



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 9 March 2025 —Year C

Following the way of Jesus

As we set our feet on the path of Jesus,
temptations will come to follow other paths,
to give our energy and commitment to other ways,
to look for life and happiness away from God.

He was son of God for us,
not for himself;
the temptation was to turn the spotlight on himself,
and accept a life of comfort,
concerned with honour, wealth and power.

The gifts of personality that each of us has
are to fit us for our journey of life,
and to be shared with all we meet on
the journey of life we share.

Our wealth, learning, talents -
all we have received in our upbringing,
all we have received from God -
are to enrich not only ourselves,
but are given for the life of the world.

Called by God to be
men and women for others,
we may be tempted to use our love and our talents,
even faith and religion, just for ourselves.

May we walk in the path of true life,
may we create a world of equality and justice,
where the dignity of people
is valued as much as the dignity of God.

In Jesus we are brothers and sisters,
men and women for others.
together may we walk on the
path of life eternal.



*The Rite of Election will be held this Sunday at
St Patrick's Cathedral, we pray for our elect and candidates:
Joshua, Yula, Jason and Sarah,
that they may be filled with the hope of the life giving Spirit
as they prepare themselves for Sacraments of Initiation
and Full Communion with the Catholic Faith.*



*St John the Evangelist Parish acknowledge 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

Business Manager: Margaret Harrington

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 0468 589 793

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

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: Leviticus 19:1-2. 11-18	Mt 25:31-46
Tue: Isaiah 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jonah 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Thu: Esther 14:1. 3-5. 12-14	Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ezekiel 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Luke 9:28-36

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	



*When making our
choices, it's wise to
ask ourselves who is
behind the solutions
offered us.*

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Bernard O'Reilly** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Giuseppe Di Iorio, Lena Offe and Pemsiri Fernando**



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 15/16	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 Kiekebosh	K Harvey M Lambert
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan G Smith R Smith	T Harkin A Martonyi	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry A DSilva	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator	T Tan				
Children Liturgist			A&D Rivadillo	M Hendrianto	

**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

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come and pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent at 9.15am from 7th March.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 28th March

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



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

LENT - A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Next session held

by **Fr Maurie Cooney** in the **Coghlan centre**
on **Wednesday 12th March** from **7pm till 8.30pm**

WE'RE INTO LENT:

- What is the season for? Where does it come from?
Some Scripture and the Gospel of Luke that will guide us
- Sin – what is it? And God's response to that? And our call to 'conversion'?
"I love God's law, yet I find myself doing the opposite" (St Paul)
"No matter how many the number of sins is, God's grace is always greater" (St Paul)
- Gospel of Luke's parable of The Forgiving Father (the Prodigal Son)

All are welcome!

FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S



Bernard O'Reilly

Friday 14th March at 12.30pm

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2025

"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, **10th 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!

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.



Lent/Easter Activity Packs
will be available after all Masses
this weekend

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH



The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 2nd April**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 31 March. All are welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, Lam from Vietnam and Irene from the Democratic Republic of

the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at:

caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



GLOBAL MISSION—NO AGE LIMIT

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities! Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at

palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au



Trivia Night: "They Didn't Teach Us That in School"

The Murnong First Peoples Gathering Place in Glen Iris is holding a Trivia Night at their centre -100 High St rd. Glen Iris next Saturday **15 March** from 6.30pm -10.00pm.

The Murnong Gathering Place provides a culturally safe and secure place for First Peoples' in the Boroondara and surrounding areas in the east part of Melbourne to meet, support, and to enjoy each other's company. The Gathering Place also provides education and opportunities aimed at bringing together both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. We also have an Art Gallery supporting emerging First Nations artists which is open Wednesday, Friday & Saturday between 11-3pm (excluding Dec-Jan holidays), and a beautiful reconciliation Womenjika garden out the back where you can enjoy a walk, period of reflection or BYO lunch 7 days a week. The centre is self-determining and helping to strengthen and build relationships.

The trivia night is a fundraiser to help support the center. Tickets are \$30 each or \$150 for a table of 6 people. You can book tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/trivia-night-they-didn-t-teach-us-that-in-school?hxchl=hex-pfl> / or scan the code on the flyer in the Narthex. For more details call the organisers/ Murnong Wednesday volunteers Georgina and Michael Gartland on 0412 396 388. We would love to see you there.

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

HOLY LAND CRAFTS

"The Wood is from the tree of life, those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed." - Proverbs 3:18

We are a Christian family from Bethlehem the holy land, who arrived in Melbourne few months ago fleeing from the war between Israeli and Palestinian. Our initiative is to sell handmade olive wood carvings on behalf of Christian families in the Holy Land as these hand-made carvings are their MAIN source of income. By Purchasing one of their products, you support those families in maintaining their presence in the Holy Land and keep Christianity alive by supporting Christian families, schools and churches while spreading the stories of Jesus Christ in a live, 3-dimensional method. Due to the hardships that Christians face in the region, purchasing their products helps revive the lives of many Christians and their families, who significantly depend on the support received through these sales. These items will be sold in the Narthex on next weekend **15/16 March**.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: Our next weekend is: **25-27 April 2025** at 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 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.



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**



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