



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 4th Sunday of Lent March 26th 2017 —Year A

***I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.***

*Our life with God  
is a journey,  
sometimes uphill, other times level,  
through light and shadow,  
to the fullness of God's eternal joy.*

*It is a journey,  
sometimes gentle, sometimes strenuous,  
through doubt and faith,  
to the fullness of God's eternal life.*

*It is a journey,  
sometimes solitary, other times accompanied,  
through isolation and love,  
to the fullness of God's eternal friendship.*

*It is a journey,  
sometimes sad, sometimes joyful,  
through sorrows and happiness,  
to the fullness of God's eternal joy.*

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Anyone who follows me will have the light of life.***

*Communion Reflections—Donal Neary SJ*

### ***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: 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 3:17
Thur: Exodus 32:7-14	John 5:31-47
Fri: Wisdom 2:1 12-22	John 7:1-2 10 25-30
Sat: Jeremiah 11:18-20	John 7:40-52
Sun: <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
Ezekiel 37:12-14	
Romans 8:8-11	John 11:1-45

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism, **Jaden Wynhuson, Jules Anthony Gargano, Harper Lillian Johnson, Maggie Grace Doolan.**



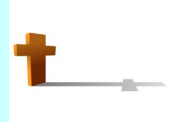
We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal Life for **Mary D'Silva, Mary Gill** (mother of Genevieve) and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time, **Paul Norden, Carman Joseph, Marilyn Bulseco.**

### Weekday Masses this week in our Parish

Monday	Church Closed
Tuesday	12 noon Mass
Wednesday	10am Mass
Thursday	9.15am Mass - SJV
Friday	10am Mass
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 **Margaret Baulch** from **Sunday March 26 Friday to 2 April 8828 2119.**  
*Enquiries Helen on 9874 7024*



April 1 / 2	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>	Youth Group	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A & F Puls	
<b>Lector</b>	J Dinh	A Buchanan	R Horner	T Spencer	S Solomons	T Wursthorn
<b>Eucharist</b>	C Irvin	M Gartland	G Gill	C Bantawig	B Belot	R McIntosh
	K McClure	B O'Reilly	A Anthony	J Bantawig	D Lim	M Hosie
	Y Martin	R Smith	J White	A Wilson		
		G Smith	R Elliott			

#### Children's Liturgy

**Not during School Holidays**

<b>Laptop</b>	N Bredhauer	F McKenna	T Rowland	Hangan family	R Doyle
<b>Welcome Desk</b>	M Rasmussen	H Thomas	A Wallis	S Box	D O'Farrell



**ST JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN – PLAN TO LANDSCAPE AND REDEVELOP**

The St John's Memorial Garden was blessed and opened in 2001 and in 2002 it was again blessed and dedicated as a suitable place for ashes to be interred. Many families now have the remains of their loved ones interred in the Garden. The Parish Leadership team have approved that plans be drawn up to re-develop and landscape the Memorial Garden to make it a place of prayer and reflection in a peaceful and tranquil setting. A sub committee of the Leadership team has been formed to work on this project. These plans will not interfere with existing interments. The surrounds will be landscaped to make the area a pleasant, peaceful area where people are able to sit, reflect and pray. If you have had a family member interred at St Johns, and you have NOT received a letter or have NOT been contacted, could you please contact either the Parish Office on 9873 1341 or Maureen Campbell on 9894 3288. It is hoped to contact families to ensure they are aware of this update and to confirm that there will not be any interference with existing interments.

