



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 11 February 2024 —Year B

### Rejected by many, accepted by Jesus



A Person rejected in society  
came to Jesus,  
and openly knelt before him to be healed.  
The leper was an outcast;  
people feared he would contaminate them.

This illness was a way of defining him;  
and then he was put out of sight.

Labels for people define them and narrow them.  
we don't want to be labelled.

Maybe we label people out of fear,  
or for a quiet life.  
If we think they are different from us,  
we don't have to deal with them.

Jesus sees the whole person,  
not a single part of the personality.

And Jesus was so compassionate, so open  
that people couldn't take it,  
and he stayed outside the town,  
the place where rejected people live.

He was at home there  
because he himself was rejected by his own;  
he was at home there,  
because he touched those people with love;  
he is always at home with love.

Dear parishioners,

Just to let you know that Fr Dispin has just moved to the newly renovated presbytery in Mitcham (work still in progress).  
Thanks for all your contribution. More updates next week.  
Watch this space.



**"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: James 1:1-11          | Mk 8:11-13      |
| Tue: James 1:12-18         | Mk 8:14-21      |
| Wed: Joel 2:12-18          | Mt 6:1-6. 16-18 |
| Thur: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | Lk 9:22-25      |
| Fri: Isaiah 58:1-9         | Mt 9:14-15      |
| Sat: Isaiah 58:9-14        | Lk 5:27-32      |

### 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

### 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<br>10am SJM |             |



Lord, help us to realise where we isolate ourselves from others so that we may become more community-minded in life.

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Graeme Gardner, Mary Jubb, Margaret Gentile, Brian Davison, Morris Rose Meyer and Antony D'Souza** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Peter Box, Minh Lam, Bridie Doherty, Percy Alwis, Pablo Perez, Mary Lee and Cecilia Kuek**



### 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](mailto: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**



| Feb 17/18                  | St John's<br>6.00pm           | St John's<br>8.30am                        | St. John's<br>9.45am              | St John's<br>11.15am                            | St John's<br>5.00pm                    |
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| <b>C'Tator<br/>Lectors</b> | S Rodrigues<br>G Rodrigues    | C Ryan<br>B Mills                          | N Vernal<br>H Wursthorn           | J Kiekebosch<br>D Kennedy                       | M Lambert<br>K Harvey                  |
| <b>Eucharist</b>           | M Webb<br>M Pinto<br>Y Martin | M Coghlan<br>R Smith<br>G Smith<br>A Jones | T Harkin<br>A Coyne<br>A Martonyi | M Battagello<br>C Brindle<br>A Glenn<br>C Lowry | M Kristan<br>M Campbell<br>S Partridge |
| <b>Laptop operator</b>     | T Tan                         |                                            | Erica                             |                                                 |                                        |
| <b>Children Liturgist</b>  |                               | D Hancock                                  | D Hancock                         |                                                 |                                        |

## 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

#### A prayer for relational healing

**Lord, there are many ways we fall short in our relationships. We failed to carry each other's burdens, we harboured offenses, and we judged each other's motives. Help us to confess our sins against each other. Help us to forgive and seek forgiveness. May your Spirit heal wounds and bring unity to fractured relationships—that we might love one another as you love us.**

### 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**

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**14 February 2024**



**9am** Our Lady Ringwood  
**10am** St John's  
**12pm** St James  
**7pm** St John's



### BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Chloe Jane Sharman and Luka Theo Vogels**

*into the life of the Catholic Church  
through the Community of St John's*

### 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, **12th Feb 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!

### PROJECT COMPASSION



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

### CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

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

All are welcome

**When: Wednesday 21 February**

**Time: 10:30am to 11:30am**



### LENTEN PRAISE AND ADORATION

**February 19th, 7.30pm**

St Johns Church

Prayerful praise and worship lead by Genevieve Bryant.

Quiet Eucharistic adoration.

**Start your Lent with  
this powerful time of connection with God**

### 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](mailto:mitcham@cam.org.au)



## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the “Lifeboat Foundation”, a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to “Lifeboat”, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon ([frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or [adam-kaali@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-kaali@hotmail.com)).

## LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION BOOK



A Lenten prayer and reflection program for use during lent or anytime is available at the Piety stall or at the Parish office. A *Resurrected Life* has been written to provide the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts. Based on the readings of each day of Lent, Holy Week and Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope. Finding even a few minutes a day to pray and reflect can be challenging but that's enough, for the desire to pray comes from a heart searching God. **Cost \$5**

## THE MELBOURNE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE

Have you ever wanted to read Aquinas' Summa?

The Dominicans in Camberwell are running a series of lectures on Thomas Aquinas. The first module, running over four Thursdays, begins on **29th February**.

For more information, see [www.mti.op.org.au](http://www.mti.op.org.au)

For more information, email [mti@op.org.au](mailto:mti@op.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

## 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.melbourncatholic.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**