



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent March 12th 2017 —Year A

***This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour***

*This episode in the Gospel records a major change in the direction of Jesus' life. It is a second vocation story. Up until now Jesus has been involved in a ministry in Galilee, where he has generally been accepted. But there comes a time when he leaves Galilee and sets out for Jerusalem. The transfiguration comes at this time.*

*Moses and Elijah are two of Israel's great prophets who experienced the close presence of God at a time in their lives when they were called to take a difficult path. Moses was to lead the children of Israel through the wilderness to the land of Canaan. Elijah was called to denounce the current King and anoint another and this will cause great turmoil. Both men were afraid and wanted to escape from their tasks; but both received strength from God to continue.*

*In its symbols of the high mountain, clouds, light, Moses and Elijah, the evangelist presents this as a time when Jesus seeks and receives assurance from God. The journey south to Jerusalem will lead him into conflict with the Jewish and Roman authorities. If he had stayed in Galilee he may have lived much longer. To go to Jerusalem means certain death. Common sense tells him this. On the Mount of Transfiguration he prays for strength and guidance to take this journey.*

*When we struggle with our decisions, when we feel afraid and weak,  
may we too seek and know the comforting presence of God.*

*Sundays under the Southern Cross—Mary Coloe PBVM*

### **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 9:4-10	Luke 6:36-38
Tue Isaiah 1:10 16-20	Matthew 23:1-12
Wed: Jeremiah 18:18-20	Matthew 20:17-28
Thur: Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 16:19-31
Fri: <b>St Patrick's Day</b>	
Jeremiah 1:4-9	
Acts 13:46-49	Luke 10:1-12 17-20
Sat: Micah 7:14-15 18-20	Luke 15:1-3 11-32
Sun: <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
Exodus 17:3-7	
Romans 5:1-2 5-8	John 4:5-42

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time,  
**Peggie O'Regan, Mary Sullivan, Marjorie Jackson, Domenico Campisi, Mary Angela Killackey, Winifred Stone., Jean Poulton.**

### Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday	<b>11.30am Anointing Mass</b>
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 Joan Santamaria from **Sunday March 12—Friday March 17 0412 868 655.**  
Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024



March 18 / 19	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>	L D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	
<b>Lector</b>	L Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekebosc	B Jordan	P Chalkley
<b>Eucharist</b>	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H Mcllroy	M Kristan	A Rouse
	M Pinto	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	M Campbell	B Kenny
	Y Martin	G Smith	C Boyd	L Iacobucci	S Partridge	
			A Martonyi			
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			A Elliott L Elliott			M Brockhoff C Thurbon
<b>Laptop</b>	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy Family	A Jordan	
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	J David	J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan	



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

Like many other women in Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from home by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia’s Protection Program in Timor-Leste. The program connected her with her livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, the chance to afford education for her children, and a safe life in a supportive community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.



The **Anointing Mass** is to be held on **Friday 17 March 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 the Tuesday 14 March at the latest.**

**Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality**  
90 Studley Park Rd, Kew  
Telephone: 9854 8110  
email: secretary@campion.asn.au

**Walking with God in Nature**  
**Saturday 25 March 2017**  
**9.30am-4pm**  
**Cost: \$35**

BYO: Lunch (leave in the cars), a day pack, snacks to carry, hat and sunblock, jumper/rain-jacket, hiking poles. Wear hiking boots or solid shoes with good tread

**A Stillness Weekend**  
With The Being with God in Nature Ministry  
**Friday 7 April 3pm—Monday 10 April 3pm 2017**  
**Venue: Pallotti College, Millgrove**  
McNamara’s Rd, Millgrove 3799

This weekend will offer a quiet and stillness in Nature.  
**Cost \$400**

For further details see website “What’s On, What’s New or flyers can be found at the church entry points.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL March**

**Jam or vegemite, tinned tomatoes, spaghetti, baked beans, sweet biscuits, tinned fish.** 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.

**RECEIVING Communion at Mass**

If you are physically unable to come to the sanctuary step to receive Communion at Mass please let Maree or Dispin know and we can arrange for a Minister of Eucharist to bring communion to you.

**HOLY THURSDAY  
FOOT WASHING CEREMONY**

If you would like to be part of our traditional Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Please contact Maree 9873 1341. We need 13 volunteers.

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



*Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting. Joyce Meyer*

# Social & Other



## ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL VERMONT

### OPEN DAYS

With tours at 9am & 10am

Monday 27th March  
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

Tuesday 28th March  
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



## STEWARDSHIP GIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of Stewardship envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please save us the *increased* cost of mailing your set out by remembering to pick up your set on your way out!

## ST JOHN'S SENIORS

Wednesday 15 March Concert at 10am at Whitehorse Centre—Nunawading

Wednesday 29 March, Trip to Mornington Peninsula includes a ride on the Dromana Chairlift, morning tea and lunch at Rosebud. Leaves from football ground at 9am Cost \$55. Any who would like to join us please ring Helen 9874 0809. If you are not going to concert, please bring money to me at least a week before the outing. Because of medical reasons, I will not be around for a few weeks but hopefully back on deck on 29th, but just leave message and I will get back when able. Enquiries: Helen 9874 0809

You are invited to attend a film afternoon for the Binnap Partners for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Jasper Jones

(A story of Charlie Bucktin, a bookish boy of 14 living in a small town in Western Australia)

Sunday March 26th

2.00pm ish (session times to be confirmed closer to date)

Cinema Nova 380 Lygon St Carlton \$20

All bookings must be made by March 20th by contacting Pat Schmidt on 9878 7939 or email jandpschmidt@bigpond.com

## AQUINAS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 13s BOYS AND GIRLS

There is still room for more boys and girls for Under 13's teams.

The team is entered in the Yarra Junior Football League, playing on Sundays, with the home ground being at Aquinas College. The Club is open to ALL, regardless of where you go to College.

Training is at Aquinas after school on Wednesday afternoons, starting at 2.45. Come along and join the fun, training and playing with your school mates or your mates from other Colleges.

Matches are on Sundays, playing in the Yarra Junior Football League, with Aquinas College as our home ground.

For enquiries, contact me at juniors @aquinas.com.au

Gavan Harkin  
Vice President



## Plaza Cinema Group Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm As Good As It Gets

The great Jack Nicholson is superb as a professional trouble-maker who is obsessed with every type of phobia. This leads him to interfere in everyone else's life in his community until he finally begins to discover in himself something like a strain of humanity! Great fun and a most entertaining comedy.

Full Membership: \$50 for 12 screenings month Membership: \$15  
Visitors welcome.  
Membership enquiries:  
Barbara: 9873 3508

