



St. John's Parish Mitcham

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132

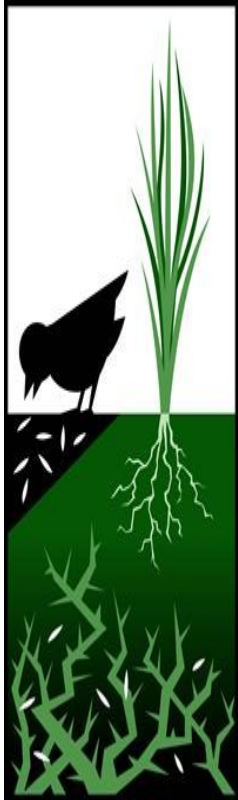
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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12 July—Year A



The seed fell on rich soil

In the rich soil of care,
the word of God takes root.

In the fruitful soil of birth,
the word of God becomes flesh.

In the thorny soil of suffering,
the word of God consoles.

In the flowering soil of friendship,
the word of God makes sense.

In the deep soil of faith,
the word of God comes to life.

And in the times
we till our lives
with care, compassion
with courage and endurance,
with joy and with love,
the word of God is sown by Jesus,
and bears its rich fruit,
and is given to us
in the Bread of Life.

The seed fell on rich soil

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: Isaiah 1:10-17	Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue: Isaiah 7:1-9	Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Isaiah 10:5-7. 13-16	Mt 11:25-27
Thu: Isaiah 26:7-9. 12. 16-19	Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Isaiah 38:1-6. 21-22. 7-8	Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Micah 2:1-5	Mt 12:14-21

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 12:13.16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

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	

Lord, sometimes the work we attempt on
your behalf appears to yield little of value.
May we not shy away, just because
it is not guaranteed a one hundred percent
success rate.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Brenda Monk and Celine Thomas** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Leslie Almeida, Rosanna George, Cesar Nicolas Snr and Rosemary Fonseka**



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



July 18/19	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	G Rodrigues	A Buchanan	N Vernal	D Kennedy	M Day
Lectors	S Rodrigues	C Ryan	H Wursthorn	J Kiekebosh	E Umashankar
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	M Battagello	
	M Pinto	R Smith	A Martonyi	C Brindle	
	Y Martin	G Smith	H Wursthorn	A Glenn	
				D Kuruppu	
Laptop operator	T Tan	C Almeida	L Wursthorn	K Drill	
Children Liturgist			A&D Rivadillo	M Hendrianto	

**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

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 24 July from 10:30am to 11:30am

BAPTISM



Today we welcome

**Stella Florence Vangelista,
Payton Lara and Sasha Lara**

*into the life of the Catholic Church
through the Community of St John's*

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

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,

Coghlan centre—St John's Hall

Drinks and nibbles. **EVERYONE** welcome

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:



SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 5 August**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 3 August. All are welcome.



This year's NAIDOC Week theme is 50 Years of Deadly.

In Aboriginal communities, deadly is a term of high praise. It describes something or someone as excellent, inspiring, strong, and worthy of celebration. It... is a language of resilience and pride that honours the gifts, leadership, and achievements of First Peoples.

So when we celebrate 50 Years of Deadly, we honour the Elders, advocates, artists, leaders, and communities who have carried this movement forward, and we recognise the many ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to stand strong despite ongoing racism, injustice, violence, and the silencing of their voices. As Christians, this theme echoes the invitation of Philippians 4:8: *"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."* In other words, think about what is deadly.

For this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations Common Grace put together a 10-minute video about its history, and asked First Peoples: *What makes your Mob so deadly?* While each person shared a unique story, a common thread emerged: our communities are deadly because they are deeply connected - to culture, Country, family, and one another. They lift each other up, share wisdom across generations, and carry our stories, identity, and belonging wherever they go. We hope that you will be encouraged, challenged and inspired by their voices, and by the many ways they continue to enrich communities, the Common Grace movement, the Church, and our nation.

We invite you to reflect a little deeper on this year's theme and hopes for our Australian Church and people 10 minute video / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qrvSk3v9O4>

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!

SYNODALITY AND UNITY

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.



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