



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 25 December 2023—Year B

Dear parishioners,

My heart is filled with gratitude as I look back at the year 2023. Grateful for the many blessings that God has showered upon our parish during this time. Many people comment on how vibrant our community is. This is a gift and we all contribute to sustain this through the many ways that we minister in our parish community. We are a welcoming community and this is evident in seeing the many new and younger families walking through our doors seeking God in the community. I believe that our churches are becoming very 'child friendly' in the way we have reorganised our church foyers (narthex) to make it a place of welcome and creating a space for children to play and learn about Jesus. A big thanks to our beautiful children's liturgy coordinators.

I would like to thank all our ministries and other volunteers in our parish who have worked tirelessly to bring Christ to all through their service. Your contribution makes our church a place where the mercy and compassion of Christ is present. Thank you!

Our parish FETE was a happy highlight where everyone came together to celebrate what we are as a community. A huge 'thank you' to all who made it possible, particularly the FETE committee and the stall holders and all the volunteers for their hard work and commitment.

Our parish staff are a wonderful team who make it their vocation to serve the community with generous hearts. I cannot thank them enough for their support throughout the year. It makes me very happy to see them joyful at work and always ready to reach out to parishioners. They have gone way beyond their call to attend to the needs of our people. Thank you!!!

Personally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your love and care, particularly on display for my 50th birthday. I am still reading some of your wishes and it makes me cry every time as I realise how much I am loved. I am humbled and overwhelmed by your pure love. I am forever grateful and indebted!

I do pray and hope that our God will continue to guide us in the new year 2024 as we endeavour to bring the joy, healing and comfort of the Lord to many.

"Be happy at all times and pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body...God has called you and God will not fail you" (Thess 5:16-24. our second reading from last Sunday)

Merry Christmas and a happy new year 2024!
God bless you and your families in this season of special grace.

You are in my prayers as I know I am in yours.
Dispin John



**"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

St James: NO MASS

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

Services:

St Vincent De Paul:

Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood 9870 9124

Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330

Furniture Pick-Ups 1800 621 349

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

Faith Formation, Social & Others

Weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday 9th January

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ ST JOHN'S

*God, thank You for this day
and for the love shared by all on this Holy day.
We remain eternally grateful for the gift of Jesus
into our world, and we pray that our eyes be opened
to the ways in which He continues to be active in
our lives, blessing us each day.
Amen.*

The Parish Office is closed and will reopen on Tuesday 16th January. For emergencies please call the office mobile 0402 330 128, send an email mitcham@cam.org.au or call Fr Dispin on 0413 683 153

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

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



St Vincent de Paul—December—Food Donations 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 will reopen
on Monday 29th January
Monday— Friday 10am—4pm
Saturdays 10am—1pm**

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**

Jan 30/31	St Johns 6.00pm	St John's 8.30am	St. John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am
C'Tator	M Bredhauer	A Buchanan	L Kho	B Rudin
Lector	A Livy		M Gartland	D Wates
Eucharist	M Livy	R Jess	G Gartland	A Glenn
	E Booth	J Kaithavelil	M Lafferty	P Darmody
	R McIntosh	A Tham	C Bramble	M Holmes
				S Dowd
Laptop operator			J Curtis	D Garcia

