



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21 June—Year A

No love wasted

Love is like a bridge between heaven and earth.

When we try to love,
to care for another,
to look out for another in trouble,
to rear and raise a family in love,
then we are in the environment of God.

When God looks on a life,
He sees the field sown with love.
He sees that we dug and planted,
we watered and we fertilized our land,
we tended our field of love as best we could.

Hasn't many a parent spent years of effort in love,
and not been as successful as he wanted?
Hasn't many a teacher cared for generations of children,
and wonders what has been the fruit?

Husbands, wives, parents, grandparents,
lives lived in the effort to love;
friendship, community, caring professions,
efforts to love, to care, to grow.

Not always successful.
Selfishness enters the field of love -
we need to be loved ourselves,
or we can't keep the effort going.

God sees the effort,
like he has counted the hairs of our heads,
like he sees his Son I bread and wine.

What's spent and offered in love
is never wasted in the circle of love
which is God.

On the bridge between heaven and earth,
the bridge of love,
no effort is lost,
no kindness unnoticed,
no love wasted.

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: 2Kings 17:5-8. 13-15. 18

Mt 7:1-5

Tue: 2 Kings 19:9-11. 14-21. 31-36

Mt 7:6. 12-14

Wed: Isaiah 49:1-6

Lk 1:57-66. 80

Thu: 2 Kings 24:8-17

Mt 7:21-29

Fri: 2 Kings 25:1-12

Mt 8:1-4

Sat: Lam 2:2. 10-14. 18-19

Mt 8:5-17

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2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

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

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Giovanni Pinolo** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Mary Fernando, Don Baldwin Kuruppu, T. J. Devasia & Helen Ramliani**



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**



As we love, serve, bless, give, and witness,
we unite beyond borders, cultures,
and human constructs.
God creates a new nation with one ruler—
Jesus Christ.

June 27/28	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	M Brdhauer	R Andrews	D Kuruppu	B Rudin	M Harman
Lectors	P Abeynaike	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Eucharist	R McIntosh	A Tham	G Gartland	A Glenn	C Kook
	T Tan		M Lafferty	P Darmody	M Kristan
			C Bramble	S Dowds	
				C Lowry	
Laptop operator		J Phoa	J Curtis		
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



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 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 26 June 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, **22 June at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on

Wednesday 1 July. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 29 June. All are welcome.



PETER PENCE COLLECTION



Next weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no morning Mass at St John's on next Wednesday 24 June as the new heating system will be installed on the Church roof.

Weekday Masses will resume on Friday 26 June at 10am

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.

**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!



**Celebrating
NAIDOC Week Sunday**
We gather as one in Christ —
the deep faith, culture,
and gifts of Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

12 July 2026 at 11 am
St Francis Church
326 Lonsdale St
Melbourne Victoria 3000
Followed by light refreshments
in the Eymard Centre
RSVP 3 July
lilian.hobson@cam.org.au or
lilian.hobson@gmail.com

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.

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— JUNE—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**



MEMORIAL GARDEN REMOVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The St John's Memorial Garden has been blessed and dedicated for ashes of loved ones to be interred. Families who have the remains of loved ones interred in the Garden have signed the required consent forms to conform with the Parish requirement that "no plaque or plant or addition of any type be added to the garden, except by the Parish". The items left in the garden have been removed and can be collected at the Parish Office. The Garden has been designed and landscaped to make the area a pleasant, peaceful area where people are able to sit, reflect and pray.

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.



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SYNODALITY AND LAITY

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.



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