



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 4 October —Year A

The 2026 St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle COMMENCES NEXT WEEKEND.

First Prize - \$ 1500.00 Gift Card, donated by Biggin & Scott Mitcham

Ten amazing prizes available.

Only \$2.00 a ticket or \$20.00 for a book of ten tickets

Please consider taking a book of ten tickets, one ticket for you and nine tickets to sell to friends and family. Remember to invite them to our Parish Community Fete on Saturday 21st November.

Monies raised support the work of our Parish and Schools.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors.

Raffle tickets are available at **St John's Church** after each Mass commencing **Saturday 10th October**.

The Raffle will be drawn at the St John's Fete on Saturday 21st November at 3.30pm. To assist with distribution of raffle books some families on our Church census will receive a book of raffle tickets in the coming week.



St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle Prizes:

1st \$ 1500.00 Gift Card.

Donated by Biggin and Scott Mitcham

2nd \$ 700.00 Gift Card

Donated by Manchester Road Dental Surgery

3rd \$ 500.00 Gift Card.

Donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre

4th \$200.00 Woolworth's Gift Card

Donated by N.V. Impex

5th AFL Official Sherrin Match Day Football Value \$ 200.00

Donated by Mitcham Junior Football Club

6th Rebel Sports Voucher Value \$ 200.00

Donated by Vermont Junior Football Club

7th- 10th Gift Vouchers Value \$ 100.00

Tickets are to be returned sold or unsold, by Sunday 8th November 2026.

We need assistance with ticket sales at each of the Masses over the coming weeks.

Please contact Rob if you can assist. Phone 0419 379005

Your support is a concrete way of contributing to the vibrancy of our community.

St John the Evangelist Parish acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the wider Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

"St John's Parish community, is committed to the Victorian Child Safe Standards & acknowledges that Child Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility."

Parish Information

Normal Weekend Mass Times

St John's: Sat Vigil, 6pm, Sun 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5pm

Our Lady's: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sun 9.30am

Parish Office Hours (Parish Office is closed on Mondays):

Tuesday-Friday 9am-3.30pm

Parish Secretary: Manuela Brambilla

Bereavement Ministry: Jenny Kearney 0413 826 468

Pastoral Care: Loredana Iacobucci 0423 313 336

Christian Meditation Group: Chris Ryan

House of Books (house next door to the Church): 9401 6306

RE for Government Schools: Trish Chaston trish.chaston@cam.org.au

Safeguarding Committee Co-ordinator: Manuela Brambilla

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle

Parish Priest Fr Dispin John

Supported by Fr Michael Kelly, CSsR and Fr Maurie Cooney

St John's School

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 9874 1575

Principal: Mrs Verona Gridley

vgridley@sjmitcham.catholic.edu.au

St James School

51 Centre Road, Vermont, 9874 1830

Principal: Mr Dave Mutimer

principal@sjvermont.catholic.edu.au

Services:

St Vincent De Paul:

Shop 2/82 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood 9870 9124

Welfare Assistance 1800 305 330

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON 9401 6366 OR VIA EMAIL MITCHAM@CAM.ORG.AU
TO ACCESS ANY OF THESE PEOPLE OR SERVICES

Parish Information & Daily Readings

Scripture Readings for week

Mon: Galatians 1:6-12	Lk 10:25-37
Tue: Galatians 1:13-24	Lk 10:38-42
Wed: Galatians 2:1-2.7-14	Lk 11:1-4
Thu: Galatians 3:1-5	Lk 11:5-13
Fri: Galatians 3:7-14	Lk 11:15-26
Sat: Galatians 3:22-29	Lk 11:27-28

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Weekday Masses

St John's	Our Lady's
Tue 10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed 10am Mass	
Thur No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri 9am Mass SJV	
10am Mass SJM	

