



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday 13 January 2019 — Year C

Sons and daughters of God

Into the water of Jordan
Jesus descended,
as he had descended from heaven to earth,
as he would later descend into the underworld;

he entered fully into the depths of the river,
into the depths of humanity,
into everything that is human
and then he heard the words of God,
You are my Son, the Beloved.

A big moment for Jesus,
a moment when he knew God was with him,
that he was loved and was on the path of God.

Moments like when we knew we were loved by God,
on a mountain walk,
a stroll by the sea,
a time of prayer,
a conversation with a friend,
a time when we knew we were helping someone,
times when we have plunged into the depths
and discovered the love of God.

Moments like illness and bereavement,
anxiety about a child or parent,
staying with someone in times of trouble:
then we have discovered something
not always seen or heard,
a faith born from the depths
of our human experience
that we are sons and daughters of God.

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

“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)

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle 0423 065 825

Bereavement Ministry:

Monika Bredhauer

Schools

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

Principal: Mrs Jacqui Marshall

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

Principal: Mr Dave Mutimer

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

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

- 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	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass 11am Funeral Mass for Charles Mizzi
Thursday	Church Closed
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	No 9am Morning Prayer and Communion Service till Feb 2019

No Reconciliation

 **The Parish Office will resume normal working hours from Tuesday 15 January 2019 9am-4pm.**




ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

Looking for anyone who may be able to wash and iron Church linen on a weekly basis. If so please contact the Parish Office on 9873 1341.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Charles Arthur Mizzi** and for all those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially, **Ron O'Donnell, Nell Mears, Bill Mears, Elizabeth Stephens, John Jansen, Thomas Bowen, Jack Darmody, Steffie Vonic, Steve Vidic, Geraldine Hortin, Leo Hortin.**



 **Christian Meditation**—Our next gathering will be on **Monday evening, 14th January at 7.30pm.** Join our dedicated group of meditating parishioners in the conducive quiet of the **parish meeting room.** We plan to increase the frequency of our gatherings, from monthly to fortnightly. You are most welcome to join us. Consistent meditation is known to help with everything from raised blood pressure to depression; even practiced occasionally, it helps calm our busy minds. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you must try this. All are welcome. Free of charge. The parish meeting room is entered from the rear of the parish centre. All enquiries: **Chris Ryan 9874 5940.**

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group

When one door closes, another door opens; but we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that do not see the ones which open for us. *Alexander Graham Bell*

Jan 19/20	St Johns 6.00pm	St John's 8.30am	St. John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St. John's 5.00pm	St. James 9.30am
C'Tator	L D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	
Lector	L Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosch	B Jordan	A Rouse
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	N Winter
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	S Partridge	H Lucas
	Y Martin	G Smith	A Martonyi	L Iacobucci	M Campbell	
			A Coyne	M Hegarty		
Laptop	R Saldhana	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy family A Jordan		
Welcome Desk	J & L David	P Bowen/J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan	
No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays						

