



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday) March 25th 2018 —Year B

### Walking on wounded feet

The crowd cheered him,  
'Blessings on him,' they roared,  
waving flags of palm,  
'for he comes to us in God's name.'  
And a few days later they cheered again,  
this time for his death,  
and blessings on a public robber, Barrabas.

A fickle people,  
We wonder why?  
What changed them?

Like Peter later,  
they would say,  
'I don't know the man',  
for the man they saw later in the week  
was, in their eyes, a different man.

The king had become a spectacle,  
bloodied, mocked, rejected.  
Who wants a leader like that?

Jesus didn't want acclamation,  
he had been trying to say all along  
that he was a different type of king.

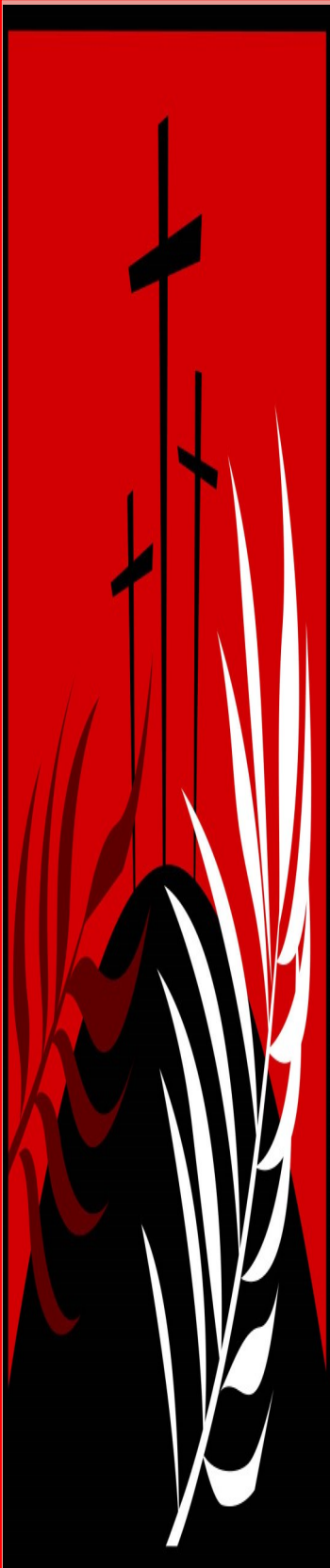
And so he chose a donkey,  
as his chariot.

They saw their own hopes  
for a leader who would overthrow their oppressors,  
and didn't see the real Jesus.

The leadership of Jesus has lasted longer  
than any of the public leadership of the time,  
because he as king of love, compassion.  
and walked the way of his cross -  
carried by his wounded feet and the help of a friend,  
and guided by the hand of God his Father.

**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**

Mon: Isiah 42:1-7                      John 12:1-11  
Tue: Isaiah 49:1-6                     John 13:21-33 36-38  
Wed: Isaiah 50:4-9                    Matthew 26:14-25

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

Thur: Holy Thursday  
Fri: Good Friday  
Sat: Holy Saturday  
Sun: **Easter Sunday**

**Weekday Masses this week in our Parish**

Monday                      Church Closed  
Tuesday                     10am **Communion Service**  
Wednesday                **10am Rosary & 10.30am**  
   **Funeral Mass for Kevin**  
   **Raphael**  
**Holy Thursday**        7.30pm Mass of the Lord's  
   Supper  
**Good Friday**             3pm Commemoration of the  
   Passion  
**Holy Saturday**        7.30pm Easter Vigil Service  
   **No 9.30am Reconciliation**  
**Easter Sunday**        **6am, 8.30am & 10.30am**  
   **9.30am St James Vermont**

**AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY**



We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Zoe Elizabeth Nolan, Edie Kate Harbeck, Amy Frances Hurley, Jayden Amani Cosgriff, Sophie Antoinette Bowers.**

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Kevin Raphael, Yvonne Cainduff, Robert Bruce** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Carmen Joseph, Bryan Baulch, Anne Delaney, Kathleen Box.**

**Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Nola Rush from Sunday 25 March to Friday 30 March at 7.30pm. Enquiries Helen 9874 7024 Please note there will be no gathering on Holy Thursday.**



