



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## Feast of Christ the King November 20th 2016 —Year C

### And how is he a king?

How is this man a king?  
Jesus Christ, of heaven and earth,  
mocked and killed through  
the cruelty of his people—a king?

Just in Paradise?

Or now, today?

Where is his power?

How is he powerful?

This man—one single life—  
who has been the most predominant influence  
on human history.

His power is seen on a cross,  
and the cross is his throne.  
Maybe we see him at his truest there,  
forgetful of self,  
mindful of the thief beside him,  
compassionate to the end,  
saying to the one beside him on Calvary—  
*"Today you will be with me in paradise".*

His power is in the weakness of love,  
and the strength of compassion.  
His leadership is in the sharing of struggles  
and in his vision of humanity.

His attraction is in his care for all  
and in his urgency for justice.

His influence is from the truth of God  
and his desire that this word be heard in the way we live.

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

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This weekend parishioners over 15 years of age are required to complete the **2016 National Church Life Survey as a positive, inclusive process to build for the future**. Please take the time to complete this survey and record the **Code: TAM 14801** on the **survey**. The option is available to complete the survey online via: - [surveys.ncls.org.au](http://surveys.ncls.org.au) (English language only).  
Many thanks for your co-operation.

# 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 )

**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)

**Pastoral Care:**  
 Monika Bredhauer—Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry  
 Kevin Hay—Coordination of Communion to the Sick  
 Sr Margaret Richmond—Visitation

**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: Revelation 14:1-5 Luke 21:1-4  
 Tue Revelation 14:14-19 Luke 21:5-11  
 Wed: Revelation 15:1-4 Luke 21:12-19  
 Thur: Revelation 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9  
 Luke 21:20-28  
 Fri: Revelation 20:1-4,11;21:2 Luke 21:29-33  
 Sat: Revelation 22:1-7 Luke 21:34-36  
 Sun: **1st Sunday of Advent**  
 Isaiah 2:1-5  
 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44


**AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY**

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Josefina Vasquez** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Eileen Todd, Ray Milton, Flora Langford, Bobbie Hanlan, Celso Batallones, Thelma Estrada, Ernesto Estrada.**



**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	Middy Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service
	9.30am Reconciliation

**Travelling Rosary 2016—The travelling Rosary will be held this week **Sunday November 20th —Friday November 25th** at the home of **Melody Lansakara** 0413045043. Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024.**



November 26 / 27	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
<b>C'Tator</b>	M & N Bredhauer	J Magree	A Crowe	G Lewis	M Lambert	
<b>Lector</b>	A Livy	E George	B Mills	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	A Rouse
<b>Eucharist</b>	M Livy	M Lamb	K Hay	A Glenn	K Placido	J Matarazzo
	E Booth	J Santamaria	L Sissins	S Catacutan	C Kook	T McLaughlin
	R McIntosh	R Jess	M Battagello	S Edwards	J Ryhnehart	
			A White			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>No Childrens Liturgy due to Parish family Mass</b>					
<b>Laptop</b>	S Tapley	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	P Wallace	
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	M Ayling	J / B Houlihan	K Hay	V Keys		



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

**St Vincent de Paul Society condemns proposed new immigration laws**

Harsh immigration laws that ban asylum seekers on Manus Island or Nauru from ever entering Australia are cruel and draconian, the St Vincent de Paul Society says.

People currently stuck in the limbo of offshore incarceration are not the only ones that will be punished by the government's proposed changes to the migration act.

"Should the law come into effect, it will prevent families from ever living together again," said Dr John Falzon, the CEO of the Society's National Council.

Dr Falzon said it was time for the federal government to stop pretending that offshore processing was unavoidable. "Humane alternatives exist, but unless there are safe, legal and timely ways to seek asylum, people who fear for their lives will be forced to seek out irregular migration routes," he said. "We have no right to punish people on the basis of the means of transport they have used in their attempt to seek asylum," he added.

He also called for the cessation of Australia's punitive offshore detention regime, and for a sustainable regional approach based on compassion and fairness which was consistent with international law.



**CARDS FOR SALE**

Sr Angelica (Sisters of the Disciples of the Divine Master) will be selling Christmas cards and other cards after 8.30am, 9.45am & 11.15am masses this Sunday 20th November. Funds from the sale of the cards will go towards funding an orphanage in Burma.

