



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 3 March 2024 —Year B

True religion

A prophet once said that true religion
means to act justly, love tenderly
and walk humbly with your God.

Religion can be means of praising God
or serving self,
of service to others,
or caring for self.

It can diminish people,
make them guilty always in the sight of God,
and then it misses the first grace of any faith:
that God loves each of us,
a love that dwells within us
as real as the blood in our veins
the muscles in our limbs,
the hair on our head.

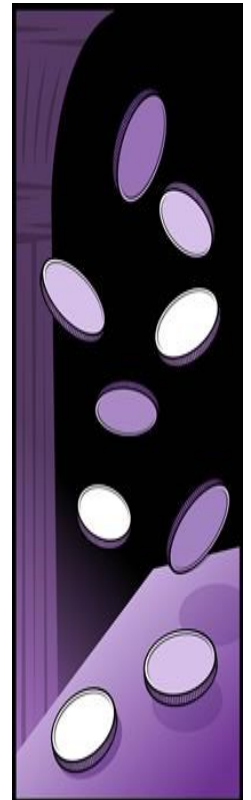
Religion can keep the poor more needy,
encouraging an unthinking acceptance
of the inequality among people.
and it misses then another grace,
that we are brothers and sisters,
and all we are given is for the service of others.

Jesus was angry in the temple,
because of the greed of the sellers,
who were exploiting the poor in the name of religion,
(for the poor had to buy there the ingredients of their sacrifice),
and mocking the house of God.

And God is angry when people are
exploited, used, abused,
in any way—
physically, emotionally, spiritually.

God asks us in Jesus to share his anger
when in his name people's dignity is diminished,
or love is abused, or the poor are exploited
or when he himself is neglected.

This is true religion:
to act justly,
love tenderly
and walk humbly with our God.



**"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 & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle

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: 2 Kings 5:1-15

Lk 4:24-30

Tue: Daniel 3:25. 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Deuteronomy 4:1. 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

Thur: Jeremiah 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hosea 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

Lk 18:9-14

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

Weekday Masses

St John's

Our Lady's

Tue 10am Mass

6pm Mass

Wed 10am Mass

Thur No Mass

9.15am Mass

Fri 9am SJV

10am SJM



May we, who live in the market-place that has become a temple for many, have the courage and zeal to stand for the truth.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Gemma Martino, Norma Piovesan and Elizabeth Rafael** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Giuseppe Di Iorio, Edward Chong, Elizabeth Waide and S.G. Tan**



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**



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6.00pm

8.30am

9.45am

11.15am

5.00pm

**C'Tator
Lectors**

M Solomons
L Hennessy

M Campbell
M De Almeida

T Wursthorn
V Burnie

T Black
C Black

M Day
E Umashankar

Eucharist

C Pearson
B Meehan

R Smith
G Smith
T McLaughlin

P Taggart
V Menon
S Harrison
N Wursthorn

J Rea
J Kiekebosh
N Nguyen

S Solomons

**Laptop operator
Children Liturgist**

C Kohomban.

G Campbell
A O'Reilly

J Leong

**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

A prayer for those suffering:

Lord, bring to mind those in our lives who are suffering, and help us to be faithful in prayer for and service to them. We also ask that you strengthen your servants, scattered around the world, to be the hands and feet of Jesus—especially in places where war, violence, famine, and sickness are devastating families and communities.



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

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 6 March**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 4 March. All are welcome. 

BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome



**Archer John Cunningham,
Dulcie Jeanette Hosking Green, Margaux Jade
Bunsalan, Matilda Sofia Vega-Garzon, Beatrix
Hiraya Rana Garcia, Anastacia Eeya Rana Garcia,
Arthur Jay Tchea and Willow Grace Tchea**

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

The Funeral Service for

Giuseppina Iacobucci

**Tuesday 5th March at 11am Rosary followed by
the Funeral Mass**

Norma Piovesan

**Thursday 7th March at 10am Rosary followed by
the Funeral Mass**



Gemma Martino

Friday 8th March at 11.30am

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, **11th March 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!

CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

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

When: Tuesday 19 March

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

EXPLORE THE GOSPEL OF MARK

March 7th, 7pm—9pm

St John's—Coghlan Centre

Join us for an overview of Mark, the earliest and shortest Gospel. Mark emphasises Jesus' divine nature as the Son of God and urges us, as disciples, to act quickly in response.



Bookings:

Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPCQD>

Parish office: 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Inviting all "Encountered Couples/Spouses/
Priests" to join us in
Celebrating 50 years of WWME in Australia
Saturday 16 March 2024

At St John's Parish, Mitcham
[Enter via Elizabeth St]
A Formation Day

"Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires;
the Respect He Desperately Longs for"
(A light lunch will be provided)

&

An Evening of celebration starting at 6pm
Catered Spit Roast Dinner BYO Drinks
and a Wedding Photo

For further details and to register

<https://www.trybooking.com/COSSN>

Or contact Steve & Sue Hollowood

0431 477 556/ 0412 130 845

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The next set of Stewardship envelopes will be available in the Church narthex this weekend. Receipts are enclosed with the envelopes. If you have been paying by Direct Debit or Credit Card and wish to continue please let the office know so that we can cancel your envelopes after this set. If you could take envelopes belonging to neighbours and delivering them it would save on our postage costs. Thank you
Margaret Harrington, Business Manager



Share the Joy of the Risen Lord!

You are invited to the

Easter Lunch

at St John's
on Sunday 31st March 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 Friday 29th March at the Parish office
by phone 9401 6366 or by email

mitcham@cam.org.au

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

With the intention of Healing and Healing Prayer
Ministry to follow



Saturday 9 March

6.00-7.00pm

(after 5pm Vigil Mass)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

14 Bedford Road
Ringwood

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has a new spot in the narthex and new items too. Statues, Rosary beads, rosary bracelets and pouches. Scapulars brown and green and 25 different medals, also prayer cards and holy pictures. If you are looking for a piety item we may be able to order it for you.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— FEBRUARY—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



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