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



*Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
but their echoes truly endless.  
Mother Teresa*

March 31/ April 1	St Johns 7.30pm Easter Vigil	St. Johns 6.00am Dawn Mass	St. Johns 8.30am	St Johns 10.30am	St James 9.30am
C'Tator Lector Eucharist	EASTER	ROSTER	M McMahon J Magree B O'Reilly M Gartland	T Black C Black EASTER ROSTER	W Gregg L Cairnduff N Winter

No Children's Liturgy during School Holidays

Laptop

Welcome Desk

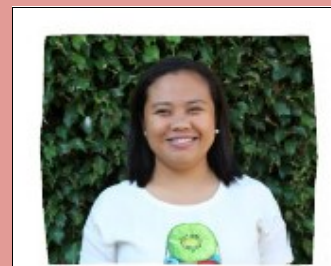
EASTER ROSTER

H Thomas



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

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, near a rubbish dump in the Philippines. She is now a social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.



Please give generously to Caritas through Project Compassion or online www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

Parishioners are invited to join with the candidates after the Easter Vigil on Saturday 31 March for a celebration supper in the narthex. We would be very grateful if you could bring a small plate of food to share—sweet or savoury, but nothing that requires heating. Many thanks in anticipation and we look forward to seeing you.

Our catechumens, Della Wyke and Henry Efendie are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and our Candidates, Angela Griffin and Blake Bodey will be welcomed into the church and will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please continue to keep them, and the RCIA team, in your prayers as they come to this most important part of their journey in our Catholic Church. There are photos in the narthex at St John's so if you see any of these people, please make them feel most welcome.

A very big thank you to everyone who provided food and assistance for lunch after the Reflection Day at St James last Sunday. The meal was beautiful and very much appreciated. You have all become a big part of the RCIA journey as we welcome Della, Henry, Angela and Blake into our community.

MARCH OF WITNESS—GOOD FRIDAY 11AM– 30th March 2018

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

26 MORE CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS NEEDED

We have 73 young people from our parish community preparing to be welcomed further into the life of our Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation on 12th May, so we are inviting you, the initiating community to once again sign up to be a 'Prayer Sponsor' for one of these candidates. Please sign the sheets in the Narthex with your name, address & phone number (in clear print) and we will be in touch with you.

Many thanks for your support, Maree

ST JOHN'S EASTER TIMETABLE—2018

Holy Thursday—March 29th—Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by quiet prayer—7.30pm

Good Friday—March 30th March of Witness (Stations of the Cross) 11am Commemoration of the Passion—3pm

Holy Saturday—March 31st Easter Vigil—7.30pm (please note no 6pm Mass)

Easter Sunday—April 1 Dawn Mass 6am (followed by light refreshments in the Narthex of the Church) All Welcome

Masses—8.30am & 10.30am (please note 10.30am Mass will take the place of 9.45am & 11.15am Masses)

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 5PM MASS EASTER SUNDAY St James Community Centre Vermont 9.30am Mass

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 Monika Bredhauer, at the parish office.



# Social & Other

## ST JOHN'S SENIOR

Next Wednesday the Seniors have a great day planned. We leave from the footy ground at 9am heading to Frankston to see the Sand Sculptures, then to Cape Schanck, then to Hastings for lunch. Cost is \$55.

If anyone else would like to join us, just ring **Helen** on **9874 0809**.

**You will be most welcome.**



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL-March

**Long life milk, savoury biscuits, jars of coffee and tinned tuna.** 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.

**REMINDER** that **Daylight Savings ends on Sunday 1 April**—clocks need to go **back** one hour.



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”

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our team at the Noble Park Tutoring Program. This program provides free support in 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.  
[epc.noblepark@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:epc.noblepark@svdp-vic.org.au)

## 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](mailto:mariaforde1@gmail.com)  
Or go to : [www.mariaforde.com](http://www.mariaforde.com) and click on Celtic Tour 2018 link then 2018 itinerary.

## COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our next gathering will take place on **Monday 26 March** at **10.30am** in the **Parish Office**. If you are interested you will be made most welcome.

Enquiries contact the **Parish Office** 9873 1341 or **Monika** 0438 220 361.

# 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.