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**BINNAP PARTNERS FUNDRAISER** for THE **ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR VICTORIA** invite you to attend a film afternoon to see:

**ELLA (a Nova exclusive) Cinema Nova** 380 Lygon St Carlton 9347 5331 on **Saturday 26 November** at 2pm approx (check website on day for correct time [www.cinemanova.com.au](http://www.cinemanova.com.au) To book please call Pat on 98787939 or email [jandpschmidt@bigpond.com](mailto:jandpschmidt@bigpond.com) (Pat will be away from 7-12 Nov). Kindly note bookings to be made by 21 November Cost \$20 per ticket.



The **Anointing Mass** is to be held on **Friday 9 December** at **11.30am** followed by a luncheon in the Coghlan Centre. (no cost involved).

For catering purposes and / or transport please ring the **Parish office** on **9873 1341**.

**It would be greatly appreciated if you could reply by the December 2nd.**

**PYX** (container for taking hosts to the sick) Please note if you are not using could you please return as soon as possible either to the Sacristy or Parish Office.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group**

*Good people are like candles, they burn to give others light.*



# Social & Other

## COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP Monday 28th November



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 the Parish office on 98731341.

## 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...**



## The Mitcham Junior Football Club REGISTRATION DAY

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>- 10am to 1pm**

**MITCHAM SPORTING CLUB – WALKER PARK**

- \* **FREE** Club Membership & Official Tiger Hoody for all **NEW** players
- \* Opportunity to play and learn the skills of Australian Rules Football
- \* Arguably the best ground and facilities in the Eastern Football League - "The MCG of the East"
- \* Fully accredited coaching staff and trainers
- \* Genuine family orientated club where all players and families are made to feel most welcome
- \* Enjoy your football without the "win at all costs" approach!

So for a total junior football experience join the Mitcham Tigers! If you require further information call **Glenn Newnham** NOW On **0403 121 096** / Email: [mitchamjnr@efl.org.au](mailto:mitchamjnr@efl.org.au) Or just turn up on the day to secure your spot for the 2017 football season



Theological study in 2017: Information Session

**Yarra Theological Union (Box Hill)** is holding an information session for anyone interested in Theological Study for 2017. Everyone is welcome.

**Tuesday 29th November—7.30pm**  
**98 Albion Road**  
**Box Hill**

**Enrolments Open December**  
**Fee Help available**  
**Free Parking**

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

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This week the program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from amazing people. We have Wisdom from the Abby with Sr Hilda Scott, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent talks about the importance of Individual time (Repeat) and Fr Dave Callaghan reflects on Heaven Within. Add to that some great Christian music and you've got a show that is all about faith, hope, love and life.

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



**Marcellin College Memorial Mass for Deceased Students—Mass** will be celebrated by **Fr Kevin Hennessy** in the **Marcellin College Chapel** on **Tuesday November 22, 2016** at **7.30pm** followed by supper afterwards.

**Enquiries: Mary Norden: 9842 3080**

## Lectio Divina Prayer Group

The "**Lectio Divina**" (or **Holy Reading**) **Group** meet on the fourth Friday of the month. Time is given to read and reflect on a passage of scripture and listen to where God is speaking to our hearts. The purpose of this prayer is to deepen our relationship with God and to reflect on what God is inviting us to in the here and now. This is a wonderful way to prepare for Sunday's Gospel reading. Our final meeting is on **Friday 25th November** at **11am** in the **Rear Meeting Room** of the **Parish Office**. The duration of each meeting is 1 hour. Please note this will be our last meeting for 2016.

**If you are interested please contact**

Carina Lobo: 0431 321 787 or email [carinalobo26@gmail.com](mailto:carinalobo26@gmail.com) or Sr Joan Sibberas 0400 578 455.

## Plaza Cinema Group

**Thursday 24th November at 7.30pm**  
**The Hunchback of Notre Dame**

**CANCELLED:**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances this showing of The Hunchback of Notre Dame has been cancelled.**

Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings

month Membership: \$15

Visitors welcome.

Membership enquiries: Barbara: 9873 3508



**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.