When our soul is taxed with concern and doubt,
Jesus invites us to surrender in prayer
and receive God's grace.
For it is in that peace, we will come to know relief.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Ann Donachie, Juanita Depante, Susie Mitchel and Michael Tudor** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Percy Alwis, Anthony Saliba, Rose Franklin, Betty Saliba, Theodore (Tiddy) Fonseka, Joy Kenny, Josephine Wilson, Edward Chong, Cath Gartland, Rose Vu, Lois Campbell, Anne Campbell Cathryn and William Cleary.**

Tuesday Mass for healing of the sick



Prayers are offered and are followed by a **Novena of Saint Mary MacKillop**. If you know of someone who might need our special prayers or to be added to the Novena List please email the parish office mitcham@cam.org.au and leave a message for those you wish to be prayed for **by Monday afternoons**. Keeping you in our prayers. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to keep the name/s of your loved one, as we are updating the current list."

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plaques for this pastoral project may be ordered at any time for any deceased person who either was a parishioner at St John's or who was buried from St John's Church. The forms are in the Newsstands. **These forms now include the Interment of Ashes at St. John's.** The completed forms can be handed into the Parish Office.
Enquiries: Parish Office 9401 6366



October 10/11	St John's 6.00pm	St John's 8.30am	St John's 9.45am	St John's 11.15am	St John's 5.00pm
C'Tator	R Trewarn	M De Almeida	V Burnie	T Black	E Umashankar
Lectors	M Solomons	M Campbell	T Wursthorn	C Black	M Day
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan J Phoa	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart L Iacobucci	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen S Kuruppu	S Solomons M Kristan
Laptop operator	C Kohobanw.	A Bogoda	G Gill	T Luna	
Children Liturgist			A Rivadillo	A Alphonse	

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
RINGWOOD NEWS**



Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5pm
Sunday at 9.30am

Weekday service

6.00pm Tue: Mass and Novena
9.15am Thurs: Mass

Ringwood Parish website:

<http://pol.org.au/ringwood/Home.aspx>

Phone: 0468 589 039

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.



MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Every Sunday after the 8.30am and 9.45am Mass you are invited to share a cuppa and a chat in the narthex with other parishioners.



JOURNEY THROUGH LOSS

When we lose a loved one, the emotions can be overwhelming, grieving can take many forms.

Our friendly and informal gathering gives an opportunity to support each other as we journey through grief and loss.

Please join us:

Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am

St John's Parish Office

*"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength".
2 Timothy 4:17*

Gold coin donation welcome

✦ ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP ✦

**1st Sunday of Every Month
5PM-8PM**

Next gathering will be held Sunday 4 October

We start at **5PM Mass**

Then head to the Zebedee Room for:

📺 Pizza 🗨 Real conversations

📖 Bible reflections (Sunday readings)

🎮 Games + good vibes

A place to belong, to grow and to have fun.

Bring a friend & come through!

For more info please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

**Children's Liturgy at St John's
Every Sunday at 9.45 and 11.15am
during school term**



Children will move to the Narthex of Church for their own Liturgy of the Word.
All ages welcome.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends in the Narthex following the 10am Mass.

All are welcome

Friday 23 October from 10:30am to 11:30am



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

**Nayan Lucas Sahai, Virkam David Sahai,
Ridhi Grace Sahai, Daisy Kyla Mary Mitchell and
Willow Denise Robertson**

*who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism
at St John's during the month of October*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2026

"Come and See"

John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God"... The disciples asked "Where do you live?"... "Come and see", Jesus replied. Jn 1:36-39



Free of charge. All welcome. All enquiries Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366 - or simply turn up in the church on the night. Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **12 October at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

**RCIA - ST JOHN'S AND OUR LADY'S
A JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season.



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 or email Mitcham@cam.org.au.

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 7 October**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 5 October. All are welcome.



