



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Feast of the Epiphany Sunday January 7 2018 — Year B

Christ is born for us

The Magi from the East symbolise all of us who were not born into the faith of Judaism. The distance they travelled in miles parallels the distance in time that Christianity has travelled to this day. In their wisdom they recognise in the lowly scene the birth of a great king and they bow in honour.

There is still a need for wisdom to acknowledge the presence of God with us. Over the centuries knowledge has replaced wisdom for many, and the wealth of scientific discoveries can hide the truth that we are not masters of our own destiny. We come into this world as travellers and the gifts we accumulate do not fully satisfy the longings of our hearts. The wisdom of the Magi leads them to place their gifts at the feet of the Christ-child, and they journey home with lightened loads and enlightened hearts. May we know this wisdom to surrender our gifts and experience such enlightenment.

Sundays under the Southern Cross - Mary Coloe PBVM

"St John's Parish community, committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards"

Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times at St. John's
Saturday Vigil, 6pm, then 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Pastoral Associate:

Maree O'Keefe (Tuesday-Friday Sunday am)

Pastoral Care:

Monika Bredhauer—Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry
 Parish Office—Coordination of Communion to the Sick

Schools

St John's School, 494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 9874 1575

Principal: Mrs Jacqui Marshall

St. James School, 51 Centre Road, Vermont, 9874 1830

Acting Principal: Mrs Carmel Foster

Parish Office

Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Ph: 98731341

Parish Secretaries:

Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday & Friday)

Elisa Kelesidis (Tuesday-Friday)

RE for Government Schools:

Andrew Puls—0407 352 706

Services: St Vincent de Paul Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood 9870 9124

The House of Books (house next door to the Church) **9874 2389**

- **St Vincent de Paul Furniture Pick-Ups 1800 621 349**

- **St Vincent de Paul Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330**



Faith Formation, Social & Others

Please check Newsletter for times of weekday Masses throughout January.

Weekday Masses this week— St John's

Monday	Church closed
Tuesday	Church closed
Wednesday	Church closed
Thursday	Church closed
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	No 9am Morning Prayer and Communion Service till 3 Feb 2018
	9.30am Reconciliation

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for all those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially, **Marjorie Healy, Ron O'Donnell, Jack Darmody, Clive McCorkell.**



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

In darkness there is no choice. It is light that enables us to see the difference between things. And it is Christ who gives us light.
 C. T. Witmell



The Parish Office will be open Friday January 12th on reduced hours from 9am-1pm. The Parish Office will resume normal working hours from Tuesday 16th January 2018 9am-4pm.

It is unfortunate to advise that due to health issues of the projectionist, and after 28 years of providing this wonderful service, the Plaza Cinema Group will no longer continue operating. We thank him for his generosity and dedication to the preservation of classic films and our parish is most fortunate to be given this opportunity and shall miss his passion and his enthusiasm for his art.



Jan 13 & 14	St Johns	St John's	St. John's	St John's	St. John's	St. James
	6.00pm	8.30am	9.45am	11.15am	5.00pm	9.30am
C'Tator	J David	K Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	T Black	M Greenwood	
Lector	P Richards	C Anderson	V Burnie	C Black	M Day	W Fitzpatrick
Eucharist	P Bateman	R Smith	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	J Matarazzo
	C Pearson	G Smith	D Matchado	N Flores	P Wallace	H Lucas
	B Meehan	H de Kauwe	S Harrison	T Fernandes	S Solomons	
	M Perkins		K Callinan-Moore	T Vaz		
Laptop	J Sexton	F Foley	N Santamaria	C Andrade	S Chan	
Children's Liturgy	Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2018					

