Australia 2016 Annual Defend Life Dinner Dance 7 October. See flyer on noticeboard or details on website “What’s On, What’s New”.

**COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Monday 26 September**

At our next session we will be at our usual time **10.30am** in the **Lyons Room**, hope to see you there.
Enquiries: Monika at the Parish Office 9873 1341.

The 5 Love Languages—The secret to love that lasts

Enrichment Seminar for married couples— is based on the international bestseller by Dr Gary Chapman (more than 10 million copies sold).

We all need to feel loved. Men and women have an “emotional love tank” that makes us feel content, secure, and loved when it’s full. When it’s empty, when we feel totally unloved, we feel threatened, angry, frustrated, and alone. The key question all of us face is: what makes me feel loved? We all communicate love primarily according to one of five love languages. Many of us need help recognizing our primary love language. And the truly life-changing moment comes when we understand someone else’s love language. Speaking the right love language can make all the difference!

Sunday 16 October 9am—5pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St East Melbourne

Cost \$35 per couple

Maria for more info: 0411225992 or Bookings: 9287 5587

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality

**Walking with God in Nature
PRAYER DAY**

With Peter Saunders, Iain Radvan SJ & Helen Lucas

Saturday 22 October 2016

Location: Doongalla Forest, The Basin
14km total, medium

This is an opportunity for you to spend some reflective time walking in silence with a group in Nature.

Suggested donation \$25 BYO

For further details see website What’s On, What’s New.

To make a booking contact **9854 8110** or email secretary@campion.asn.au

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

*Speak in such a way that others love to listen to you.
Listen in such a way that others love to speak to you.*



Social & Other

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 people to fill the following roles:

Sponsorship Co-ordinator to help with the sourcing and collection of donation from supporting business.

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

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** will hold their **Annual Mission Fair** on **Saturday 8 October 9am-3pm** at 154 Cotham Road, **Kew**.

This year the proceeds will assist a project initiated by Sr Amelia, Yendi, Ghana to enable women acquire various skills, such as sewing, breadmaking and soap-making. The eventual aim is to help them to set up a co-operative and generate income. Phone: 9817 3715.



The Delicious & Nutritious Mango Fundraiser



The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is back for 2016! Trays of 14-20 delicious mangoes will be available in late November to early December and can be yours for only **\$24 a tray**. Order forms are available in the Parish Office and the newsstands so please tell your family, friends and co-workers and get your orders in early. Order forms can also be found on the website "What's On, What's New".

Final orders and payment are due by **Friday 28 October**. For any questions, contact Rhyannon Elliott on rhyanthony.elliott@gmail.com or 0423 151 848.

Thank you once again for your generous support recently to the **CatholicCare Church** appeal. St Johns Mitcham again continues to strongly support our programs with a donation of \$1,000 raised. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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.



PLAYGROUP

A couple of things:

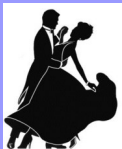
- 1) Any parishioner interested in assisting with the coordinating / running of our Playgroup sessions in 2017 (Monday/ Tuesday/Wednesday) mornings please see Fr Mark.
- 2) Enrolments for 2017 are now open—cost per family per term \$85.00. Please contact Fr Mark if interested on 9873 1341.



AVAILABLE NOW AT THE PIETY STALL

2017 COLUMBAN CALENDAR \$8.50 EACH

**Genevieve Bryant's beautiful CD
"Little Things" - \$20.**



The Parish of **St Francis Xavier & St Clare** Box Hill warmly invite you to **Weekly Social Dance Classes** for Catholic Youth aged **18-30**. Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Hall 1087 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill \$20 individual classes from 7.15pm to 9.45pm including supper. Fridays 30 September, 7 & 21 October. Ph: 9890 2231

Stronger youth is going offsite this month! Our monthly meeting will be held **FRIDAY** night the 30th September **NOT** Saturday. We are heading into the city for the **Mercy in the City** held at St Peter and St Pauls South Melbourne. Please be prompt! We will leave at 5pm. Transport is organized. Contact Lauren 0431 638 675 for more details



ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Wanted to let everyone know that the Seniors had a beautiful day at Jindivick last Wednesday. The weather up there was perfect and the Gardens were so scenic.

Next week is our Bingo afternoon at 1pm. Cost is \$5 including afternoon tea.

Enquiries **Helen** for details on **9874 0809**.