



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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HAPPY EASTER!

Sunday 5 April —Year A

They have taken the Lord out of the tomb



She had come back to the tomb,
a woman who missed Jesus,
as we visit the graves of our loved ones.

She couldn't wait and arrived in the darkness.
And don't we often go to God in our darkness?

Our darkness of grief, doubt, sadness;
the days we feel downcast, let-down,
hopeless about a job,
anxious about a child,
worried over an exam;
we go to God in our deadness and darkness.

Like Mary going to the tomb;
something had died in her
when Jesus died.

In her darkness she went
where she would find some hope:
to the tomb of the One who gave her life.

And she found life again; but not immediately.
Maybe then there were glimmers of hope,
like joy returning slowly at times in life.
With the disciples who gradually recognized
that his promise of rising again was true,
she knew again the light and the joy she once had.

We go to the tomb of Jesus in our own darkness,
in our hope that peace, courage and good times will follow.
Let Easter nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and keep alive our love
that the Lord is risen.

Nobody took the Lord out of the tomb!
He was raised from death by God his Father.
He is risen indeed.
Like the apostles may we believe this truly;
He is risen indeed,
Alleluia.

St John the Evangelist Parish acknowledges 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

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 trish.chaston@cam.org.au

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 and Fr Maurie Cooney

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 38

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 of the Apostles 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Weekday Masses

St John's

Tue No Mass

Wed No Mass

Thur No Mass

Fri 10am Mass

Our Lady's

6pm Mass

9.15am Mass



Alleluia! Christ is risen! And we are risen too! With this joyous Easter we are given a fresh new start to rise up and give life to others and to open our hearts wider to God's grace. Alleluia!

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 **Shaun Kelly, Siri Weeratunge and Edward Chong**



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."

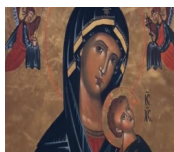
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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**



April 11/12	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 De Almeida M Campbell	V Burnie T Wursthorn	T Black C Black	E Umashankar M Day
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan J Phoa	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart N Wursthorn L Iacobucci	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen S Kuruppu T Luna	S Solomons M Kristan
Laptop operator	C Kohomb.	A Bogoda	G Gill		
Children Liturgist					

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

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.



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.



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 6th May**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 4 May. All are welcome.



ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 24 April

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no Mass on next Tuesday and Wednesday 7 and 8 April

Weekday Masses will resume on Friday 10 April at 10am Mass

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent. You can bring your envelope/box collection to the church and leave them in the box in the Narthex or you can bring them to the Parish Office during the week.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2026

"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



Wanting more than the clamour and busy-ness at Mass? 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 in the church on the night. Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **13 April at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR MEMBERS OF MINISTRIES AT ST. JOHN PARISH MITCHAM

2nd May 2026

10:30 am to 6 pm

Mass @ 6 pm

Coghlan Centre

St. John's Parish—Mitcham

Facilitator:

Fr. Matthew Tonini is a Carmelite priest and Chaplain of Whitefriars College in Donvale

The retreat will provide opportunities for reflection, spiritual growth, and building our faith community. The retreat will also foster a connection/reconnection of ministry members in the spirit of service.

Cost: \$20.00 (morning & afternoon tea, and lunch)

RSVP: Friday 17 April 2026

Contact: Parish Office 94016366

mitcham@cam.org.au

BUILDING THE SYNODAL WAY TOGETHER

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The *Synodal Way* calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- **Listening with an open heart** to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- **Engaging in meaningful conversation**, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- **Strengthening our sense of communion**, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.

Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email:

Synod2026@cam.org.au

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We are currently offering 2 weekends in 2026.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

April 24 - 26th

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantima South.

November 6 - 8th

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

Acts of the Apostles

Scripture Study

Part 1: Chapters 1-15

During the coming Easter season, read about the beginning of the early church, as the Apostles spread the Gospel from Jerusalem to the world.

Beginning Tuesday **April 14th** for six weeks

Mornings: 10.45am – 12.15pm

St John's Church

Evenings: 7.30 – 9pm

Home in Patrick Court, Mitcham

(Zoom option available)

• For Bible 'beginners' as well as those with more experience

• Personal study between sessions (1-2 hours)

• Weekly group meeting and discussion

• Wrap-up video lecture that develops and clarifies the themes of the session

Cost: \$30 for the course book

Facilitator: Lorraine McCarthy

More information and registration:

Email: lorraine613@bigpond.com

Link: <https://forms.gle/ob3u44hs9AcW2ToXA>



ST VINCENT DE PAUL— APRIL—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**



National Walk for Truth 2026, April 19-May 27th

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: Truth and Justice

The Walk for Truth is a national journey led by Travis Lovett, an Aboriginal - Kerrupmara Gunditjmarra - man, and former Deputy Chair and Commissioner, of Victoria's Truth Telling / **Yoorrook Justice Commission**. Travis is currently the Executive Director of the Centre for Truth Telling and Dialogue, University of Melbourne calling for truth-telling, healing and meaningful change. All are invited to take part in the **National Walk for Truth**, travelling from Victorian Parliament in Melbourne/ Naarm to Parliament House in Canberra on Ngunnawal and Ngambri Country. The walk begins at Victorian Parliament House, where the first Walk for Truth (2025) concluded, and continues to Parliament House in Canberra, where participants will call for national truth-telling, healing and meaningful change. The **National Walk for Truth** calls on the Federal Government to commit to a national truth-telling process developed in genuine partnership with First Nations peoples. Will you join us? The walk begins on Sunday 19 April and concludes in Canberra on Wednesday 27 May, during National Reconciliation Week. Expected dates for each leg of the walk are listed [here/](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/national-walk-for-truth-tickets-1984591691172) at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/national-walk-for-truth-tickets-1984591691172> You are invited to **"Walk with us"**. And, or please show your support by signing the open letter to the Prime Minister calling for a national truth-telling commission [here](https://www.walkfortruth.com/). For more information go to <https://www.walkfortruth.com/>. To join us on part of the walk contact Georgina / Michael Gartland on 0412 396 388 or 0480 111/255

✦ ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP ✦

1st Sunday of Every Month

5PM-8PM

Next gathering will be held on Sunday 3rd May

We start at **5PM Mass**

Then head to the Zebedee Room for:

- 🍷 Pizza 🗨 Real conversations
- 📖 Bible reflections (Sunday readings)

🎮 Games + good vibes

A place to belong, to grow and to have fun.

Bring a friend & come through!

For more info please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.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

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

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