



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 26 April —Year A

I have come that you may have life to the full.

One of the titles of God
is 'Lover of Life'.

God is the lover of
real life among us;
yet we often make him into a killjoy God.

Jesus brought the life of
forgiveness to people crippled with guilt,
peace to those driven by anxiety,
hope to people darkened by despair,
friendship to people isolated in loneliness:

Jesus' gift of life
is the gift of love.
His companionship offers
peace, forgiveness, hope,
in all the experiences of life.

I have come that you may have life to the full.

Lord, lover of life,
make us truly grateful
for gifts of laughter and humour,
of endurance and courage,
of care and reconciliation,
and for all which makes us truly alive.

I have come that you may have life to the full.



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 11:1-18	Jn 10:1-10
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26	Jn 10:22-30
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 12:24-13:5	Jn 12:44-50
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25	Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33	Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52	Jn 14:7-14

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Weekday Masses

St John's

Tue 10am Mass

Wed 10am Mass

Thur No Mass

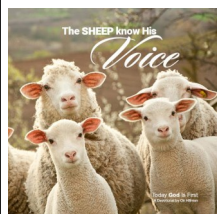
Fri 9am Mass SJV

10am Mass SJM

Our Lady's

6pm Mass

9.15am Mass



Like sheep, we grow and mature and develop our abilities to recognize whose voice is whose. Let's listen closely to the tender, gentle voice of the caring Shepherd.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Franciscal Kamalias** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Pauline Goetz, John Bredhauer, Betty Vernal, Patricio Alejandro Nicolas, Shirley Flores, Charlie Davison, Pauline Flynn, Ken Cotterill, Joseph Kuek, Anna Liew, Jonathan Lee and Doris Lim**



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 2/3	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 Cowan	J Magree	L Ung	P Spencer	S Solomons
Lectors	C Cowan	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A&F Puls
Eucharist	C Irvin	T McLaughlin	G Gill	C Bantawig	B Belot
	Y Martin	J McCarthy	R Elliott	J Bantawig	D Lim
	C Ringin	N Alemida	J Paisley	A Wilson	
			G Wain	B Bartling	
Laptop operator		C Vymel	T wang	T Borges	
Children Liturgist		J Phoa	N Vernal		

**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 on Sunday 3rd May

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.

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 6th May**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 4 May. All are welcome.



**Congratulations to
Pat Bowen**

*who celebrates
her 96th Birthday this weekend
With prayers and best wishes
for your joy and happiness*

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, **11 May at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

**Continuing 'FAITH FORMATION' gatherings
An evening with FRANCIS and CLARE OF ASSISI**

In this 800th anniversary year of the death of St Francis of Assisi, his situation and that of his companion St Clare of Assisi may cast some light on our own being 'of faith' and 'of the Church' for our beautiful but broken world : their and our circumstances are remarkably similar!

MONDAY 27th April, 7-9pm, Narthex at St John's.

Led by visitor Jane Bertelsen (familiar with Parish life in Melbourne, facilitator of 'Franciscan spirituality' seminars, most recently Congregation Leader (international) of Franciscan Missionaries of Divine Motherhood.

All invited to join in, participate and enjoy: drinks and nibbles throughout the evening!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2026

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us: "Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ".

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering children and young people, strengthening families and individuals, providing safe housing and homelessness assistance, and supporting refugees and asylum seekers. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au, call (03) 9967 2515 or scan the QR Code below. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)



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.

Catholics urged to step up for National Walk for Truth

Please click on the link to learn more.

<https://cathnews.com/2026/04/08/catholics-urged-to-step-up-for-national-walk-for-truth/>

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>

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**



VOLUNTEERS FOR LITURGY ROSTER

It is now time to prepare the new LITURGY ROSTER. St John's is looking for new special ministers and above all laptop operators. Please consider being part of our liturgy and helping in this vital role. Your availability is requested once a month. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366 or via email mitcham@cam.org.au. **If you are already on the roster and need to come off please advise the Parish Office.**

Please note that all volunteers need to have a Working With Children Check, do the online training and sign a Code of Conduct which is available in the church, at the Parish Office and on the Parish website.

RETURN OF PARISH KEYS

We kindly ask anyone who may still have parish keys that are no longer in use to please return them to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

Over time, keys may have been issued for various roles or responsibilities, and ensuring their return helps us maintain the safety and security of our facilities. Keys can be returned during office hours or placed in a clearly marked envelope and dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you for your cooperation and for your continued support of our parish community.

SPIRITUALITY DINNER

Topic: Centering Prayer - re-imagining the nature of spiritual transformation in the 21st Century

Date: Friday, 1st May 2026, 5.30pm– 8.30pm

Venue: 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, VIC 3155

Presenter: Rob Leslie who is a Quaker and a Centring Prayer practitioner. He is currently undertaking a research project on Centring Prayer at the Melbourne University of Divinity.

Suggested donation: \$35/ Per Person

Booking is essential:

Tel. 9762.6625; **Mobile:** 0432261194 (Fr. Thien)

Email: enquiries@janssencentre.au

Web: www.janssencentre.au

Bank Acc. Name: Divine Word Missionaries

BSB: 063108; **Ac. No.:** 1050 6541

Under Description: Your Name

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