



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 26 July—Year A



Like treasure hidden in a field

Where is the Kingdom of God?
How to recognise it?
Has it and anthem like a country,
a flag like a nation,
a language of its own?

In the middle of the heart of experience is found
the Kingdom of God.

Through the gaps of life,
shines the Kingdom of God.

Like treasure hidden in a field.

Glimpsed in the narrow gaps
between tight thoughts
and you're surprised by a new idea.
Glimpsed in the narrow gaps
between people who know each other
and you're surprised by the newness of one you love.
Glimpsed in the narrow gap
of acceptance of injustice and inequality,
and you're surprised by new initiatives.

There is no flag, no anthem, no language
separate from
the flag, anthem and language
of our experience of life:
the flag, anthem and language
of love, compassion, truth
of the works of justice,
of Eucharist.

Like treasure hidden in a field

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: Jeremiah 13:1-11	Mt 13:31-35
Tue: Jeremiah 14:17-22	Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Jeremiah 15:10. 16-21	Jn 11:19-27
Thu: Jeremiah 18:1-6	Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Jeremiah 26:1-9	Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Jeremiah 26:11-16. 24	Mt 14:1-12

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35. 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

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 we need to act
with some authority and wisdom,
let us pray Solomon's prayer

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently **Dennis Danker Gois**, **Chibuke Senior** and **Sandra Sammut** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Lorenzo Fatigati**, **Ron Wain**, **Adam Tokarski**, **Marianne Fong**, **John Flynn**, **Vimala Raj**, **Bill Passmore**, **Harry Kiekebosh**, **Barry May**, **Tony Hanlan**, **Joe and Ruby D'Souza**.



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



August 1/2	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	C Cowan	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A&F Puls
Lectors	P Cowan	J Magree	L Ung	P Spencer	S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin	T McLaughlin	G Gill	C Bantawig	B Belot
	Y Martin	J McCarthy	R Elliott	J Bantawig	D Lim
	C Ringin	N Almeida	J Paisley	A Wilson	
			G Wain	B Bartling	
Laptop operator		C Vymel	T Wang	T Borges	
Children Liturgist			N Christina	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 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

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!

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

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/ZdZpFv1s1FpLSMo7>

QR Code:



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.



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!

St John's Parish's International Soirée

Join us for an evening of international music and songs.

Share dinner with friends before the concert, then sit back and be entertained by performances from our parish family and special invited guests. This concert supports our parish maintenance fund for an assured warm reception during winters!

Friday 11 September

Coghlan Centre

Dinner - 6pm

Concert - 7pm

Cost - \$30 dinner and concert.

Children 12 and under Free.

Tell your friends and family. Everyone is welcome



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**



6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

Holy Father

Who watches over every person

Watch over me too when I am elderly.

You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.

You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).
Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it
Just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it –

You who, though all-powerful,
clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division

So that we may live these years
united in You.

You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15)
Amen

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
ACCT NO. 459 634 437