



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20 September—Year A

THE LOVE OF GOD FOR ALL

To accept that God first loved us,
Through no merits or our own,
And that God is always there for us,
Although we forget God,
Is more difficult for us
Than following God's commandments.

To accept that God loves us just as we are,
Unconditionally, gratuitously, and forever,
Is more difficult for us
Than to sacrifice as we should for God and for others.

To accept that God forgives absolutely
And does not hold our past against us
Is more difficult for us
Than to repent of the evil we have done.

To accept this love of God
Is the only path to freedom and interior peace.
And it is the underlying reason
Why we should accept each other
And love each other just as we are.



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: Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Tue: Proverbs 21:1-6. 10-13

Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Proverbs 30:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thu: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8

Lk 9:43-45

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

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

God's mercy is active and flowing:
a grace that transforms, empowers
and frees us to offer others compassion

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Geraldine Mead, Andrew Kuek, Shawn Mathias and Rea Vaz** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Manuel D'Souza and Robert Fuller**



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 26/27	St John's	St John's	St John's	St John's	St John's
	6.00pm	8.30am	9.45am	11.15am	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	A Tham	G Gartland	A Glenn	C Kook
	T Tan		M Lafferty	P Darmody	M Kristan
			C Bramble	S Dowd	
				C Lowry	
Laptop operator		J Phoa	J Curtis	J Crawford	
Children Liturgist					

Faith Formation, Social & Other

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

**Ethan Malcolm Dalusong Cole,
Calvin Pan, Isla Grinsted**

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



FUNERAL SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

Brendan Gaffy

Wednesday 23 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, **28 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.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY: 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

This Sunday, 20 September 2026, we give thanks for the thousands of staff and volunteers across Catholic social services who accompany people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation throughout Victoria. As we celebrate Social Services Sunday, we recognise the need for encounter. Passion for connection and meeting others creates the kinship that is imperative in times of hardship and for building strong communities. Through these encounters, we recognise the dignity of every person and stand alongside those who may otherwise go unheard. Catholic social services put this call into practice every day through accompaniment, advocacy, and practical support. This Social Services Sunday, we are invited not only to give thanks for this work, but to consider our own contribution: Who is experiencing hardship around us? Who is already walking beside them? How might we strengthen and support that

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday 25 September** but the 10am Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Normal office hours will resume on **Tuesday 29 September**.

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

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**



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



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

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

Volunteers are required to complete the **Safeguarding Essentials training and SCYP Code of Conduct every three years**.

The purpose of the Safeguarding Essentials training is to provide simplified and streamlined information for all Church personnel about safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk from abuse and harm. **Safeguarding is more than knowledge — it requires action.** By completing the training, Church personnel will understand their responsibilities and be better equipped to recognise, prevent and respond to child safety concerns within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

In-person training sessions

If you receive an email advising that we have no record of your online training, or that your training has expired, you are invited to attend one of the following group sessions at **St John's Church on 21 October**:

11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Please book your attendance by contacting the Parish Office:

Phone: 9401 6366 **Email:** mitcham@cam.org.au

OR

Complete the training online

If you prefer to complete the training online, you can register for the **Safeguarding Essentials training** and sign the **Code of Conduct** here: <https://cam-parish.tribalhabits.com/accounts/register>

To register, you will need:

- An email address
- Your unique **Working with Children Check (WWCC) number** or **VIT ID number**

Registration token: enter the word **SAFEGUARDING** when prompted.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our parish community.

CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$11 each.

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