



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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4th Sunday of Lent March 11th 2018 —Year B

That we may not be lost

To be lost is a frightening experience,
like a child losing a parent in a big shop.
Maybe losing direction in marriage or a job.
losing health, good looks, life itself.

When we're lost we need a signpost,
or some way of finding direction.

Jesus is our way, our direction,
our signpost through life to God.

He is lifted up;
so that in every dangerous experience of life,
we can see him, our risen Lord on Calvary.
In illness or depression, we know his patience,
in poverty and injustice, we know his care,
in mourning and loss, we know his compassion,
in our efforts to ease the pain of others,
we know he is with us,
we are his hand, his heart, his love today.

He is lifted up,
never out of sight,
for God gave his only Son
so that we might not be lost,
but have eternal life.

Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ

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: Isaiah 65:17-21	John 4:43-54
Tue: Ezekiel 47:1-9 12	John 5:1-3 5-16
Wed: Isaiah 49:8-15	John 5:17-30
Thur: Exodus 32:7-14	John 5:31-47
Fri: Wisdom 2:1 12-22	John 7:1-2 10 25-30
Sat: St Patrick's Day	
Jeremiah 1:4-9	Luke 10: 1-12 17-20
Acts 13:46-49	
Sun: 5th Sunday of Lent	
Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Hebrews 5:7-9	John 12:20-33

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for **Viv O'Brien** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Domenico Campisi, Jean Poulton, Bernadeen Menon, Rupert H Fisher, Paul Drill, Ana Rita Fiorini.**



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**

Travelling Rosary will be held at the home of Marlene & David Rae from Sunday 12 March to Friday 16 March at 7.30pm.
Enquiries Helen 9874 7024.



Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	10am Mass 11am Funeral Mass for Viv O'Brien
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am St James Vermont
Friday	10am Mass
Saturday	9am Stations of the Cross 9.30am Reconciliation

Inspiration for the coming week from the Compassion and Friendship Group



**Dear God,
I need you more than ever.
Please bring peace to my confusion, joy to my sadness
and hope to my heart.**

March 17 / 18	St Johns 6pm	St. Johns 8.30am	St Johns 9.45am	St. Johns 11.15am	St Johns 5pm	St James 9.30am
C'Tator	L D'Silva	M Perkins	T Henry	D Kennedy	M Stuart	
Lector	L Hennessy	C Ryan	K Callinan-Moore	J Kiekbosch	B Jordan	P Stewart
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	H McIlroy	M Kristan	R McIntosh
	M Cummins	R Smith	T A Foster	C Brindle	S Partridge	C Gorry
	Y Martin	G Smith	A Martonyi	L Iacobucci	M Campbell	
				M Hegarty		
Laptop	N Pinto	M Truong	M Foster	Kennedy family	A Jordan	
Welcome Desk		J Milton	M Easton	M Coghlan	M Kristan	



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

Evangeline in the Northern Territory, featured in Project Compassion 2016. She was employed by Caritas Australia supported Djilpin Arts and quickly rose to the role of Senior Artsworker. Her career has flourished. Her work at Djilpin Arts contributes to its success, whilst providing training and opportunities for other young people in the community.

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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—RCIA

The RCIA group are now in the last stages of their preparation for Reception into our Church at the Easter Vigil. Della Wyke and Henry Efendie are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and Angela Griffin and Blake Bodey will be welcomed into the church and will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Next Sunday 18 March, Angela, Della, Henry and Blake will be presented with The Creed at 9.30am Mass at St James and will stay for a day of Reflection as we all prepare for Easter. Then on Tuesday 20 March they will participate in the Penitential Rite celebration—another important step in the RCIA journey. 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 most welcome.

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.

**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



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 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

COULD YOU ASSIST IN THE EASTER DAWN MASS?

There are a number of roles that need to be filled for the 6am Easter Dawn celebration. Role descriptions and the sign up sheet are at the back of the church.

Office for Justice & Peace & Melbourne Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office invite you "**Called to Welcome & Protect**"
PALM SUNDAY 25 MARCH 20168
1pm Prayer Service—St Patrick's Cathedral, Eat Melbourne
2pm Walk for Justice for Refugees
(Flyers in newsstands / website—What's On What's New

Holy Cross Centre—207 Serpells Rd Templestowe extends an invitation to "Come away..." to a reflection day which offers quiet space in peaceful surrounds. Please see flyers in newsstands.

Lenten Healing Retreat, Johnson Sequeira Catholic Lay Preacher—St Luke's Parish Wantirna 15 March 7pm & St Leonard's Parish Glen Waverley 2 & 3 April at 7pm—further details 0410794707

Social & Other

ST JOHN'S SENIOR

Next Wednesday we will be going to a concert at Nunawading with a shared morning tea first before a very entertaining concert. Time: 10am.



Contact **Helen** on
9874 0809.

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.



Last Monday a general meeting was held for all coordinators of parish groups & interested parishioners regarding the Victorian Child Safe Standards. The

information was well received thanks to Rhyannon Elliot for presenting a concise overview. Group leaders will be contacted after Easter to set up a time for formation of their particular group.

St Vincent de Paul Society

COMPEER PROGRAM is a friendship program that matches volunteers with people living with a diagnosed mental illness, for one-to-one companionship for an hour a week. An **Information Session** is being offered on **Monday 19 March** at **Box Hill** to help assist whether you would like to apply to volunteer with Compeer. To make a booking or to find out more information phone 98955886 or compeer@svdp-vic.org.au

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

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OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2018

12pm-3pm

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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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