



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 4 February 2024 —Year B

This is why I came

Many times Jesus wondered
why he was on earth.

He knew and believed deep down in his Father's will
that he would live and die and rise for love;
that he would show the world that God cares
especially for the poor and the needy.

And as he preached and prayed
and healed and forgave
in the name of God his Father,
he was a man committed to his mission.

We want that ourselves:
to have a place in the world
where we can make a difference;
where we can love and be loved,
where we can share life with others.
We want to ease the lot of the sick,
to make a difference in the poverty of the world,
to create a better world for our children.

Like Jesus,
we want to know why we are here.
his conviction
of why he came
can touch us.

For all of us, like Jesus,
are here on earth for the same reasons:
to live in the love of God,
to bring that love in the ordinary places of life,
and to give praise to God in heaven.



**"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

Business Manager: Margaret Harrington

Parish Secretary: Manuela Brambilla

Accountant: Gilda Bell

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 0468 589 793

Safeguarding Committee Co-ordinator: Andrew Buchanan

Visitation and Communion to the Sick & Housebound:

Co-ordinator: Cath Brindle

Parish Priest Fr Dispin John

Supported by Fr Michael Kelly, CSsR

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: 1 Kings 8:1-7. 9-13	Mk 6:53-56
Tue: 1 Kings 8:22-23. 27-30	Mk 7:1-13
Wed: 1 Kings 10:1-10	Mk 7:14-23
Thur: 1 Kings 11:4-13	Mk 7:24-30
Fri: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19	Mk 7:31-37
Sat: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Mk 8:1-10

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Weekday Masses

St John's	Our Lady's
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Tue 10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed 10am Mass	
Thur No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri 10am SJM	



Lord, we want to know you with deeper faith so that we can make you known to others.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Mara Vecchi and Pat Carty** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Mark Egan, Edward Chong, Tony Suppa, Antonino Suppa, Rosario Caleca, Sergio Flores, Barbara Martin Cobas, Richard Naisbitt and Mary 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**



Feb 10/11	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 Lectors	L Hennessy M Solomons	M De Almeida M Campbell	V Burnie T Wursthorn	T Black C Black	E Umashankar M Day
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart S Harrison V Menon N Wursthorn	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen	S Solomons
Laptop operator Children Liturgist	C Kohomban.	G Campbell J Kearney	D Hancock		

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

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ ST JOHN'S

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16)

For prayer requests, please call Loredana 0423 313 336 or contact the Parish Office.
God bless, Loredana

A prayer for our habits:

Lord, we confess that we spend much of our day thoughtlessly consuming the things around us. Our habits often lack intention and cause us to live distracted, self-focused lives. Would you bring to our attention the unhealthy ways we spend our time, energy, thoughts, talents, and money? Show us old habits to turn away from and new habits to practice. Shape us by your Spirit into more merciful people who love you and neighbour with greater intention.

HOLY ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.



MORNING TEA

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.



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.



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

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 February**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 5 February. All are welcome.



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

Chloe Jane Sharman, Emily Susan Cole, Thomas Douglas Edwin Cole, Phoebe Carmelina Cole, Joshua Anthony Greig, Luka Theo Vogels

who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St John's during the month of December



Congratulations to **Allen and Grace Rouse**

*who celebrated
their Diamond wedding anniversary
on 1st February.
Thanks for being a wonderful
part of our Parish*



The Funeral Service for

Mara Vecchi

will be celebrated on
Thursday 8th February at 1pm

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION - "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

Our next meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, **12th Feb at 7.30pm**. 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 on the night. Looking forward to seeing you!



CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends in the Narthex following the 10am Mass.

All are welcome

When: Wednesday 21 February
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 14 February 2024



9am Our Lady Ringwood
10am St John's
12pm St James
7pm St John's

LENTEN PRAISE AND ADORATION

February 19th, 7.30pm
St Johns Church



Prayerful praise and worship lead by Genevieve Bryant.
Quiet Eucharistic adoration.

**Start your Lent with
this powerful time of connection with God**

JANSSEN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (JSC)

22 Woodvale Road, Boronia:
resumption of programs for 2024.

Our weekly Lectio Divina recommences on Monday 5 February, from 10:00am to 11:00am, weekly Centering Prayer starts again on Tuesday 6 February from 11:30am to 12:30pm, while the Scripture Group, studying the Letters of St Paul, will recommence on Thursday 8 February from 10:00am to 11:30am - this group meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month.

We invite anyone who might be interested in joining any one or more of our groups at JSC this year - Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer and Scripture Study group - to come along to these meetings - new members are most welcome. For information regarding the groups, please contact Peter and Carmel Cowan for Lectio Divina and Scripture Study on 0429 979 376, and Ria Parlevliet for Centering Prayer on 0468 476 813.

THE MELBOURNE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE

Have you ever wanted to read Aquinas' Summa?

The Dominicans in Camberwell are running a series of lectures on Thomas Aquinas. The first module, running over four Thursdays, begins on 29th February.

For more information, see www.mti.op.org.au

For more information, email mti@op.org.au



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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—FEBRUARY—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the **Narthex**. We are currently requesting: **coffee, rice, biscuits, long life milk.** All **Enquiries to Ross Hancock 0419 117 343**



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

LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION BOOK

A Lenten prayer and reflection program for use during lent or anytime is available at the Piety stall or at the Parish office. A *Resurrected Life* has been written to provide the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts. Based on the readings of each day of Lent, Holy Week and Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope. Finding even a few minutes a day to pray and reflect can be challenging but that's enough, for the desire to pray comes from a heart searching God. **Cost \$5**



NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has a new spot in the narthex and new items too. 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.

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING MODULE

If you a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirements to comply with the Safeguarding policies and procedures. You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?>

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay 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. The minimum is \$10. All you need to do is 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

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