



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16 August—Year A

A woman who was true to herself

Be true to yourself and your feelings,
follow your heart and be guided by your mind;
love sincerely and with respect;
express faithfully your love.
Listen and remember,
you are not alone.

Keep sigh of your roots,
the love of your parents,
your home, your friends,
these roots are only the beginnings.
You create the branches,
care for the fruit
and delight in the harvest.

Live really and honestly,
dream of peace and beauty,
love gently and with care.
Have faith in God.

Be true to yourself.



John McHugh

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: Ezekiel 24:15-24

Mt 19:16-22

Tue: Ezekiel 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Ezekiel 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

Thu: Ezekiel 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Fri: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Mt 22:34-40

Sat: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Weekday Masses

St John's

Tue 10am Mass

Wed 10am Mass

Thur No Mass

Fri 10am Mass SJM

Our Lady's

6pm Mass

9.15am Mass

Every church, a sanctuary—no one turned away. This is according to God's design.
Let's open our doors wide.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Giuseppe Schena and Angelina Marro** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Marie Alwis, Neil Lonergan, William Box, Sr M Dymrna SGS, Fr G James S.J., Su Ong Tchea, Anita Tchea, Daniel Tchea, Claire Mu, Ana Simonsen, Ray, Simonsen and John Zahra**



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



August 22/23	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	M Bredhauer	R Andrews	D Kuruppu	B Rudin	M Harman
Lectors	P Cowan	H De Kauwe	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Eucharist	R McIntosh T Tan	A Tham	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowds C Lowry	C Kook
Laptop operator		J Phoa	J Curtis	J Crawford	
Children Liturgist			D Rivadillo	S Jeyanayagam	

**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 6 September

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 28 August from 10:30am to 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, **17 August at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

FUNERAL SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S



Giuseppe Schena

Thursday 20 August at 11.30am

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

**ST JOHN'S PARISH'S
INTERNATIONAL SOIRÉE**

Join us for an evening of international music and songs.

Share dinner with friends before the concert, then sit back and be entertained by performances from our parish family and special invited guests. This concert supports our parish maintenance fund for an assured warm reception during winters!



Friday 11 September

Coghlan Centre

Dinner - 6pm

Concert - 7pm

Cost - \$30 dinner and concert.

Children 12 and under Free.

BYO wine

Tell your friends and family. Everyone is welcome to this special event. Seats are limited. Book now!

RSVP by 7 September:

Parish Office 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

Trybooking click [here](#)



SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 2 September**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 31 August. All are welcome.



SYNODALITY AND THE MARGINS

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.



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!



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The next set of Stewardship envelopes will be available in the Church narthex this weekend. Receipts are enclosed with the envelopes. If you could take envelopes belonging to neighbours and delivering them it would save on our postage costs. Thank you



ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP

Did you know our cards are for sale from the Piety Stall after weekend Masses? We have a great selection of cards including Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy and Confirmation cards. Our cards are also available to purchase from the House of Books and the Parish Office. All profits from our card sales continue to benefit the work of St Vincent de Paul. Please contact us via the Parish Office if you have any queries. Thanks Monika and Card Making Team.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL—AUGUST—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



St Vincent de Paul Mitcham Conference Report to the Parish for the year ending 30 June 2026

	2026	2025
Number of home visits	246	281
Number of adults assisted	355	390
Number of children assisted	203	206
Number of bread runs	48	48
Number of families visited per bread run	10	10
Number of Christmas hampers provided	72	85
Number of gift cards in Christmas hampers	130	137
Number of adults receiving hampers	101	123
Number of children receiving hampers	49	61

Assistance given:

Christmas hampers gift vouchers, donated and purchased.	\$4,290	\$4,650
Christmas hampers food	\$3,820	\$4,160
Education	\$2,679	\$170
Food, donated and purchased	\$14,690	\$14,335
Furniture	\$3,831	\$1,310
Medical	\$1,090	\$989
Supermarket food vouchers	\$17,880	\$20,070
Transport assistance	\$803	\$2,453
Utility Bills	\$78	\$969
Vinnies Shop Cards	\$2,950	\$6,525
Whitegoods	\$7,851	\$2,103
Total assistance	\$59,962	\$57,754

Income

Card making group	\$2,500	\$2,000
Donations	\$14,489	\$14,489
House of Books	\$12,000	\$3,500
Piety Stall	\$1,830	\$1,864
Poorbox and candles	\$1,774	\$1,922
Total income	\$33,593	\$25,025

Please note that the deficit for the period has been funded by Vinnies Victoria. From June 2024 the Christmas and Winter Appeal donations were transferred directly to Vinnies Victoria and not shown as part of Mitcham Conference income.

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