



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 7 April 2024 —Year B

Doubt no longer but believe

Don't we find it difficult sometimes to believe in ourselves?
Maybe we haven't been praised or liked as a child,
perhaps we've failed in relationships or jobs?
Or failed in sports, exams and what we've set our hearts on?
And then the change when someone believes in us,
Or when things go well, or we can forgive ourselves.
Jesus believes in you -
he loves you and believes in you;
and then he says as he said to Thomas:

Doubt no longer but believe.

Faith in God can weaken.
Once nourishing our life,
it can threaten our happiness.

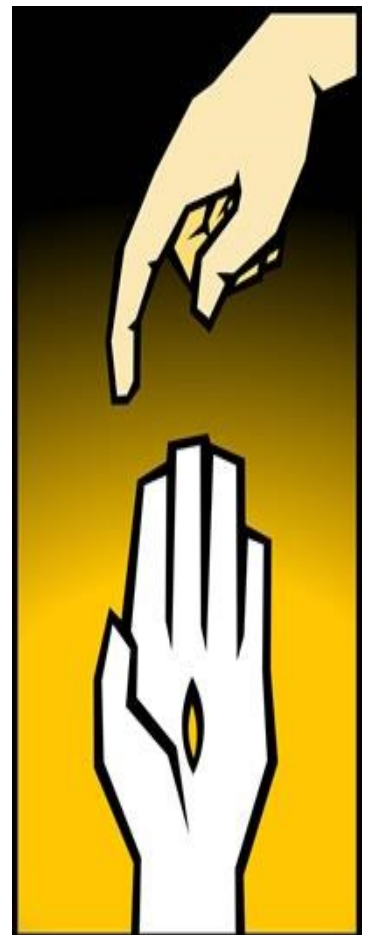
Once simple, it can become complicated.

Life's tragedies and problems
can take us away from God,
and faith itself finds its own pathways.
The strength of our faith fluctuates,
and we may move from God.

And like Jesus for Thomas,
God looks for us.
Through the locked door
of disappointment, resentment, guilt,
confusion, boredom and let-down,
he comes with peace.

He simply looks at you,
sees into your heart with love,
and with compassion says
to you, as Thomas:

Doubt no longer but believe.



**"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

Business Manager: Margaret Harrington

Parish Secretary: Manuela Brambilla

Accountant: Gilda Bell

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 0468 589 793

Safeguarding Committee Co-ordinator: Andrew Buchanan

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & :

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle

Housebound

Parish Priest Fr Dispin John

Supported by Fr Michael Kelly, CSsR

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: Isaiah 7:10-14.8:10 Lk 1:26-38
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37 Jn 3:7-15
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Weekday Masses

St John's

Our Lady's

Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	10am Mass SJM	



"Do not be unbelieving,
but believe."

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Kevin Ryan, Noela Wallace Gibb and Krystyna Borzym** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Paddy Joe McManus, Sean McManus, Michael McManus, George Caruana, Norma Piovesan, Giuseppina Iacobucci, Suresh D'Souza, Nicholas Fernandes and Edward Chong**



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**



Apr 13/14	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	C Cowan P Cowan	M De Almeida M Campbell	V Burnie T Wursthorn	T Black C Black	E Umashankar M Day
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart S Harrison V Menon N Wursthorn	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen	S Solomons
Laptop operator Children Liturgist	C Kohomban.	G Campbell	T Wang		

Faith Formation, Social & Other

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

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ ST JOHN'S

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16)

For prayer requests, please call Loredana 0423 313 336 or contact the Parish Office.
God bless, Loredana

**Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin
to the new life of grace.**

**Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
Amen.**

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH



The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 1st May**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 29 April. All are welcome.

HOLY ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.



