



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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HAPPY EASTER Sunday 31 March 2024 —Year B

Joseph

I am Joseph. The man who owned the tomb.
I watched the crucifixion of Jesus
with most of his friends from a distance.

You might say I often felt I was dead in myself,
hanging around the edge of the crowd with him,
asking questions with Nicodemus.

Jesus didn't seem to mind that -
come close when you want to, no pressure -
was the impression he gave, and I feel closer to him now.

Life was privileged for me, no big problems,
enough money and family connections, but it was very dead.
I'm like people who have never forgiven themselves,
or who are too scared to love someone,
or who find it hard to feel with another person even when they want to,
or who thought that Jesus would ask too much.

All he asked of me was my tomb, and I'm glad now to be rid of that.
I loved my security, in life and death -
I planned where I'd be buried in laws and fears and whispers of joy.

Now I fell born again, refreshed by the water of his side
Like the water of a womb.

I knew when I gave that tomb away,
I was getting back the gift of life.

Then I was the owner of a tomb,
Now I have been gifted with the fullness of his life.



**"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: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

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	



Lord, help us in times
when we feel that you have
been removed from our lives
and we do not know
where to find you.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Kathleen Box, Angiolina Del Tondo and Janice Graham**



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 6/7	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	L Hennessy M Solomons	M McMahon J Magree	D Vecci R Horner	A Menon P Spencer	A&F Puls S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin M Baulch	B O'Reilly B Mills T McLaughlin	G Gill R Elliott L Iacobucci	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator Children Liturgist		C Vymel	T Wang	T Borges	

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

Easter Prayer

God,

may we feel the warm embrace
of your love on this sacred day.

May the glory of Jesus's resurrection
remind us that with You,
nothing is impossible or without hope.

We pray in Your name.

Amen.

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.

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



The Funeral Service for

Barbara Arapakis

will be celebrated on

Thursday 4th 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!

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!

PROJECT COMPASSION

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through
Project Compassion. Together, we can help
vulnerable communities face their challenges
today and build a better tomorrow, for all future
generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas
Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten
appeal.

**You can bring your envelope/box collection to the church
this weekend and leave them in the box in the Narthex or
you can bring them to the Parish Office during the week.**



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— MARCH—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

The bookshop will be closed
from Good Friday 29 March
and reopen on Tuesday 2nd April



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

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS

Have you been considering whether an overseas
professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting
to share your skills with communities in the Pacific,
Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and
sustainable solutions to poverty?

Come to Palms' [Discovery information session](#) at
Sacred Heart Oakleigh on 22 April. Meet our director
Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more
about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: Sacred Heart PRIMARY School

Address: 2 Mora Ave, Oakleigh

Date: Monday 22nd April 2024

Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.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.

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.

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