



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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HAPPY EASTER

Sunday 20 April 2025 —Year C

New Life

And the tomb was empty.
It's empty not because we took him out,
but because God called him
into new, triumphant, risen life.
Jesus is alive.

Tomb is a place that is cold, empty, fearful.
We don't think of it as a place of life,
yet in the tomb Jesus was called
from the coldness of death to the warmth of new life,
from the emptiness of death to the fullness of new consolation,
from the dread of nothingness to the confidence of new mission.

The clothes left behind,
rolled up,
never to be used again.
For life is new,
and on a new day
we wear new clothes.

The clothes of death give way to the bright colours of resurrection,
and injustice gives way to care and compassion,
hurt and violence to reconciliation.
The hand of friendship is stretched out to another,
and people just try to make it together.

Old clothes no longer needed,
angers long smouldering put out
with new hope, new life
and a new vision of God.
And fears once crippling new life
evaporate into confidence
the wearers are raised to new life,
new love and work for God.

For the tomb of Jesus is the place of light
and the tomb of Jesus is the space of eternity.



St John the Evangelist Parish acknowledge 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

Business Manager: Margaret Harrington

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 Maurice 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

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 5:12-16

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	No Mass	No Mass
Wed	No Mass	
Thur	No Mass	No Mass
Fri	10am Mass	9.15am Mass

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Patrick Cronin, Olga Wates, Pauline Flynn, John Bredhauer, Kevin Taggart, Joan Kuhn and Barry Brindle**



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**



*The Resurrection is
already at work within
us, remaking us,
birthing us to new life.*

April 26/27	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	L Kho	B Rudin	C Lobo
Lectors	A Livy	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	K Holewa
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	J Kaithavelil A Tham	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowd R Jess	C Kook
Laptop operator			J Curtis	D Garcia	
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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2025

"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, **21 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!



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.



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

WEEKDAY MASSES

There will be no Mass on next Tuesday and Wednesday 22 and 23 April



Anzac Day will be celebrated on Friday **25th April**

9.15am Mass at Our Lady
10am Mass at St John's

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 25th April
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



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.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind. Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.



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.

St John's Parish 2025 Women's Retreat Weekend

The Power of Presence:

Connecting Through Prayer

Has it been a while since you feel you have connected with God?

You are invited to our parish weekend for women!

When: Friday June 27, 7.30pm to Sunday June 29, 3pm

Where: Pallotti College, McNamara's Rd, Millgrove

Accommodation: in own room with shared bathroom

This retreat offers a chance to slow down, listen and connect with God in fresh and meaningful ways. Come and experience a variety of ways to pray, as well as enjoying rest and the fellowship of other parish women.

Facilitated by Kathleen Ward and including a session with Gen Bryant

For further information and to book:

<https://forms.gle/nzNdxxEfCDWSu3zq8>

or contact Lorraine at lorraine613@bigpond.com

Please come!

CARER CONNECT GROUP

Are you a carer? Do you feel a bit overwhelmed at times? Maybe you might like to come along to the Carer Connect Group!

When: Every second Saturday of the month, 10:00-11:30 am

Where: 8a Surrey St, Ringwood

Who: For anyone in a caring role - whether you are a parent looking after a child with special needs, somebody caring for an elderly relative, a partner, or working in the caring professions.

What: A time to chat, share our wins and struggles, connect with God during a gentle meditation, and share our self care tips so you can carry on being the amazing carer you are! Call or message Alys on 0400896542 if you would like to come along.

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 7 May** For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 5 May. All are welcome.



Save with CDF Community Fund – it's in **everyone's best interest.**



By opening a savings account or Term Investment, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, but your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of savings accounts, including **5.10% p.a.* on a 6-month Term Investment**, it's a way to save while doing good.

To find out more, visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer, scan the QR code, or speak to us on 1800 134 135.

*Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.

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.

FINDING SOLUTIONS

Looking at how to cope with what life throws at you? Trying to find peace and happiness in a troubled time? Call Clare to have a chat in a safe place. I can do face to face, online or phone counselling.

Email: counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com

Phone: 0409 990 907

Registered Counsellor with Australian Counselling Association. Change is only a conversation away.

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— 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**



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.

Join the Knights of the Southern Cross National Jubilee Pilgrimage!

When: May 25–28, 2025

To secure your place on this extraordinary journey, request a booking form and payment details at

Email kscvic@bigpond.com or

Telephone (03) 9899 9612

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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