



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 10 March 2024 —Year B

That we may not be lost

To be lost is frightening experience,
like a child losing a parent in a big shop.
Maybe losing direction in marriage or a job,
losing health, good looks, life itself.

When we're lost we need signpost,
or some way of finding direction.

Jesus is our way, our direction
our signpost through life to God.

He is lifted up;
so that in every dangerous experience of life,
we can see him, our risen Lord on Calvary.

In illness or depression, we know his presence,
in poverty and injustice, we know his care,
in mourning and loss, we know his compassion,
in our efforts to ease the pain of others,
we know he is with us,
we are his hand, his heart, his love today.

He is lifted up,
never out of our sight,
for God gave his only Son
so that we might not be lost,
but have eternal 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 & 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 65:17-21	Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ezekiel 47:1-9. 12	Jn 5:1-3. 5-16
Wed: Isaiah 49:8-15	Jn 5:17-30
Thur: Exodus 32:7-14	Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22	Jn 7:1-2. 10. 25-30
Sat: Jeremiah 11:18-20	Jn 7:40-52

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

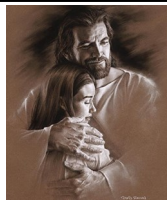
John 12:20-33

Weekday Masses

St John's

Our Lady's

Tue 10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed 10am Mass	
Thur No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri 9am SJV	
10am SJM	



As children of light may we have hearts that believe in Jesus and respond in love to people who are caught in the darkness.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Lucia Ricci, Ralph Colella and Peter Wong** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Anthony Winter, Paul Hay, Angelo Facciolo, Bessi and Jim 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**



Mar 16/17	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 R Smith G Smith A Jones	T Harkin A Coyne A Martonyi	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator	T Tan		Erica		
Children Liturgist		A Wursthorn	M Hendrianto		

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



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

Matilda Sofia Vega-Garzon, Beatrice Hiraya Rana Garcia, Anastacia Eeya Rana Garcia

*into the life of the Catholic Church
through the Community of St John's*



The Funeral Service for

Lucia Ricci

**Friday 15th March at 11am Rosary
followed by the Funeral Mass**

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

A prayer for Christian community:

Lord, show us how to nurture true Christian community in our lives this year. Give us the initiative and insight to know how to cultivate a greater love for God's people. Help us to share our lives with one another in such a way that the people we meet are ultimately drawn closer to you.

THANK YOU

Claudio & Loredana Iacobucci and their family would like to thank Fr Dispin, the parish team and the parishioners for their prayers and comfort in this difficult time

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

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, **11th 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



**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.

CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

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

When: Tuesday 19 March

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES

ST JOHN'S

OUR LADY'S

PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

Thursday **21 March** 7pm

Friday **22 March** 7pm

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

3pm Commemoration of the Passion

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HOLY SATURDAY 30 March—Easter Vigil

7.30pm

5.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31 March—Easter Masses

8.30am

10.30am

9.30am

PROJECT COMPASSION

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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

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.

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 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

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 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, biscuits, long life milk.** All Enquiries to Ross Hancock 0419 117 343



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/?>

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**