



St. John's Parish Mitcham

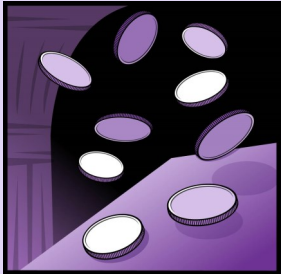
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3rd Sunday of Lent March 4th 2018 —Year B

Do you want to fast this LENT?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Pope Francis

“St John's Parish community, committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards”

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 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: 2 Kings 5:1-15	Luke 4:24-30
Tue: Daniel 3:25 34-43	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed: Deuteronomy 4:1 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19
Thur: Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23
Fri: Hosea 14:2-10	Mark 12:28-34
Sat: Hosea 5:15 6.6	Luke 18:9-14
Sun: 4th Sunday of Lent	
2 Chronicles 36:14-16 19-23	
Ephesians 2:4-10	John 3:14-21

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

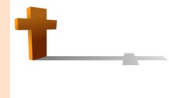
We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Ariella Rose Saulais, Annabelle Jess Feild.**



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Patricia Winterbine, Norma McCann** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Bernie De Araugo, Joseph Santamaria.**

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** - **All Welcome**

Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am St James Vermont
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Stations of the Cross 9.30am Reconciliation

Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Maureen Donnellan from Sunday 4 March to Friday 9 March at 7.30pm.
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group



***Patience with family is love,
Patience with others is respect,
Patience with self is confidence
and Patience with God is faith.***

March 10 / 11	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
C'Tator	J David	K Thorneycroft	D Ranjit	T Black	M Greenwood	
Lector	G Rodrigues	C Anderson	V Burnie	C Black	M Day	L McCarthy
Eucharist	P Bateman	R Smith	P Taggart	M Crowe	T Rhynehart	M Hosie
	C Pearson	G Smith	D Matchado	N Flores	P Wallace	A Rouse
	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?

Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas' support Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.



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



Lenten Prayer Service
On **Tuesday 13 March** we will offer Taizé Prayer and a Lenten Gospel Reflection at **7.30pm** in the **Church**.
ALL 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.

**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



Advance Notice for **Anointing Masses & Luncheons** this year: **Friday April 13 Friday July 6 Friday October 5 Friday December 7**

The first 3 dates will be during School Holidays so there will be ample parking in the school grounds. Any queries, please call Monika at the Parish Office on 9873 1341.

St Vincent de Paul—Piety Stall
Have you visited our new Piety Stall in the Narthex?

There is new stock available to see.



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
Thursday March 8**

Theme—"Press for Progress"

IWD is not country, group or organization specific. This day belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. This year's theme—"Press for Progress" is a strong call to recognise that gender parity is very important and is a reminder that whole communities need to think, act and be gender inclusive.

ST JOHN'S EASTER TIMETABLE—2018

Parish Lenten Penitential Celebration
7.30pm Tuesday March 20

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

Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIOR

Next Wednesday some members are going to **Morning Melodies** and the following Wednesday 14th, we will be going to the concert at Nunawading. We have a spare ticket for the concert if anyone would like to join us. Cost \$17, great value as we have morning tea first at 10am before a very entertaining concert. If you wish to come please contact **Helen** by 6pm Sunday on **9874 0809**.

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!

The Mitcham Catholic Solo Support Group

Reminder that our meeting for Tuesday 13 March has been cancelled. Our next catch up will be on 25 March at Mister Greens—Brentford Square at 12.30pm for lunch for a birthday celebration. Enquiries: Veronica 9894 4692

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Eastern Health has completed building a new Breast and Cancer Centre located at Maroondah Hospital and it will be opening on **Friday 6 April**. The Centre will have services for BreastScreen clients and Breast Clinic patients in the Eastern Suburbs. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in a patient simulation (**9am-12.30pm**) exercise on **Wednesday 21 March**. Your involvement (approx. 1 hour) would involve visiting the new centre and completing one or multiple appointments and providing feedback on your experience. Your assistance will help us refine our client/patient, system and information flows. If you are available for 1 hour and interested in assisting please email: Julia.dale2@Easternhealth.org.au

AQUINAS COLLEGE
46 Great Ryrie Street, Ringwood
OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2018
12pm-3pm

REUNION
1968, 1978, 1988, 1998, 2008

Sunday 18 March 2018
12pm—3pm

All welcome including staff who taught during these years.

RSVP : illuminare@aquinas.vic.edu.au



Our Lady of Sion College, Box Hill
1065 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

You are welcome to attend a Talk & Tour Morning, Friday 16 March at 9.30am and College Open Day, Thursday 22 March, 2.30pm-6.30pm.



Speaking the Truth in love. Ephs. 4:15

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House for free!

Later this year, the Parish Office at St Simon's Parish, Rowville will be replaced. Currently the office is housed in a large, portable building which could be a substantial family home of 5 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen etc. The building is available at no cost to anyone who is willing to remove it and transport it (probably during May) to a new location.



For further information, please contact Fr Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360) or Brian Dalton (0419 349 382)

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry unveiled paintings of the 14 Stations of the Cross in its Thornbury chapel on Sunday 19 November 2017, inviting deeper reflection upon the passion and death of Jesus Christ, Aboriginal artist John Dunn wove his own life story, as a member of the Stolen Generations, into those transcendent themes. Aboriginal Stations of the Cross Card Set are now available and will be on sale during lent in the Narthex and St James Community Centre at times. Contact Georgina Gartland 0412 396 388 / gegart21@gmail.com Cost \$15 (& postage). Or contact Sherry Balcombe 9926 5751 sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au See Social Justice Group Noticeboards