



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 22 March —Year A

From death to life

What a way to receive great glory:
to die!

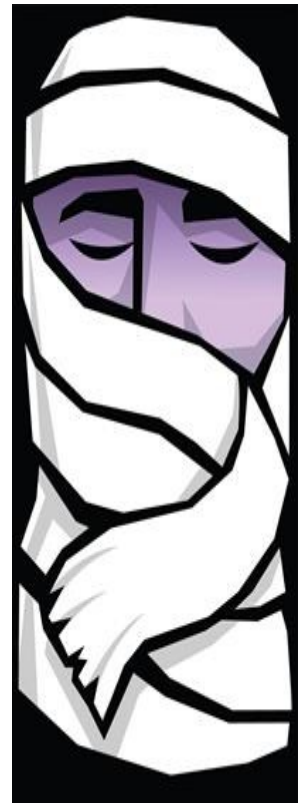
Jesus paints a picture of death and life -
the ears of corn ripening colourfully in the air of God,
the will be life-giving food—a miracle of God.
And when the grain dies and falls into the earth,
it multiplies, nourishes even more than before.

The glory of the grain of wheat begins when it's buried in clay,
the glory of Jesus begins on the cross.

The glory of a person is in dying to
the false self,
the arrogant self,
the grasping self,
and rising in the love of God
in truth, humility, sharing.

We rise and die each day
as we are called forth in the resurrection of Jesus
to show to people
the victory of Jesus in love over hate,
in reconciliation over bitterness,
in faith over despair.

Lord Jesus,
die in us,
rise in us,
that we in you may serve our Father.



St John the Evangelist Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the wider Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

“St John's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledges that Child Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.”

Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times

St John's: Sat Vigil, 6pm, Sun 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm

Our Lady's: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sun 9.30am

Parish Office Hours (Parish Office is closed on Mondays):
Tuesday-Friday 9am-3.30pm

Parish Secretary: Manuela Brambilla

Bereavement Ministry: Jenny Kearney 0413 826 468

Pastoral Care: Loredana Iacobucci 0423 313 336

Christian Meditation Group: Chris Ryan

House of Books (house next door to the Church): 9401 6306

RE for Government Schools: Trish Chaston trish.chaston@cam.org.au

Safeguarding Committee Co-ordinator: Manuela Brambilla

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle

Parish Priest Fr Dispin John

Supported by Fr Michael Kelly, CSsR and Fr Maurie Cooney

St John's School

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 9874 1575

Principal: Mrs Verona Gridley

vgridley@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

St James School

51 Centre Road, Vermont, 9874 1830

Principal: Mr Dave Mutimer

principal@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au

Services:

St Vincent De Paul:

Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood 9870 9124

Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 9401 6366 OR VIA EMAIL MITCHAM@CAM.ORG.AU
TO ACCESS ANY OF THESE PEOPLE OR SERVICES

Parish Information & Daily Readings

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Daniel 13:41-62	Jn 8:1-11
Tue: Numbers 21:4-9	Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Isaiah 7:10-14.8:10	Lk 1:26-38
Thu: Genesis 17:3-9	Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jeremiah 20:10-13	Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ezekiel 37:21-28	Jn 11:45-56

PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	9am Mass SJV 10am Mass SJM	



During Lent,
we remember
who we are:
people of life who are
called to say yes to all that
gives life and shares life.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including

Kathleen Box, Kevin Raphael, John Francis, Pat Duguid, Nicholas Paul Marshall and Somadevi Kuruppu



Tuesday Mass for healing of the sick



Prayers are offered and are followed by a **Novena of Saint Mary MacKillop**. If you know of someone who might need our special prayers or to be added to the Novena List please email the parish office mitcham@cam.org.au and leave a message for those you wish to be prayed for **by Monday afternoons**. Keeping you in our prayers. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to keep the name/s of your loved one, as we are updating the current list."

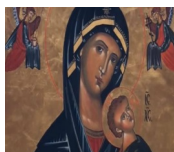
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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: Parish Office 9401 6366



March 28/29	St John's 6.00pm	St John's 8.30am	St. John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St John's 5.00pm
C'Tator Lectors	G Rodrigues S Rodrigues	A Buchanan C Ryan	N Vernal H Wursthorn	D Kennedy J Kiekebosc	K Harvey M Lambert
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith	T Harkin A Martonyi H Wursthorn	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator Children Liturgist	T Tan	C Almeida	L Wursthorn Aidan	A Jose Jenny	

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
RINGWOOD NEWS**



Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 9.30am

Weekday service

6.00pm Tue: Mass and Novena
9.15am Thurs: Mass

Ringwood Parish website:

<http://pol.org.au/ringwood/Home.aspx>

Phone: 0468 589 039

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come and pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent at 9.15am.

