



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 5th Sunday of Lent April 2nd 2017 —Year A

### From death to life

**What a way to receive great glory: to die!**

Jesus paints a picture of death and life—  
the ears of corn ripening colourfully in the air of God,  
these will be life-giving food—a miracle of God.  
And when the grain dies and falls into the earth,  
it multiplies, nourishes even more than before.

The glory of the grain of wheat begins when it's buried in clay,  
the glory of Jesus begins on the cross.

The glory of a person is dying to  
the false self,  
the arrogant self,  
the grasping self,  
and rising in the love of God  
in truth, humility, sharing.

We rise and die each day  
as we are called forth in the resurrection of Jesus  
to show to people  
the victory of Jesus in love over hate,  
in reconciliation over bitterness,  
in faith over despair.

Lord Jesus,  
die in us,  
rise in us,  
that we in you may serve our Father.

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

### *PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MISSION STATEMENT*

*To lead and empower the people of our parish to work independently and use their skills  
and gifts to grow the life of our faith community now and into the future.*

## 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

**Visiting Priests**  
Fr John Van Suylen

**Pastoral Associate:**

Maree O'Keefe (Tuesday-Friday Sunday am )

**Pastoral Care:**

Monika Bredhauer—Pastoral Care and Bereavement Ministry  
Kevin Hay—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 Andrew Mullaly

**RE for Government Schools:**

Andrew Puls 0407 352 706

**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**

### Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Daniel 13:1-9	John 8:1-11
Tue Numbers 21:4-9	John 8:21-30
Wed: Daniel 3:14-20 2-25 28	John 8:31-42
Thur: Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
Fri: Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
Sat: Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-56
Sun: <b>Palm Sunday</b>	
Isiah 50:4-7	
Philippians 2:6-11	Matt 26:14—27-66

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Ella Annie Dalton, Harry Michael Kierce, Marcus Karl Iacobaccio, Paige Ruth Connell.**



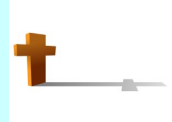
We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Sergio Di Virgilio** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Arthur Tomlinson, George Caruana, Angelo D'Agostino, Desmond Mitchell Winterbine, Cecilia Winterbine, Carmela D'Atri, Noel Biggin, Pat Carroll, Basil Pope, Michael Sazenis.**

### Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Stations of the Cross 9.30am Reconciliation

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Come walk the way to  
Calvary with Jesus**



During **Lent** the **Saturday morning Prayer of the Church** will be replaced by the **Stations of the Cross**, starting at 9am—9.30am.

**Travelling Rosary —will be held at the home of Marg Coghlan from Sunday April 2 to 7 April 9874 5716.**

Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024



April 8 / 9	St Johns 6pm	St. John's 8.30am	St John's 9.45am	St. John's 11.15am	St John's 5pm	St James 9.30am
<b>C'Tator</b>	P Richards	C Anderson	V Burnie	T Black	M Day	
<b>Lector</b>	J David	L Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	C Black	M Greenwood	T Wursthorn
<b>Eucharist</b>	P Bateman	K Thorneycroft	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	R McIntosh
	C Pearson	T Foster	D Tew	N Flores	P Wallace	M Hosie
	M Perkins	J Foster	D Matchado	P Halabut	S Solomons	

**Children's Liturgy**

**Not held during School Holidays**

<b>Laptop</b>	J Sexton	F Foley	N Santamaria	Black family	M Lambert
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	C Nicolas	B Francis	M Davison	A Monks	



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

The People's Community Network, supported by Caritas Australia, is increasing the resilience of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in Fiji to undertake training that will empower them to work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods.

**EASTER DAWN MASS**

Could you please assist in the **6am Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday?** There are a number of roles that need to be filled for this special celebration. Role descriptions and the sign up sheet are at the back of the church. Thank you very much!

**ST JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN – PLAN TO LANDSCAPE AND REDEVELOP**

The St John's Memorial Garden was blessed and opened in 2001 and in 2002 it was again blessed and dedicated as a suitable place for ashes to be interred. Many families now have the remains of their loved ones interred in the Garden. The Parish Leadership team have approved that plans be drawn up to re-develop and landscape the Memorial Garden to make it a place of prayer and reflection in a peaceful and tranquil setting. A sub committee of the Leadership team has been formed to work on this project. These plans will not interfere with existing interments. The surrounds will be landscaped to make the area a pleasant, peaceful area where people are able to sit, reflect and pray. If you have had a family member interred at St Johns, and you have NOT received a letter or have NOT been contacted, could you please contact either the Parish Office on 9873 1341 or Maureen Campbell on 9894 3288. It is hoped to contact families to ensure they are aware of this update and to confirm that there will not be any interference with existing interments.



