



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 14 April 2024 —Year B

From darkness to light



In all the Easter work of Jesus,
he led the disciples,
out of darkness into light,
out of sadness into joy,
out of isolation into community,
giving the living bread of hope
for the dry bread of their disappointment.

He did this by sharing himself with them,
sharing the scripture that spoke of him,
and the bread that was his body.

No long instructions,
no long exhortations,
just the openness
of sharing himself with them.

This is the pleas to us, his Church:
be light in darkness,
be joy in sadness,
be community in isolation,
be Eucharist to dry bread,
be wholeness to broken life.

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 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1 Jn 6:30-35
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 8:1-8 Jn 6:35-40
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

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	

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Emma Drew and Rudy Pereira** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Ted Clifford, Virginia Cada, Olga Wates and Carmel Killackey**



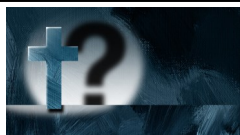
Tuesday Mass for healing of the sick



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



Today,
Jesus is asking the questions,
to which he is the answer.
Lord, open our hearts
to the surprising ways you reveal yourself.

Apr 20/21	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	S Rodrigues G Rodrigues	C Ryan A Buchanan	N Vernal H Wursthorn	KJ Kiekebosh D Kennedy	E Umashankar M Day
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith A Jones	T Harkin A Coyne A Martonyi Erica	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry	S Solomons
Laptop operator Children Liturgist	T Tan				

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

"The road that Jesus walked".

When we read the New Testament,
we read about the life of Jesus.

A baby born in a barn and grew up to preach and to heal.
Jesus performed many miracles on earth.

He was arrested and crucified.

Jesus, God the man who died and risen for all our sins.
Jesus came to serve, to teach, to heal and to love.

The sacrifice of His crucifixion,
an act of love and reconciliation.

What would life be if Jesus choose to travel
on another road?

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH



The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 1st May**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 29 April. All are welcome.



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



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Ezra Micah Peiris, Joshua Gordon Sharples,
Allegra Stephanie Margariti**

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



The funeral service for **Emma Drew** will be celebrated at St Simon's Rowville on Tuesday **16th 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, **22 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!

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.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2024

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

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!

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

TOWARDS WHOLENESS – FROM FEAR TO LOVE

Come for a weekend retreat (non-residential) on

Jungian psychology and Ignatian spirituality

at Campion Spirituality Centre

99 Studley Park Rd, Kew.

Saturday 25 May (9:30 am – 4 pm)

Sunday 26 May (10 am – 1 pm)

Jungian psychology helps our understanding of the Ignatian practices of Imaginative Contemplation and the Examen as ways to discover our deeper, true self and God.

Cost: \$55 for Saturday or

\$75 for both Saturday and Sunday

(Saturday lunch provided)

Contact: Susie Hii

Email: susiehii.hc@gmail.com

Mobile: 0410 981 080

RSVP: 20 May

Facilitator: **Dr Susie Hii, MBBS, FRACP**

(spiritual director, master of spirituality, medical practitioner)

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/?>

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

St Vincent de Paul Mitcham Conference Report to the Parish for the 6 months year ending 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Number of home visits	132	123
Number of adults assisted	201	172
Number of children assisted	105	96
Number of bread runs	24	24
Number of Christmas hampers provided	88	80
Number of gift cards in Christmas hampers	160	137

Assistance given:

Christmas hampers gift vouchers, donated and purchased.	\$4,550	\$3,885
Education	\$2,350	
Food, donated and purchased (including food in Christmas hampers)	\$7,970	\$5,991
Furniture	\$247	\$439
Medical		\$460
Supermarket food vouchers	\$10,080	\$7,650
Transport assistance	\$1,760	\$1,355
Utility bills	\$581	\$100
Vinnies Shop Cards	\$3,125	\$2,675
Whitegoods		\$664
Total assistance	\$30,663	\$23,219

Income

Card making group	\$1,500	\$1,500
Christmas/Winter Appeal	\$1,400	\$3,947
Donations	\$5,505	\$5,095
House of Books	\$14,000	\$1,200
Parish Fete	\$1,000	\$1,200
Piety Stall	\$885	\$1,122
Ringwood Court		\$5,000
Total income	\$24,290	\$19,064

Please note that the deficit for the period has been funded by Vinnies Victoria.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— APRIL—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**



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**