



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sunday 17 May —Year A

“LET THERE BE HEATING”

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to inform you about an important matter concerning our church building. After many faithful years of service (and a heroic effort during many chilly mornings), our heating system has finally decided it would like to retire. It has become increasingly unreliable, inefficient, and—despite our best hopes—immune to prayer alone.

Following professional assessment, it is clear that a full replacement is now necessary to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all who gather in our parish. Work is currently in progress to install a new heating system. While this is a significant and much-needed improvement, it also comes with a considerable financial cost.

We humbly ask for your support in helping us meet this expense. We welcome your contributions, donations to be made in the following ways:

- By placing your offering in the special envelope available in the church (this can be weekly or one off)
- By making a transfer to the following Bank account:

Name: **Future Maintenance Account**

BSB: **083 347**

Account number: **294362890**



MITCHAM PARISH

- By scanning the QR code

Every contribution, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference and is deeply appreciated. And who knows—your generosity might help ensure that next winter, the only thing giving you goosebumps is the sermon!

We thank you for your continued generosity, care, and commitment to our parish community. Together, we can ensure that our church remains a warm and welcoming place for worship and fellowship for years to come.

With gratitude and blessings,

Dispin and the Finance Committee



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: Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 20:28-38	Jn 17:11-19
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 22:30; 23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 25:13-21	Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 28:16-20. 30-31	Jn 21:20-25

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

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	

There's a paradoxical joy in knowing that Christ is with us in our sufferings, that we can commune with Christ in the worst of times. This is the mystery of God's love.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Ann McAllister and Oliver V Andrade** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Rod Spencer, Jim Hendriks, Peter Rosemeyer, Charles Poulton, Mark Bateman, Patricia O'Dwyer, Edwin Ang, Matthew Nicolas Dekker, Joao Pereira, Manuel Abreu, Michael Roño, Mary Fernando, Alfredo and Melchora Acido**



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



May 23/24	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	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Lectors	A Livy	B Mills	L Kho	B Rudin	M Harman
Eucharist	M Livy	A Tham	G Gartland	A Glenn	C Kook
	E Booth	B Mills	M Lafferty	P Darmody	M Kristan
	R McIntosh		C Bramble	S Dowd	
				D Kuruppu	
Laptop operator		J Phoa	J Curtis		
Children Liturgist		A Wursthorn	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 this Sunday 7th June

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

**Julian Domenico Laurence, Arthur Louis Barro,
Darcy James Spencer, Parker Leiper**

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

FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S



Antonio Salvitti

Wednesday 20 May
11.15am Rosary
11.30am Funeral Mass

Ann McAllister

Thursday 21 May
11.30am Funeral Mass

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



Wanting more than the clamour and busy-ness at Mass? Consistent meditation is known to help calm our busy minds. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you can benefit from meditation – even if you are new to it. 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, **25 May at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

Friday 22 May from 10:30am to 11:30am

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 3rd June**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 1 June. All are welcome.



MUSIC EVENING WITH ALYS

Fresh from her appearance on Season 2 of ABC TV's "The Piano", our very talented parishioner Alys Cavanagh is presenting an evening of story and song.



You are invited to join us on Monday 25th May at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Church where Alys will play music for us, interspersed with some of her story of encounter with Jesus on a journey through complex mental illness.

The cost is \$20 (cash or eftpos on the night) which Alys is donating to the Parish Building Fund (thank you, Alys!) and drinks and supper will be provided afterwards. We hope that you can make this very special event.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

If you are a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage you to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirement to comply with the Safeguarding policies and procedures. You can access it at

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/>

Let's work together to keep children safe!

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has a new spot in the narthex and new items too. 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.

FLOWER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish is seeking new volunteers to assist with preparing and arranging flowers in the church. This quiet and creative ministry helps enhance the beauty of our worship space and contributes to the prayerful atmosphere of our liturgies throughout the year.

No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to help and an appreciation for simple floral arrangements. Guidance will be provided, and you can offer your time on a rostered or occasional basis, depending on your availability.

If you feel called to support this ministry or would like to learn more, please contact the parish office 94016366.

We would be very grateful for your help in this meaningful and rewarding service.

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET STALL - ST JOHN'S FETE

We have had a very positive and encouraging response to our Stall. Thank you to all the very kind parishioners who have offered to assist us. We will be in contact with you shortly. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us via the Parish Office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—MAY—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**



St Johns Women's 2026 Retreat Weekend Awakening to life, love and prayer

June 26th – 28th

This gentle and reflective retreat offers an opportunity to slow down, listen, and be awakened in a new way to your self, to God and to other

When: Friday June 26th, 7.30pm

to Sunday June 28th, 3pm

**Where: Santhom Grove (formerly Pallotti College)
McNamaras Rd Millgrove.**

What: Sleep, read, chat, walk – also a gentle facilitated program

Facilitator: Mo Cromar



**A prayerful weekend of light,
love, language and laughter.**

More information and registration:

Email: lorraine613@bigpond.com

Link: <https://forms.gle/oENTvxH56DkRVSXW8>

A SYNOD IS NOT A PARLIAMENT.

The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.



FINDING SOLUTIONS

Looking at how to cope with what life throws at you? Trying to find peace and happiness in a troubled time? Call Clare to have a chat in a safe place. I can do face to face, online or phone counselling.

Email: counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com

Phone: 0409 990 907

Registered Counsellor with Australian Counselling Association. Change is only a conversation away.

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