**PALM SUNDAY—PALMS NEEDED**

We need your help—if you have access to **Cypress branches** and/or **large palm fronds** for decoration in the Church—could you please contact Maree asap on 9873 1341. Thank you



**Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group**

*There's no Wi-Fi in the forest, but I promise you'll find a better connection.*

**ST JOHN'S EASTER TIMETABLE—2017**



**Holy Thursday**—April 13th—Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by quiet prayer—7.30pm

**Good Friday**—April 14th  
March of Witness (Stations of the Cross) 11am  
Commemoration of the Passion—3pm

**Holy Saturday**—April 15th  
Easter Vigil—7.30pm  
(please note no 6pm Mass)

**Easter Sunday**—April 16th  
Dawn Mass  
(followed by Breakfast in the Coghlan Centre  
All Welcome—6am  
Masses—8.30am, 9.45am & 11.15am

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 5PM MASS EASTER SUNDAY**

St James Community Centre Vermont  
9.30am Mass

St Benedict's Parish 295 Warrigal Rd Burwood—Divine Mercy Sunday—23 April at 3pm. Inquiries: Majella 98089708 (Further information see flyers in newsstands)

**MARCH OF WITNESS—GOOD FRIDAY 11AM– 14 APRIL 2017**

Come and join the **March of Witness (Stations of the Cross)** this year. Join with St John's Church, Mitcham and St Thomas' Church, Blackburn and those of other denominations in the area. You will be amazed at the people who join, young and old alike, walking side by side. This year, just as last year, we are in need of what this March represents. The starting point for the March is Blackburn North Nunawading Uniting Church, Nunawading on the corner of O'Shannessy St and Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading, where the March will begin at 11am. The March then proceeds east in the service road stopping for a station reading and prayer along the way. The March concludes at All Saints Anglican Church Mitcham at approximately 12.15pm. A bus is provided for those who would like to join in but are unable to make the walk. The bus will depart St John's at 10.45am. Enquiries Mary: 9874 6051

# Social & Other



## ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL VERMONT OPEN DAYS

With tours at 9am & 10am

Friday 21st April  
Friday 5th May

Or at anytime by appointment  
CALL 9874 1830

### OPEN EVENING

**TUESDAY 2ND MAY**  
at 7pm (please register) by calling 9874 1830

51 Centre Rd, Vermont  
www.sjvermont.catholic.edu.au



## ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MITCHAM OPEN DAYS

Tours from 9am to 10.30am

Thursday 20th April  
Friday 28th April  
Monday 1st May

Parking available on the basketball court (enter via Elizabeth St) or out the front of the school/church)

**PLEASE COME AND SEE OUR GREAT SCHOOL  
IN ACTION!**

**INFORMATION EVENING  
WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY AT 7PM**

490 Whitehorse Rd Mitcham  
Phone 9874 1575  
email principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au  
www.sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au



### Pilates at St John's

Do you have low back pain, poor posture and weak core strength? Or want to improve your overall fitness? Then try a class at St John's.

Classes are small and take place in a relaxing and friendly environment with a Diploma qualified Pilates instructor. All levels of fitness and abilities are welcome. Classes available are: Monday evenings at 5.30pm, 6.45pm & 8pm. Tuesday mornings at 9.15am & Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Your first class is **free** and thereafter the cost is: \$15 per session. Classes are held during school term time only. Term 2 commences Monday 24 April at 7pm. Contact Peta Marriner for more information on Mobile 0419 028 769 or email: petamarriner@gmail.com

### Older Adult Strength Training

Two classes on offer: **Tuesday at 10.30am or Thursday at 9.30am. First class is free** and thereafter the cost is **\$10 per session**. All fitness levels welcome.

Please contact Peta Marriner on Mobile: 0419 028 769 or email: petamarriner@gmail.com

**Term 2 commences on Thursday 20 April 2017.**



St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—the booklet **“Ten Things Everyone Needs to Know About Islam”** written by John L Esposito & published by St Columban's Mission Society is available **Cost \$5.50**.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL April

**Long Life Milk, Rice, Pasta, Tinned Soup, Tinned Vegetables, Biscuits.** Please leave donations in the tub at the Piety Stall in the Narthex.—Conference Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month and on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.  
Enquiries Glyn McIntosh 9873 5772

**ONLY FOOD ITEMS** are to be placed in the boxes behind the Piety Stall counter. All other items should be placed in the St Vincent de Paul Bin at the Basketball courts.

### Children's Liturgy – Urgent Need of Volunteers

Have you noticed – there's been no Children's liturgy in Term 1 at St Johns 9:45 Mass?

For many years Children's liturgy has been running on the back of a small number of very supportive and willing volunteers – some of these fabulous people have had to step down from this service.

### **We need new volunteers!**

You do not need teaching skills, just a love for kids, their learning and the Word of God. Support and all materials are provided. You'll never be on your own – we always roster on at least 2 people to share the experience, and where possible at least one is experienced in children's liturgy, or has teaching experience.

With sufficient volunteers the roster is 3 to 4 times per year and is not in school holidays or long weekends.

This is a great opportunity for responsible high school aged youth to play an active part of the church community and the kids love Dad's to get in and give a hand here as well.

If you are interested in going onto the roster for 2017 or want to find out more, please contact: -

Ben Boyd

Children's Liturgy Coordinator

m) 0412 221 062 e) Ben.A.Boyd@bigpond.com or Maree at the Parish Office on 98731341.

**HOUSE OF BOOKS**—A special request has been made for **20 Catholic Bibles** (preferable NRSV with Apocrypha) for a **Confirmation Class** held in **Country Victoria**—if you are able to donate please contact **Kitty** on **98745539** or the **Parish Office** on **98731341**. It is hoped the Bibles could be made available for the students at the beginning of Term 2. Also there is an **urgent** need for a couple of **Emergency Volunteers** for the **House of Books**. If you able to spare some time please contact **Kitty** on **9874 2389**.