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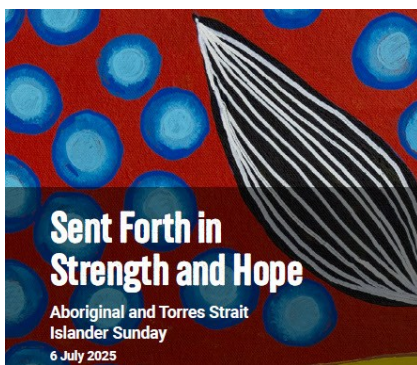
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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 6 July 2025 —Year C

Welcome to the NATSICC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday



Peace be with you, and welcome to this year's celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday — a sacred moment for our Church to gather as one in the love of Christ.

This year, we come together under the theme: “**Sent Forth in Strength and Hope.**” It is Christ who sends us — to walk together in faith, grounded in the deep spirituality and culture of First Nations Peoples, strengthened by the Gospel, and filled with hope for the future God is leading us into.

Our Catholic Church is a tapestry woven from many cultures. From the enduring wisdom of the world's oldest continuing cultures — the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples — to those who have journeyed from distant lands, we are one Body in Christ. In our diversity, we discover richness. In our unity, we find strength. And in every heart, we see the Spirit of God at work.

Saint John Paul II once reminded us: “The Church herself is enriched by the development of different forms of culture... she takes them up in her evangelising mission and adopts them.” Today, we honour that truth. We celebrate the living story of faith and culture walking hand in hand — of ancient traditions alive in Christ, and of a Church made more whole when all are welcomed, seen, and heard. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) invites you to enter into today's Liturgy with open hearts.

May it deepen your appreciation of First Nations spirituality, draw us closer in Christ, and renew our shared calling toward reconciliation, justice, and love. May the Holy Spirit move among us and send us forth — in the strength of Christ and in the unshakable hope of the Gospel.

NATSICC Liturgy team



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 Maurice 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: Genesis 28:10-22	Mt 9:18-26
Tue: Genesis 32:23-33	Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7. 17-24	Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Genesis 44:18-21. 23-29; 45:1-5	Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Genesis 46:1-7. 28-30	Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Genesis 49:29-33; 50:15-26	Mt 10:24-33

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

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	

He never disappoints anyone

Take a moment to entrust your life to Jesus in the depths of your heart. Think about times you trust money, relationships, or power more than Him. Give those temptations over to the Lord.

Daily reflections with Pope Francis- 2013

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Angela Rieusset** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Danny Neri, Gloria de Silva, Edward Chongh, Edwin Ang, Genaro Aurina, Cua Te and Fiona De Costa Box**



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**



July 12/13	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	M Solomons L Hennessy	M Campbell M De Almeida	T Wursthorn V Burnie	T Black C Black	M Day E Umashankar
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan J Phoa	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart V Menon N Wurtshorn L Iacobucci G Gill	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen S Kururppa T Luna	S Solomons M Kristan
Laptop operator	C Kohomban.	A Bogoda			
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

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

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 25 July

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

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



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

**Willow June Lodel, Leo Peter Lodel,
Thomas Noah Lodel, Frankie Elizabeth Nicholson,
Jaxon William John Ford, Luca Natalie Pring,
Angus John Nicholson, Aviel Theo Costa, William
Leo Sinclair, Atunaisa Kingston Tu'ima**

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



FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Angela Rieusset

Friday 11 July at 1pm

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2025

"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 gathering will be on Monday evening, **July 14th** 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!

OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Opening The Doors Foundation is a First Nations-led organisation which has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to receive a nurturing, consistent and enriched educational experience across Victoria for 25 years. The Foundation provides financial support for items like uniforms, books, shoes and stationery, as well as supporting key experiences like excursions and camps. The school experience is so important in academic, social, cultural and spiritual development, so ensuring that students have confidence and are provided opportunities they would otherwise miss out on - this all contributes to raising school engagement and attendance.

As Vicki Clark OAM former coordinator of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Melbourne and co-founder of OTDF said recently, *"Your donation means more than schoolbooks and uniforms—it means belief. It means cultural connection. It means walking alongside families who have too often been left behind and telling them, "You matter. We see you. And we're with you." You're not just funding education—you're investing in futures. You're helping to write a new story for our children: one of strength, hope, and cultural pride."*

In 2025 the Foundation supported 1,010 students. All donations go directly to providing First Nations students with important educational items and experiences, *opening doors to a brighter future*. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. In addition to the leaving collection next weekend there are envelopes by each of the exit doors for tax deduction purposes. For this year's OTDF Impact statement and more information click on <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/donate> Please remember to bring back the envelopes back next week or drop them in to the parish office through the week.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Year 9 – 25 years plus leaders

BE EMPOWERED TO LIVE YOUR FAITH

EXPERIENCE THE BREADTH OF THE CHURCH

CONNECT WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE

DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOV – 2 DEC 2025

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@ACYF25




ACYF is a three-day festival bringing together thousands of young people from all across Australia. The Festival offers young people a chance to come together in fellowship, grow in their faith, strengthen their relationship with Jesus and be inspired to live out their Catholic values in everyday life. The Festival will include opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, bishops, musicians and speakers.

If you are from year 9 to 25 years of age and would like to attend this wonderful event, St John's is organising a group to go and live this experience together.

If you are interested and would like to know more please contact the parish office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au.

You can also have a look on the website acyf.com.au

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

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR YOU

If you are a friendly organiser who likes working with others and keeping activities running smoothly, we could really use your help as part of our Fete Committee, managing meetings and overall project management. Be a collaborative leader of a skilled and dedicated team to help bring success to our long running community event.

Please contact the parish office for more information.



ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP

This week we were thrilled to donate \$500 for the St Vincent de Paul Mitcham Conference Winter Appeal.

We are extremely grateful for the very generous support of our parishioners here at St John's and our wider community who continue to order and purchase our cards. We are then able to continue to assist the very important contribution St Vincent de Paul - Mitcham conference provides the needy in our community.

Once again, our sincere thanks and appreciation



FINDING SOLUTIONS

Looking at how to cope with what life throws at you? Trying to find peace and happiness in a troubled time? Call Clare to have a chat in a safe place. I can do face to face, online or phone counselling.

Email: counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com

Phone: 0409 990 907

Registered Counsellor with Australian Counselling Association. Change is only a conversation away.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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

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**



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