



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5 July—Year A

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children” (Matthew 11:25)

A little child is always open to the other person they encounter, especially their parents who have loved them into life. For the parents, their lives are filled with joy and hope with their little child. These encounters happen across every culture and tradition, and Jesus reminds us in the Gospel for this Sunday. Little children reveal this deep wisdom coming from God who loves us since the beginning of time.

In his address to First Nations peoples in Alice Springs in 1986, Saint Pope John Paul II said, **“The silence of the bush taught you a quietness of soul that put you in touch with another world, the world of God’s spirit. Your careful attention to the details of kinship spoke of your reverence for birth, life and human generation. You knew that children needed to be loved, to be full of joy. They need a time to grow in laughter and to play, secure in the knowledge that they belong to their people.”**

These words by the Pope suggest that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, even if they did not know Jesus, would understand these words from Matthew’s Gospel, revealing an intimacy and relationship to culture and land—a gift they can share with all Australians, especially for our children. Again, Pope John Paul reminds us all how this vision can be fulfilled for First Nations peoples: **“The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.”**

Christian people seek to be people of hope and joy. Remember always the simple joy of the little child. Remember Jesus Christ bears the same yoke, guiding us to opening our hearts, rejoicing in the gift of the ancient cultures and traditions that have shaped our land and country for more than 60,000 years. Our country will become a nation of hope and light in the world that is in desperate need of peace.

Bishop Michael Morrissey



St John the Evangelist Parish acknowledges 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: Hosea 2:16-18. 21-22	Mt 9:18-26
Tue: Hosea 8:4-7. 11-13	Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Hosea 10:1-3. 7-8. 12	Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Hosea 11:1-4. 8-9	Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Hosea 14:2-10	Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Isaiah 6:1-8	Mt 10:24-33

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Weekday Masses

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

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Fernando Bocod Abad, Dani Neri, James Gomes, Somadevi Kuruppu, Cyril Jose, Edward Chong, Philomena Ng Siew Heng, Fiona D'Costa Box, Edwin Ang, Cua Te and Genaro Aurina**



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



Lord, we ask for the wisdom to accept the rest and help you constantly provide us.

July 11/12	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	L Ung	M Campbell	T Wursthorn	T Black	M Day
Lectors	R Trewarn	M De Almeida	V Burnie	C Black	E Umashankar
Eucharist	C Pearson	R Smith	P Taggart	J Rea	S Solomons
	B Meehan	G Smith	N Wursthorn	J Kiekebosh	
	J Phoa	T McLaughlin	L Iacobucci	N Nguyen	
				S Kuruppa	
Laptop operator	C Kohomb.	A Bogoda	G Gill	T Luna	
Children Liturgist			N Christina	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

Bring your cheerful energy to our Sunday morning tea ministry! Join us after the 9:45 am Mass to serve and get to know your fellow parishioners. For more info, please call the parish office on 9401 6366.

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 5 July

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

AN EVENING WITH

This time it is 'An evening with ST PAUL: What sort of a person was he? What was the world of his day like? What influenced the way he wrote and travelled? Why has he had so much influence across the Christian story?

Led by **Fr Brendan Byrne**, renowned student and teacher of 'the Pauline story'.

Monday 27th July 7-9pm,

Narthex in St John's Mitcham church.

Drinks and nibbles. **EVERYONE** welcome

BAPTISM WELCOME



Today we welcome

***Isla Rose Cunningham,
Stella Florence Vangelista,
Payton Lara and Sasha Lara***

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

***Congratulations to
Bernie Kiekebosch***

who celebrates

*his 80th Birthday on Tuesday
With prayers and best wishes
for your joy and happiness*

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, **6 July at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

You are invited to:

***Acts of the Apostles
Scripture Study***

Part Two: Chapters 15-28

The Acts of the Apostles, Part Two (15:36-28:31) continues the story of the early church as it spreads the Gospel across the Roman Empire. Paul, a model of courage and missionary spirit, becomes our primary guide as we read of his long and at times perilous missionary journeys.

Beginning Tuesday August 4th for four weeks

Mornings: 10.30am – 12.00pm

St John's Church Chapel

Evenings: 7.30 – 9pm

Home in Patrick Court, Mitcham

- This study is self-contained and does not presume you studied "Part One".
- Newcomers, especially Bible 'beginners', are welcome.
- Personal study between sessions (1-2 hours)
- Weekly group meeting and discussion
- Wrap-up video lecture that develops and clarifies the themes of the session

Cost: \$30 for the course book

Facilitator: Lorraine McCarthy

More information and registration:

Email: lorraine613@bigpond.com

Link: <https://forms.gle/ZdZzpfv1s1FpLSMo7>

QR Code:



Aboriginal Sunday & NAIDOC Week, Sunday 5th-12th July, 2026

The celebration of **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** (July 5) is promoted by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) and marks the beginning of **NAIDOC week**. This year's NATSICC theme **Walking together in Christ – 40 years on!** marks 40 years since St Pope



John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs; a pivotal moment which also spoke to our Church in Australia. The late Pope said, *"You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."* John Paul II, 29 November 1986. Read the [full Alice Springs Address](#)

This week also marks **50 years of NAIDOC Week**. These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together. *Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On* calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope — listening deeply and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. Across this land, the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country and deep sense of community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia. As St Pope John Paul II reminded us, the Church is enriched by the many cultures it embraces. This is not something we simply acknowledge — it is something we are called to live. [Read more from NATSICC here](#)

National **NAIDOC Week** celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday-Sunday) to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. To find events visit <https://www.naidoc.org.au/> and local council websites and Indigenous Gathering Place websites.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— JULY—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**



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 underway, 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!

WHAT SYNODALITY IS NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable.



What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA EMERGENCY APPEAL

On the evening of 24 June 2026, two major earthquakes, measuring 7.2 and 7.5, struck northern Venezuela within minutes of each other.

The impact was felt across the capital, Caracas, and throughout central and coastal regions. Buildings, homes and infrastructure have collapsed and been severely damaged, and there has been widespread disruption to essential services.

Rescue efforts are slow, hampered by damaged infrastructure and limited resources. So far 1,700 people are confirmed dead, with tens of thousands still missing. Learn more or make a donation today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/venezuela-earthquake/venezuela-earthquake/>

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

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