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

CAFÉ AT ST JOHN'S

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends in the Narthex following the 10am Mass. All are welcome

When: Wednesday 17 April

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome



Ezra Micah Peiris, Abigail Anne Masters, Joshua Gordon Sharples, Jeremy John Mu Reynier, Alexis Anita Mu Tan, Felix Marco Vangelista, Allegra Stephanie Margariti, Elijah Anthony Fullarton

*who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism
at St John's during the month of April*



The Funeral Service celebration for

Noela Wallace Gibb

on **Wednesday 10th April at 11am**

Kevin Ryan

on **Thursday 11th April at 11am**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION - "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



Our next meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, **8 April at 7.30pm**. 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 on the night. Looking forward to seeing you!

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.



St John's Parish 2024 Women's Retreat Weekend

"The Lives we Actually Have"

Tired? Hassled? Busy?

How does a weekend of rest, food, conversation, and some prayer & reflection sound?

*You are invited to our parish weekend
for women!*

When: Friday May 17, 8pm to Sunday May 19, 2.30pm

Where: Pallotti College, McNamara's Rd, Millgrove

Accommodation: in own room with shared bathroom

In a world of constant social media comparison,
the lives we actually have
can feel dull compared to others'.

Let's explore ways to reconnect with ourselves
and with God amid this noise.

For further information and to book:

<https://forms.gle/PAFYGphNEibgc8T68>

or contact Lorraine at lorraine613@bigpond.com

Are you a parent of pre-school for school-aged children? You probably need a break!

The parish offers you a discount
on the cost of this weekend.

Please come!

ALPHA @ ST CLARE

Is there more to life than this?
Ask life's big questions!
Come and join us at ALPHA
...there's a seat for you at the table

Commencing on **Tuesday 16th April at 7pm**
St Clare Catholic Church
138 Woodhouse Grove, Box Hill North

To register your interest, contact the
Box Hill Parish Office:
boxhill@cam.org.au or 9401 6371

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

"Live Your Best Married Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves
a Marriage Encounter weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values
and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details

Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne

BOOK NOW

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409
183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— APRIL—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub
in the **Narthex**. We are currently requesting:
coffee, rice, biscuits, long life milk. All
Enquiries to Ross Hancock 0419 117 343



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

TOWARDS WHOLENESS – FROM FEAR TO LOVE

Come for a weekend retreat (non-residential) on
Jungian psychology and Ignatian spirituality
at Campion Spirituality Centre
99 Studley Park Rd, Kew.

Saturday 25 May (9:30 am – 4 pm)

Sunday 26 May (10 am – 1 pm)

Jungian psychology helps our understanding of the Ignatian
practices of Imaginative Contemplation and the Examen as
ways to discover our deeper, true self and God.

Cost: \$55 for Saturday or

\$75 for both Saturday and Sunday

(Saturday lunch provided)

Contact: Susie Hii

Email: susiehii.hc@gmail.com

Mobile: 0410 981 080

RSVP: 20 May

Facilitator: Dr Susie Hii, MBBS, FRACP

(spiritual director, master of spirituality, medical practitioner)

ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP



Did you know our cards are for sale from the
Piety Stall after weekend Masses? We have a
great selection of cards including Birthday, Get
Well, Sympathy and Confirmation cards. Our
cards are also available to purchase from the
House of Books and the Parish Office. All profits from
our card sales continue to benefit the work of St
Vincent de Paul. Please contact us via the Parish
Office if you have any queries. Thanks Monika and
Card Making Team.

ROOM FOR RENT

Mature aged 61 year old woman looking for someone to share
a 3-bedroom fully furnished, rented unit in Donvale. Would
possibly suit other mature aged woman, or young working
person, or student. For further enquiries, please contact the
Parish office 9401 6366

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING MODULE

If you a volunteer at St John's and you have not done
the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we
encourage to do it asap as it is a compulsory
requirements to comply with the Safeguarding policies
and procedures. You can access it at
<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?>

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to
St John's and will give
parishioners direct access to our
CDF pay web page. To make a
payment, parishioners simply
scan our CDF pay 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. The minimum is \$10. All you need to
do is 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 083343

ACCT NO. 515 469 035