



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13 September—Year A

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2026: 'LOVE AND PROTECT'

Catholics around Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 13.

The 2026 theme "Love Protects" recognises that safeguarding is a practical expression of Christian love.

When communities prioritise the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults, they embody the love and care that is at the heart of the Gospel.

"'Love Protects' reminds us that genuine love is demonstrated through action," said chair of the Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Bishop Greg Bennet.

"Safeguarding is an essential part of our mission and ministry. It calls each of us to be attentive, accountable and committed to ensuring that every person can participate in the life of the Church safely and with confidence."

Safeguarding Sunday also provides an opportunity to acknowledge the work of clergy, staff, volunteers and safeguarding leaders who work to foster cultures of safety and trust throughout church communities.

Their dedication strengthens the Church's commitment to preventing harm, responding appropriately to concerns and promoting the dignity of every person.

As faith communities gather to mark Safeguarding Sunday, we are encouraged to reflect on the example of Jesus, who welcomed and protected the vulnerable and marginalised.

His ministry inspires the Church's commitment to care, respect, and justice.

"Love protects when we listen. Love protects when we act. Love protects when we place the wellbeing of others at the centre of our decisions and our ministry," Bishop Bennet said.

"Together, we can build communities where every person is valued, respected and safe."

May this parish be a true sanctuary, safe for the smallest among us, attentive to the most vulnerable, honest with the truth, and faithful to the God whose love always protects.



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: Numbers 21:4-9	Jn 3:13-17
Tue: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. 27-31	Jn 19:25-27
Wed: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	Lk 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Lk 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37. 42-49	Lk 8:4-15

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24. 27
Matthew 20:1-16

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

We have the chance
to offer grace to others.
We are made to be merciful.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Cesidio Ricci, Stephen Martonyi and Brendan Gaffy** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Shayne Heard-Lowry, Gerald Heard, Tan Tien Kay, Lee Lai Kuan, Hoong Hee Cheah, Magdal Jansen, Dorothea O'Farrell, Ursula Clifford, John Winter and Dominic Vecchi**



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



September 19/20	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	K Harvey
Lectors	S Rodrigues	C Ryan	H Wursthorn	J Kiekebosh	M Lambert
Eucharist	M Webb	M Coghlan	T Harkin	M Battagello	M Kristan
	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					

**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.



BAPTISM



Today we welcome

Lucio Carmelo Verde

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

FUNERAL SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S



Cesidio Ricci

Wednesday 16 September at 11.30am

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, **14 September 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.

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.



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

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!



Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest

Every married couple and priest deserves to experience this very special weekend. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive.

No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

November 6-8th, 2026

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

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



OUTER EASTERN TREATY EDUCATION & SOLIDARITY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 22ND 7-9PM

Learn about Australia's first Treaty and how we got here. Last year the State of Victoria signed the first Treaty with Victoria's First Peoples Assembly.

Treaty is something for all Victorians to be proud of. But did you know that right now, Treaty is under threat. After a decade in the making, it is so important that the Statewide Treaty be upheld. Treaty is good news for all.

Treaty brings much hope, healing and unity.

Assembly Members from Gellung Warl and Together for Treaty will be speaking. We all agree Treaty should be above party politics and this is why Treaty education and these respectful conversations are so important.

Registrations necessary. For more information or to register <https://events.humanitix.com/eastern-treaty-education-solidarity-night>

SPIRITUALITY DINNER

The next Spirituality Dinner at the Janssen Spirituality Centre (JSC), Boronia, is on **Friday 18th September, 5:30-8:30pm.**

The topic is 'Understanding Interculturality in the Biblical Context'.

The Presenter is Fr. Christopher Monaghan, a Passionist priest and respected Scripture scholar, who has taught both New and Old Testaments at Yarra Theological Union (YTU), part of the University of Divinity, since 1987, and has served as President of YTU.

The evening includes a 3-course dinner.

Suggested donation \$35 pp.

Booking: RSVP by Monday 14th

Tel. 9762 6625; Mobile: 0432 261 194 (Fr. Thien)

Email: enquiries@janssencentre.au

Web: www.janssencentre.au

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—SEPTEMBER—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**



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