



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Easter Sunday April 1st—Year B

Joseph

I'm Joseph, the man who owned the tomb.
I watched the crucifixion of Jesus
with most of his friends from a distance.

You might say I often felt I was dead in myself,
hanging around the edge of the crowd with him,
asking questions with Nicodemus.

Jesus didn't seem to mind that—
come close when you want to,
no pressure—
was the impression he gave,
and I feel closer to him now.

Life was privileged for me,
no big problems,
enough money and family connections,
but it was very dead.

I'm like people who have never forgiven themselves,
or who are too scared to love someone,
or who find it hard to feel with another person even when
they want to,
or who thought that Jesus would ask too much.

All he asked of me was my tomb,
and I'm glad now to be rid of that.
I loved my security, in life and death—
I planned where I'd be buried,
and sure, I lived my life half-buried
in laws and fears and whispers of joy.

Now I feel born again,
refreshed by the water of his side
like the water of a womb.
I knew when I gave that tomb away,
I was getting back the gift of life.

Then I was the owner of a tomb,
now I have been gifted with the fullness of his life.

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 9.30am St James Vermont

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Pastoral Associate:

Maree O'Keefe (Tuesday-Friday Sunday am)

Pastoral Care:

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

Parish Office

Office hours:
Monday-Friday 9am-4pm Ph: **98731341**

Parish Secretaries:
Martine Giles (Monday-Wednesday & Friday)
Elisa Kelesidis (Tuesday—Friday)

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 David Mutimer

Services: St Vincent de Paul Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood **9870 9124** - St Vincent de Paul Furniture Pick-Ups **1800 621 349**
The House of Books (house next door to the Church) **9874 2389** - St Vincent de Paul Welfare Assistance **1800 305 330**

RE for Government Schools:

Andrew Puls 0407 352 706

Scripture Readings for week

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| Mon: Acts 2:14 22-33 | Matthew 28:8-15 |
| Tue: Acts 2:36-41 | John 20:11-18 |
| Wed: Acts 3:1-10 | Luke 24:13-35 |
| Thur: Acts 3:11-26 | Luke 24:35-48 |
| Fri: Acts 4:1-12 | John 21:1-14 |
| Sat: Acts 4:13-21 | Mark 16:9-15 |
| Sun: 2nd Sunday of Easter | |
| Acts 4:32-35 | |
| 1 John 5:1-6 | John 20:19-31 |

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Isla Grace Hill.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, Tony, Egan, Ida Egan, Owen Egan, Catherine Goonawardena, Basil Pope.

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

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| Monday | Church Closed |
| Tuesday | Church Closed |
| Wednesday | Church Closed |
| Thursday | No 9.15am SJV |
| Friday | 10am Mass |
| Saturday | 9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service No 9.30am Reconciliation |

Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Anne McAllister from Sunday 1 April to Friday 6 April at 7.30pm.

Enquiries Helen 9874 7024



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group



***Happiness is not something ready made:
It comes from your own actions.
Dali Lama***

| April 7 / 8 | St Johns 6pm | St. Johns 8.30am | St. Johns 9.45am | St Johns 11.15am | St John's 5pm | St James 9.30am |
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| C'Tator | S Rodrigues | C Anderson | V Burnie | T Black | M Day | |
| Lector | J David | L Thorneycroft | D Ranjit | C Black | M Greenwood | A Rouse |
| Eucharist | P Bateman | R Smith | P Taggart | M Crowe | T Rhynehart | J McCarthy |
| | C Pearson | G Smith | D Matchado | N Flores | P Wallace | H Lucas |
| | M Perkins | H de Kauwe | S Harrison | T Fernandes | S Solomons | |
| | B Meehan | | K Callinan-Moore | T Vaz | | |
| Laptop | J Sexton | F Foley | N Santamaria | C Andrade | S Chan | |
| Welcome Desk | C Nicolas | B Francis | | A Monks | | |



Catholic Social Teaching—What Can I Do About it here and now?

BE A GOOD EGG DURING EASTER 2018

Children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school.

Most of these children have never tasted chocolate and they never will. Chocolate eaters around the world have made a difference already. A decade ago, slavery-free chocolate was hard to find in our shops.

What You Can Do?

Join with millions of people around the world who now buy and eat only slavery-free chocolate. To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these certification labels on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest, Alliance and UTZ.



Talk about slavery-free-chocolate—tell five friends or family members about slavery-free chocolate.

Pick your favourite Easter chocolate. Find out if it is slavery-free chocolate. If it is not slavery free chocolate, then write to the manufacturer i.e. Lindt, Cadbury etc and ask them when they plan to make the product using cocoa certified to be slavery free.



