



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

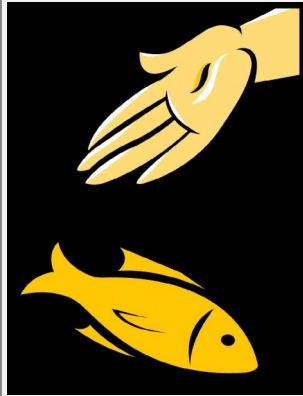
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## Third Sunday of Easter April 15th 2018—Year B

### From Darkness to Light

In all the Easter work of Jesus,  
he led the disciples  
out of darkness into light,  
out of sadness into joy,  
out of isolation into community,  
giving the living bread of hope  
for the dry bread of their disappointment.

He did this by sharing himself with them,  
sharing the scripture that spoke of him,  
and the bread that was his body.

No long instructions,  
no long exhortations,  
just the openness  
of sharing himself with them.

This is his plea to us, his church:  
be light in darkness,  
be joy in sadness,  
be community in isolation,  
be eucharist to dry bread,  
be wholeness to broken 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**

Mon: Acts 6:8-15	John 6:22-29
Tue: Acts 7:51—8:1	John 6:30-35
Wed: Acts 8:1-8	John 6:35-40
Thur: Acts 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20	John 6:52-59
Sat: Acts 9:31-42	John 6:60-69
Sun: <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	
Acts 4:8-12	
1 John 3:1-2	John 10:11-18

**AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Shaun Kelly** (*nephew of Trish McLaughlin*), and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Patrick Rohan, Barry Brindle.****



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

**There is new stock available to see.**

**Weekday Masses this week in our Parish**


Monday	<b>Church Closed</b>
Tuesday	10am Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am SJV
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Morning Prayer & Communion Service 9.30am Reconciliation

**Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Joan Santamaria from **Sunday 15 April to Friday 20 April at 7.30pm.** Enquiries **Helen 9874 7024****



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

***May you go to sleep each evening aware of being held in the embrace of a merciful and welcoming God.***

April 22	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>	M & N Bredhauer	A Buchanan	B Mills	Z D'Silva	K Harvey	
<b>Lector</b>	A Livy	E George	A Crowe	G Lewis	P Wallace	P Chalkley
<b>Eucharist</b>	M Livy	M McMahon	T Harkin	A Glenn	K Placido	J Matarazzo
	E Booth	J Santamaria	M Lafferty	S Catacutan	C Kook	T McLaughlin
	R McIntosh	R Jess	D Tew	M Holmes	J Ryhnehart	
	M Battagello			J Kiekebosch		
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>						P Stewart A Stewart
<b>Laptop</b>	L Elliott	B Meehan	G Gill	Black family	M Lambert	
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	M Ayling	J/B Houlihan	B Clancy	V Keys		

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

**World Earth Day**

**April 22nd**

One way we can care for our environment :  
a suggestion from a young parishioner, Marie-Claire Giles:



Did you know that every plastic straw that's ever been made is still on the planet? By making the simple switch to using reusable metal straws you can save 540 plastic straws from polluting the earth. This is a cheap and easy way you can make a positive impact on our environment. To purchase your own set of reusable metal straws simply search in eBay "metal straws" and choose whichever set best suits your needs.

(The Mabel Café, 9 McKeon Rd Mitcham, also sells them).

*"The people who make the biggest difference  
are the ones who do the little things consistently"*

**EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL**

The Eucharistic Chapel, after some changes & cleaning, has now re-opened we ask that parishioners visit the parish office to re-sign the Eucharistic Chapel User Agreement and to receive the code. Thank you for your patience during the time the Chapel has been closed.

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

**APRIL CALENDAR**



- Wed 4 - Music Ministry Practice 7.30pm
- Tues 10 - Mitcham Catholic Solo Group 1.30pm
- Fri 13 - Anointing Mass & Luncheon 11.30am
- Mon 16 - Term 2 Begins
- Tues 17 - Parish Office Meeting (POM) 10.30am  
- Parish Management Group & lunch—1pm  
- Memorial Garden meeting Parish office—7pm  
- RCIA—7.30pm
- Wed 18 - Child Safety Standards meeting Parish office 10.30am  
- FE Home Mass Group 1—6.30pm  
- Music Ministry practice - 7.30pm
- Thurs 19 - First Eucharist Parent Formation Workshop 1 2pm & 7.30pm  
- Sacramental Team Meeting Planning  
- Breadmaking 4pm
- Sat 21 - First Eucharist Medal Presentation—6pm
- Sun 22 - First Eucharist Medal Presentation—9.45am
- EARTH DAY**
- Mon 23** - FE Home Mass group 2—6.30pm
- Tues 24 - POM 10.30am  
- PMG & Lunch 1pm  
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Wed 25** - **ANZAC DAY Mass 8.30am**  
**ANZAC DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- Thur 26 - Confirmation Retreat Day  
- Confirmation Parent Night—7.30pm
- Sun 29 - Parish Family Mass & Baptism Anointing & Stole Presentation—9.45am Mass  
- WP Level Mass—11.15am Mass
- Mon 30 - Compassion & Friendship Group 10.30am