**VOLUNTEERS INVITED FOR THE MEMORIAL
GARDEN GARDENING GROUP**

The parish is seeking volunteers to join a small gardening group to help care for and maintain our Memorial Garden. This is a special place of remembrance for parishioners and families, and regular care will help ensure it remains tidy, safe and welcoming. The group will assist with garden beds and surrounding areas, with lawn and hedge maintenance continuing to be handled by the parish gardener.

The commitment is expected to be bi-monthly, depending on seasonal needs. If you enjoy gardening, working with others, or simply helping keep this important parish space cared for, we would love to hear from you. To express your interest, please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EQUIPMENT - FREE

The Parish has been donated a selection of Occupational Therapy Equipment to assist recovering patients in their homes :

Shower Chair, Over the Toilet Chairs, Four Wheel Walkers, Crutches, Adjustable Tables, Bed Assisting Bars + more.

ALL ITEMS – VERY GOOD CONDITION & FREE.

Contact Parish Office for further information.

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has many items. Statues, Rosary beads, rosary bracelets and pouches. Scapulars brown and green and 25 different medals, also prayer cards and holy pictures. If you are looking for a piety item we may be able to order it for you.

Parish Heating System Replacement Your Support Needed

Our church heating system, after many years of service, needs to be fully replaced to keep our building safe and comfortable. Installation is completed, but this important upgrade requires significant financial support. We kindly ask for your donations to help cover the cost. Contributions can be made by:

- Placing your offering in the special envelopes available in church (weekly or one-off)
- Bank transfer to:

Account Name: Future Maintenance Account

BSB: 083 347 **Account Number:** 294362890

Every donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated and will help keep our church warm for worship and fellowship.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$11 each.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—OCTOBER—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the Narthex. We are currently requesting: **coffee, rice, tinned vegetables long life milk. All Enquiries to Danny Rafferty 0437 498 877**



HOUSE OF BOOKS

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm

Saturday 10am-1pm

Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.

The shop has a great range of good quality second hand books at very low prices. Proceeds support St John's and St Vincent de Paul. Phone: 9401 6306



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

A reminder that **Daylight Saving Time** begins on **Sunday, 4 October 2026.**

Please remember to **put your clocks forward one hour** before going to bed on Saturday evening.

**OUR LADY'S
RINGWOOD
COMMUNITY FETE 2026**
**SATURDAY
24 OCTOBER**
12PM TO 6PM
CNR OF BEDFORD RD & WILANA ST

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

Volunteers are required to complete the **Safeguarding Essentials training and SCYP Code of Conduct** every three years.

The purpose of the Safeguarding Essentials training is to provide simplified and streamlined information for all Church personnel about safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk from abuse and harm. **Safeguarding is more than knowledge — it requires action.** By completing the training, Church personnel will understand their responsibilities and be better equipped to recognise, prevent and respond to child safety concerns within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

In-person training sessions

If you receive an email advising that we have no record of your online training, or that your training has expired, you are invited to attend one of the following group sessions at **St John's Church on 21 October.**

11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Please book your attendance by contacting the Parish Office:

Phone: 9401 6366 **Email:** mitcham@cam.org.au

OR

Complete the training online

If you prefer to complete the training online, you can register for the **Safeguarding Essentials training** and sign the **Code of Conduct** here:

<https://cam-parish.tribalhabits.com/accounts/register>

To register, you will need:

- An email address
- Your unique **Working with Children Check (WWCC) number** or **VIT ID number**

Registration token: enter the word **SAFEGUARDING** when prompted.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our parish community.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's Church and will give parishioners direct access to our account. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our QR code with their mobile phone and follow a few easy steps.



Thank you for your continued support

If you would like to support our Parish via **TAP and GO** please use the terminals located in the narthex and in the church. All you need to do is to select the amount displayed and tap the terminal with your credit card / debit card / smart phone or smart watch—your contribution will go straight into our Church account.

If you would like to **contribute to the support of our Priests** here are the Bank details:

Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account

BSB 083347

ACCT NO. 459 634 437