The **Anointing Mass & Luncheon** is to be held on **Friday 13 April at 11.30am** followed by a luncheon in the **Coghlan Centre.** (no cost involved)

For catering purposes and /or transport please ring the Parish Office on 9873 1341. It would be greatly appreciated if you could reply by Monday 9 April.

Thank you to those parishioners who offered to be a **Prayer Sponsor for our Confirmation Candidates.** You will receive a letter in the post including a profile of the child. Your letters/cards for your Confirmation Candidate need to be dropped in at the Parish Office or in the box in the Sacristy by **22 April.** Thanking you again. Maree

MINISTERS TO THE SICK

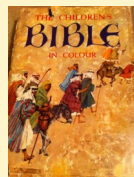
Your help is needed, to bring Communion to the sick and housebound, in the Vermont area. Special ministers are rostered about every 6 weeks. Training and support is available, to help you with this important ministry. Please contact, Bill Fitzpatrick after Mass at St James, or on 9874 8957, or Monika Bredhauer, at the parish office.

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality—please refer to St John’s website for “What’s On What’s New for details of various seminars being offered such as Walking with God in Nature, Sacred Ground, Listening to Turning Earth.

St Vincent de Paul—Piety Stall

Have you visited our new Piety Stall in the Narthex?

We have some beautiful prayer cards for only 25 cents.



- * Rosary Beads with Mary MacKillop
- * Baptism Candles
- * Crucifixes
- * Cards & gifts
- * Rosaries and Rosary cases
- * Prayer Cards
- * Prayer Books for adults & children
- * Holy pictures
- * Bibles for children
- * Books on Saints for children
- * Medals (with & without chain)
- * Scapulars (Green & Brown)
- * Car magnets & key rings

ST VINCENT DE PAUL-April

Coffee, tins of vegetables and 2 minute noodles. Please leave donations in the tub at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.

Conference Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Enquiries to Parish Office for details.

ONLY FOOD ITEMS & small household cleaning & toiletry items are to be placed in the box beside the Piety Stall counter. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIOR

Next week, the Seniors will be going to Morning Melodies at Mitcham Pub. For those going, remember to pay at the hotel before the day for the price of \$15 otherwise you have to pay \$20 on the day. Advance notice for outing on April 18th, we are going to Walhalla a beautiful trip. Don't miss it. Enquiries: **Helen** on **9874 0809**.

The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

*Our next gathering will take place on **Tuesday 10 April at 1.30pm in the Lyons Room.** Enquiries: **Veronica** 9894 4692*

STRONGER YOUTH MELBOURNE EAST

YOUTH GROUP

So excited that Youth Group will be back after Easter—Saturday 7th April. Fr Dispin is joining us to talk about “**why some people believe in God and others don't**”. We would love you to join us for a free feed, some formation and awesome friends. Come and join us for youth lead mass, 6pm on:

Saturday 7 April 2018

and then youth group from 7pm-8.30pm

Contact Lauren: 0431 638 675

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our team at the Noble Park Tutoring Program. This program provides free support in Reversal of invoice 245226 30/9/17 numeracy and literacy to disadvantaged children in the community.

No experience or qualifications are required, however, all volunteers are required to have a Working with Children Check & Police Check.

Volunteers are needed each
Tuesday 3pm-5pm.

Interested people aged over 16 years should contact Lizzie to find out more.

Announcements

Parishioners are welcome to have special moments announced at the end of mass on the weekends. For example, special birthdays, engagements, weddings, births, anniversaries etc. If you wish for a special announcement to be made or if you are a new parishioner could you please advise the Parish Office on 9873 1341 by 12 noon on the Thursday for that particular weekend.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their **Annual Mission Concert** on **Sunday April 15 2018** commencing at **2pm** at **154**

Cotham Rd, Kew. Admission is **free**—a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist Sisters of St John the Baptist, in Dibrugarh, Assam India. They are endeavouring to give an education for poor children.

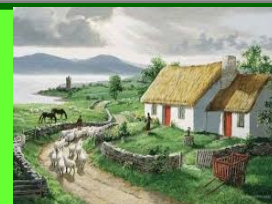
Enquiries: 9817 3715 See flyer on parish website “What's On What's New”



When Irish Eyes are Smiling

Inviting parishioners to join me on the 2018 Celtic and Music Tour of Ireland (September 22—October 6 2018). Enjoy 2 wonderful weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside; experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour (20 people max)

For an itinerary please contact Tour Director Maria Forde on 0411 158 593 or mariaforde1@gmail.com Or go to : www.mariaforde.com and click on Celtic Tour 2018 link then 2018 itinerary.



Welcome

Welcome to our Parish—Please make yourself known at the **Welcome Desk** in the Narthex and collect your **Information Package** which we hope will be of value to you.