**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.

**St John's Student Social Justice Team**

are hoping to start a knitting club on Wednesdays at 11am to knit blanket squares for those in need during the cold winter months. If you have a Working with Children card and would like to join us please contact Monica O'Shannassy at moshannassy@stmithcam.catholic.edu.au or 98741575. Many Thanks



**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

**Wednesday, 18th April** we are going to **Walhalla**. This should be a beautiful trip at this time of the year. We leave from footy ground at **8.30am**, morning tea at Yarragon then train ride through hills to Walhalla & lunch at Wally's Pub. Any queries please call **Helen** on **9874 0809**.

**THANK YOU**—Over the last 4 years I have been supported by Fr. Dispin John & Fr. Mark Reynolds and a great number of Parishioners from St Johns. Your prayers, kind words and actions have been instrumental in me recovering from a near fatal motorbike accident (2014) and my diagnosis with cancer (2016). I'm pleased to let you all know that I'm now in remission and looking forward to a period of good health. Many thanks and God Bless you.  
Paul Taggart



## Beginners Pilates at St John's

Have you ever wanted to try Pilates? Then this is for you especially if you suffer back pain or want to improve your overall wellbeing. A beginners only class to be held on Saturday mornings at 8.30am in the Zebedee room. Cost is \$16 / class. Your first class is free. Classes start on Saturday 21 April. Other classes also available on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday mornings. Please contact Peta on 0419 028 769 or email [petamarriner@gmail.com](mailto:petamarriner@gmail.com) or visit [www.mitchampilates.com.au](http://www.mitchampilates.com.au)



## WANT TO HELP REDUCE POVERTY IN A REMOTE COMMUNITY?

### Be a volunteer OUT THERE

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!**



Come to our **Palms Info Session:**

**Saturday, 5 May 2018 at 10.30am**  
**Ross House, Jenny Florence Room**  
**247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne**

Go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer) or  
Contact Palms on (02) 9560 5333

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A FILM AFTERNOON—  
**GURRUMUL, SUNDAY 29 APRIL AT 2PM**  
AT THE NOVA, CARLTON.

To purchase a \$20 ticket please contact **Pat** on **98787939** or [jandpschmidt@bigpond.com](mailto:jandpschmidt@bigpond.com) not later than 23 April.  
(See flyer on parish website "What's On What's New")

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Please don't forget to put in your Project Compassion donations as soon as possible—the proceeds go to help Caritas do its amazing work of being Christ's hands in all sorts of places we can't reach.



Pallottine Camino 2018—A pilgrimage walk from St Christopher Parish Syndal, to Pallotti College Millgrove 21 April to 23 April (approx. 265 km over 3 days)  
A time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine Spirituality & Mission. Meditate on your experience of God in nature while walking in fellowship & friendship with others. Contact Lorraine on 0402 217 123 or [lorraine613@bigpond.com](mailto:lorraine613@bigpond.com)  
(See flyer on parish website "What's On What's New")

## The Pearl Project Trivia Night

**Friday 18th May—8pm**

Surrey Hills / Wattle Park Parish Hall  
311 Mont Albert Rd Surrey Hills  
(enter via York St)

**\$25 per person—BYO nibbles, glasses & drinks**

The trivia night is in support of Kibanga community in Uganda, of which some parishioners of Wattle Park have been involved with, along with Fr. Stephens, who will be visiting Australia and will attend this event.

All bookings to be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/VCMN> and must be made by 11th May. Games will also be held on the night, so bring along your gold coins.

If you can help out with any donations of goods and/or services to auction on the night please contact Sue Whelan on [swheelz024@yahoo.com.au](mailto:swheelz024@yahoo.com.au) or 0405465739

## OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE

### 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Principal, Tina Apostolopoulos warmly invites all past staff & students of Our Lady of Sion College to attend an afternoon of reunion and reminiscing. Catch up with colleagues and friends, enjoy a tour of the College to see what has changed and enjoy afternoon tea with musical entertainment from our award-winning ensembles.

**Saturday 19 May 2018 2pm-4.30pm**

**RSVP** for catering purposes

[www.trybooking.com/335414](http://www.trybooking.com/335414)

**All queries contact: Robyn**

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**We look forward to welcoming you back to Sion.**



Speaking the Truth in love. Ephs. 4:15

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