**APRIL CALENDAR**



- Sat 1 - 6pm– Youth Group
- Sun 2 **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Mon 3 **School Holidays Commence**
- Tues 4 - RCIA 7.30pm
- Wed 5 -5pm Liturgy Team Meeting  
- Music Ministry Practice 7.30pm
- Sat 8 - 10am Footwashing Practice for Holy Thursday
- Sun 9 **PALM SUNDAY**
- Tues 11 - 12.45pm Catholic Solo Group Meeting
- Wed 12 - Music Ministry Practice 7.30pm
- Thur 13 **HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7.30pm**
- Frid 14 **GOOD FRIDAY**  
- March of Witness at 11am  
- Good Friday Ceremony 3pm
- Sat 15 **HOLY SATURDAY- EASTER VIGIL 7.30pm**
- Su 16 **EASTER SUNDAY**  
Dawn Mass 6am followed by breakfast in Coghlan Centre  
8.30am, 9.45am & 11.15am No 5pm Mass  
9.30am St James Vermont
- Tues 18 **TERM 2 BEGINS**  
- PMG & Lunch 1pm  
- RCIA 7.30pm
- Thurs 20 - 2pm & 7.30pm First Eucharist  
Parent Workshop 1
- Sat 22 - 6pm First Eucharist Medal Presentation
- Sun 23 - 9.45am First Eucharist Medal Presentation
- Mon 24 - 10.30am Compassion & Friendship Group
- Tues 25 **ANZAC DAY**
- Thurs 27 - 4pm Planning for Breadmaking Day
- Sun 30 - 9.45am Baptism Anointing & Stole Presentation & Parish Family Mass

**ST JOHN'S EASTER TIMETABLE—2017**



**Parish Penitential Celebration—  
Wednesday 29 March at 7.30pm**

**Holy Thursday—April 13th—Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by quiet prayer—7.30pm**

**Good Friday—April 14th**  
March of Witness (Stations of the Cross) 11am  
Commemoration of the Passion—3pm

**Holy Saturday—April 15th**  
Easter Vigil—7.30pm  
(please note no 6pm Mass)

**Easter Sunday—April 16th**  
Dawn Mass  
(followed by Breakfast in the Coghlan Centre  
All Welcome—6am  
Masses—8.30am, 9.45am & 11.15am

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 5PM  
MASS EASTER SUNDAY**

St James Community Centre Vermont  
9.30am Mass

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry—ACMV Mass April 9th at 11am  
Palm Sunday—434 St George Rd, Thornbury (BYO plate)  
RSVP for catering purposes 9480 3849 or  
email Sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au  
For further details see website "What's On What's New"

**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



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



*Life doesn't allow for us to go back and fix what we have done wrong in the past, but it does allow for us to live each day better than our last.*

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall—the booklet "**Ten Things Everyone Needs To Know About Islam**" written by John L Esposito & published by St Columban's Mission Society is available **Cost \$5.50.**

# 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](mailto:principal@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au)  
www.sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

### ST JOHN'S MITCHAM—PA BULB FUNDRAISER



Order forms due back **Friday 31 March**—last day of Term 1. Please return form and correct money to Jenny in the school office. **Orders of 5 items or more receive a \$6 pack FREE!!!**

Bulbs will be delivered early May in time for Mother's Day! (Catalogue in Newsstands)



### COMPASSION AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

This coming Monday 27th March we have organized an outing and you would be welcome to join us.  
For details please call **Monika on 0438 220 361**.

**St John's Seniors—Trip to Mornington Peninsula on Wednesday 29 March** leaving at **9am**.

Enquiries: Helen McIlroy 98740809.

### Stronger Youth Fun Night is BACK!

Come along next **Saturday 1 April**, share our youth led Mass at 6pm and then join us for youth group in Zebedee. We would love to catch up or meet some new faces from the parish family. Any questions contact Lauren 0431 638 675.



### Children's Liturgy – Urgent Need of Volunteers

Have you noticed – there's been no Children's liturgy in Term 1 at St Johns 9:45 Mass?

For many years Children's liturgy has been running on the back of a small number of very supportive and willing volunteers – some of these fabulous people have had to step down from this service.

### **We need new volunteers!**

You do not need teaching skills, just a love for kids, their learning and the Word of God. Support and all materials are provided. You'll never be on your own – we always roster on at least 2 people to share the experience, and where possible at least one is experienced in children's liturgy, or has teaching experience.

With sufficient volunteers the roster is 3 to 4 times per year and is not in school holidays or long weekends.

This is a great opportunity for responsible high school aged youth to play an active part of the church community and the kids love Dad's to get in and give a hand here as well.

If you are interested in going onto the roster – for 2017 or want to find out more, please contact: -

Ben Boyd  
Children's Liturgy Coordinator  
m) 0412 221 062  
e) [Ben.A.Boyd@bigpond.com](mailto:Ben.A.Boyd@bigpond.com)

Or  
Maree at the Parish Office on 98731341.