



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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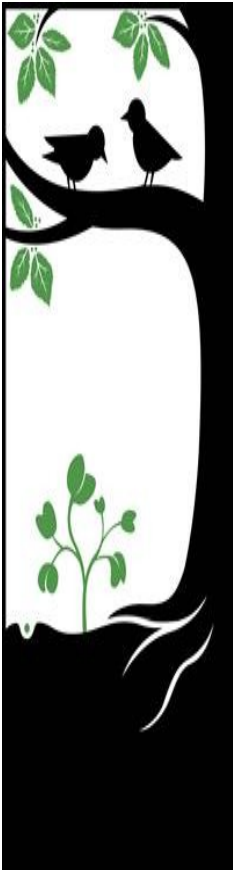
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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19 July—Year A



Let them both grow till harvest time

There's a bit of bad in the best of us,
and a lot of good in the worst of us.

How true.

Like the farmer in the gospel
looking at weeds and wheat in a field,
we look at the goodness and the sinfulness in our lives.

People's strengths have their own weaknesses:
a generous person is often hot-tempered
and a placid person may seem cold or unfeeling.

Weeds and wheat, weeds and flowers,
all grew in the farmer's field,
and God saw more of the colour
and the growth than the weeds.
same with you and me.

With God's grace and our co-operation
the good can overcome the bad.
And when God looks at a life,
he sees the life totally,
and the bad is lost and forgiven in the good.

And the word of God is patience.
Let them both grow till harvest time, he said,
otherwise, if you cut everything, you will do violence to the field.

Lord, help me to be patient with myself,
let me know that you see the heart
and you see that behind every fault and sin,
there I also the struggle to do good.

Let them both grow till harvest time.

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: Micah 6:1-4. 6-8	Mt 12:38-42
Tue: Micah 7:14-15. 18-20	Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Song of Songs 3:1-4	Jn 11:20:1-2. 11-18
Thu: Jeremiah 2:1-3. 7-8. 12-13	Mt 13:10-17
Fri: Jeremiah 3:14-17	Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Micah 2:1-5	Mt 13:18-23

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1 Kings 3:5.7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

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	

When prayer is difficult,
we don't need to fret.

The Spirit can come and pray through us.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently **Christoph Adalbert Kleinhenz** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Connie Rodrigues, Nora Bredhauer, Alicia Tokarski, Barry Pearce, Lillian Glenn, Marion Caffrey, Cesar Bautista, Kieu Le, Hong Le, Luu Le, Stella Wang, Connie Rodrigues and Annette Alwis.** 

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 25/26	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	P Abeynaike	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Lectors	M Bredhauer	R Andrews	D Kuruppu	B Rudin	M Harman
Eucharist	R McIntosh T Tan	A Tham	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowd C Lowry	C Kook
Laptop operator		J Phoa	J Curtis		
Children Liturgist			A O'Riley	Z Dawson	

**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

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!

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*

✦ **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

**Sienna Oakleigh Derbyshire
Isla Rose Cunningham**

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

FUNERAL SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

Christoph Adalbert Kleinhenz

Wednesday 22 July at 11:30am



Brenda Monk

Friday 24 July at 11:30am

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

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.



**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!

VOLUNTEERS FOR LITURGY ROSTER

St John's is urgently looking for new volunteers for operating the laptop during Sunday Masses. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366. Please note that all volunteers need to have a Working With Children Check and sign a Code of Conduct.

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.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The 5 Love Languages- The Secret to Love that Lasts: Enrichment Day for Couples is based on the international best-seller by Dr Gary Chapman.

We all need to feel loved. Men and women have an "emotional love tank". When it's full, we feel content, secure, and loved. We all communicate love primarily according to one of five love languages. And the truly life-changing moment comes when we understand and speak each other's love language.

Your presenters, Deb & Paul Cochran, have been married for 37 years and involved with Marriage Encounter for 27 years. They have presented the 5 Love Languages Enrichment to Couples in Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane. Deb & Paul bring the concepts of the book alive in a humorous and relatable way as they share their own experiences

9 am-5 pm, Sat, 15 August 2026 @ St Eugene's Retreat & Conference Centre, 45 John Field Drive, Newborough (Gippsland) VIC 3825

Cost: \$60 per couple (includes course materials, lunch and morning & afternoon tea)

More information and booking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMSUR>

Enquiries: Maria & Andre Rasquinha

E: andrerasquinha@yahoo.com.au

T: 0411 225 992



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**



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:



PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has many items. 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.

WHY DISCERNMENT IS ESSENTIAL

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.



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

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