MORNING TEA

Every Sunday after the **8.30am and 9.45am** Mass you are invited to share a cuppa and a chat in the narthex with other parishioners.



**Children's Liturgy at St John's
Every Sunday at 9.45 and 11.15am
during school term**



Children will move to the Narthex of Church for their own Liturgy of the Word.
All ages welcome.

JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS

When we lose a loved one, the emotions can be overwhelming, grieving can take many forms. Our friendly and informal gathering gives an opportunity to support each other as we journey through grief and loss.

Please join us:

Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

St John's Parish Office

*"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength".
2 Timothy 4:17*

Gold coin donation welcome

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2026

"Come and See"

John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God"... The disciples asked "Where do you live?"... "Come and see", Jesus replied. Jn 1:36-39



Wanting more than the clamour and busy-ness at Mass? Consistent meditation is known to help calm our busy minds. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you can benefit from meditation – even if you are new to it. Free of charge. All welcome. All enquiries Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366 - or simply turn up in the church on the night. Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **30 March at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes that you can find in the Church or by scanning the QR code.



Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

OFFERTORY PROGRAM

This is the final weekend of our Parish Offertory Program, and we want to thank you for your response. Your generosity is more than just financial support—it is an act of faith, trust, and gratitude to God. Every gift is a reflection of our relationship with Him and our commitment to His work in our parish.

If you have not yet returned your Pledge Card, they are available on the pews this weekend. I invite you to take a moment to prayerfully consider your offering and return your card during Mass.

You may also submit your pledge by placing it in the offertory collection, dropping it off at the parish office, or sending it by mail.

Thank you once again for your faithfulness and generosity. Every pledge—no matter the size—is a response to God's blessings and helps strengthen our parish for the future.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES

ST JOHN'S	OUR LADY'S
PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION 1 April	
7.30pm	
HOLY THURSDAY 2 April	
Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by quiet prayer	
7.30pm	6.00pm
GOOD FRIDAY 3 April	
9.30am Stations of the Cross	11am Stations of the Cross
3pm Commemoration of the Passion	3pm Commemoration of the Passion
HOLY SATURDAY 4 April—Easter Vigil	
7.30pm	5.00pm
EASTER SUNDAY 5 April—Easter Masses	
8.30am	9.30am
10.30am	

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE AND FREEDOM FOR REFUGEES 2026

Sunday 29 March from 1pm

Join the Palm Sunday Gathering – Stand up for Justice and Kindness, and a Fair Go for Refugees and People seeking asylum.

1pm: Gather on Princes Bridge with banner and placards

1.30pm: Walk to Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr (near the 'Angel' sculpture)

2pm-3.30pm: Main program—speakers, music and stalls at Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr

Click [here](#) for more info.

Please help save the Mitcham Tennis Club.

Read about the issue at [change.org](https://www.change.org) at the link below and help by signing the petition.

You can also have your say at the Whitehorse Council link.

https://www.change.org/p/save-the-mitcham-tennis-club?source_location=search

<https://yoursay.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/walker-park-round-2>

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We are currently offering 2 weekends in 2026.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

April 24 - 26th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantima South.

November 6 - 8th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantima South

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— MARCH—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the Narthex. We are currently requesting: **coffee, rice, tinned vegetables long life milk. All Enquiries to Danny Rafferty 0437 498 877**



Share the Joy of the Risen Lord!

You are invited to the

Easter Lunch

at St John's

on Sunday 5 April at 12.30pm

If you are spending Easter by yourself or if you simply want to share the joy of the Risen Lord with other people please join us at the Easter lunch that will be held at St John's in the Coghlan centre.

The food will be offered by the Parish and you are invited to bring a sweet plate that you normally love to eat at Easter to share.

If anyone feels to give a donation for the lunch please contact the parish office and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

RSVP by Thursday 2nd April at the Parish office by phone 9401 6366 or by email

mitcham@cam.org.au

✦ ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP ✦

1st Sunday of Every Month

5PM-8PM

Next gathering will be held on Sunday 3rd May

We start at **5PM Mass**

Then head to the Zebedee Room for:

🍕 Pizza

💬 Real conversations

📖 Bible reflections (Sunday readings)

🎮 Games + good vibes

A place to belong.

A place to grow.

A place to have fun.

Bring a friend & come through!

For more info please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

HOUSE OF BOOKS

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.



The shop has a great range of good quality second hand books at very low prices. Proceeds support St John's and St Vincent de Paul. Phone: 9401 6306

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's Church and will give parishioners direct access to our account. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.



Thank you for your continued support

If you would like to support our Parish via **TAP and GO** please use the terminals located in the narthex and in the church. All you need to do is to select the amount displayed and tap the terminal with your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch—your contribution will go straight into our Church account.

If you would like to **contribute to the support of our Priests** here are the Bank details:

Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account

BSB 083347

ACCT NO. 459 634 437