



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 24 March 2024 —Year B

Walking on wounded feet

The crowd cheered him,
'Blessings on him,' they roared,
waving flags of palm,
'for he comes to us in God's name.'
And a few days later they cheered again,
this time for his death,
and blessings on a public robber, Barabbas.

A fickle people.
We wonder why?
What changed them?

Like Peter later,
they would say,
'I don't know the man,'
for the man they saw later in the week
was, in their eyes, a different man.

The king had become a spectacle,
bloodied, mocked, rejected.
who wants a leader like that?

Jesus didn't want acclamation,
he had been trying to day all along,
that he was a different type of king.

And so he chose a donkey,
as his chariot.
They saw their own hopes
for a leader who would overthrow their oppressors,
and didn't see real Jesus.

The leadership of Jesus has lasted longer
than any of the public leadership of the time,
because he was king of love, compassion,
and walked the way of his cross -
carried by his wounded feet and the help of a friend,
and guided by the hand of God his Father.



**"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: Isaiah 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11
Tue: Isaiah 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: Isaiah 50:4-9 Mt 26:14-25

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	No Mass
Fri	No Mass	



Hosanna means "Please, save us!" Jesus did save us, just not in the way people expected. Two thousand years later, we reflect on that saving grace Jesus brought, and the cost. We pray that we may be able to stay with you, Lord, amid the trials you endured.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Sharon Tarulli and Brian Clancy** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Patrick Doherty, Neville Johnson, Mary Noronha, Anne Delaney, Basil Pope, Philip and Nobert Saldana**



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**



Mar 23/24	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	M Bredhauer	B Mills	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Lectors	A Livy	H De Kauwue	L Kho	B Rudin	K Holewa
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	R Jess J Kaithavelil A Tham	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble	A Glenn P Darmody M Holmes	C Kook
			S Dowd		
Laptop operator			J Curtis	D Garcia	
Children Liturgist		N Christina	Z Dawson		

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

**Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.**

HOLY LAND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2024

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The reality of the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.



The Funeral Service for

Sharon Tarulli

will be celebrated on

Tuesday 26th March at 11.30am

Brian Clancy

will be celebrated on

Wednesday 27th March at 11.30am

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, **25th 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!

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES

ST JOHN'S	OUR LADY'S
HOLY THURSDAY 28 March	
Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by quiet prayer	
7.30pm	6.00pm
GOOD FRIDAY 29 March	
9.30am Stations of the Cross	11am Stations of the Cross
3pm Commemoration of the Passion	3pm Commemoration of the Passion
HOLY SATURDAY 30 March—Easter Vigil	
7.30pm	5.00pm
EASTER SUNDAY 31 March—Easter Masses	
8.30am	9.30am
10.30am	

PROJECT COMPASSION



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of

compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

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.

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

Share the Joy of the Risen Lord!

You are invited to the

Easter Lunch

**at St John's
on Sunday 31st March at 12.30pm**

If you are spending Easter by yourself or if you simply want to share the joy of the Risen Lord with other people please join us at the Easter lunch that will be held at St John's in the Coghlan centre.

The food will be offered by the Parish and you are invited to bring a sweet plate that you normally love to eat at Easter to share.

If anyone feels to give a donation for the lunch please contact the parish office and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

RSVP by Friday 29th March at the Parish office by phone 9401 6366 or by email

mitcham@cam.org.au

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!

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