



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 8 October 2023 —Year A

PRESBYTERY RENOVATION

Dear Parishioners

Last week we wrote about the urgent need for repairs to the Parish presbytery and the decision to undertake a specific fundraising effort so that this overdue work can be completed as soon as possible.

To enable Parishioners to suitably grasp the unsustainability of the current living arrangements in the Presbytery a range of material has been assembled for consideration.



In the Narthex and at two of the external doors to the Church you will find a photo display showing the extent of the deterioration to the building.

Major internal repairs include work to the bathroom, laundry and kitchen.

The bathroom & laundry floors are water damaged and need replacing. This work requires the complete gutting and replacement of all fixtures and fittings in both areas.

The Kitchen benchtops and splash backs are old, unhygienic and need updating. The stove does not function as it should. It cannot be repaired so needs replacing.

There is an obsolete and unsafe gas heater in the lounge room that needs urgent disconnection and removal.

Essential external repairs include replacement or patching of rotten weatherboards and windows along with repainting as required. The roof needs to be made weatherproof.

A number of quotes have been received and the selected quote to complete these essential works is \$75,000.

For these major works to be completed in a timely manner it is optimum to provide a vacant residence. Fr Dispin has agreed to temporarily vacate the presbytery and move to the Ringwood Parish presbytery while the works are undertaken.

As the Presbytery will be vacant it would be a missed opportunity if additional works involving, full internal repainting, the replacement of all floor coverings and all lighting changed to power efficient downlights were not also completed. This would then provide a fully restored property. The ideal outcome. These additional works have been separately quoted at \$20,000

A total renovation of the Presbytery would then cost \$95,000.

Is it within our Parishioner generosity to assist the Parish to achieve this target?

Bernie Kiekebosch
Parish Maintenance & Asset Group

Leo Hennessy
Parish Finance Committee

“Presbytery Renovation Fund” - How to donate?
See the options on the back page.

“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

Furniture Pick-Ups contact Eastern Emergency Relief Network
on 9874 8433'

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: Jonah 1:1 – 2:1. 11	Lk 10:25-37
Tue: Jonah 3:1-10	Lk 10:38-42
Wed: Jonah 4:1-11	Lk 11:1-4
Thur: Malachi 3:13-20	Lk 11:5-13
Fri: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2	Lk 11:15-26
Sat: Joel 4:12-21	Lk 11:27-28

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Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	9am SJV 10am SJM	

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including,
Florence Tomlinson, Kevin Megetti, Percy Alwis, Karen Roberts and Therese Jansen



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



Make
your requests
known to God!

Oct 14/15	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	G Rodrigues S Rodrigues	B Mills C Ryan	N Vernal H Wursthorn	D Kennedy J Kiekebosc	K Harvey M Lambert
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith	T Harkin A Coyne A Martonyi	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator	T Tan		Erica G Wong	J Kearney	
Children's Liturgists					

**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

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*

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. Put it in your calendar now! Our next meditation gathering will be in the church on Monday evening, **16 October** at 7.30pm. We gather fortnightly. No experience needed. 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!



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

"Speak to God"

Speak to God
and let Him be part of your life
because He loves you.

Speak To God
and let Him how you feel
because He is there for you.

Speak to God
and tell him what's on your mind.
Speak to God our Father,
praise and worship our loving Father.

MORNING TEA IS BACK!



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.

CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends. Following the 10am Mass. All are welcome

When: **Wednesday 18th October**
Time: **10:30am to 11:30am**
Venue: Church Narthex



ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends Following the 10am Mass.

When: **Wednesday 25 October**
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am
Venue: Church Narthex



**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.

HOLY ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's every Friday in October at 9.30am.



"WHERE ARE THEY NOW?"

Long-time parishioners moved out of St John's Parish that you may wish to visit or call and they would love to see or hear from you.

Brenda Francis is now living in
Park Lane Nursing Home
295 - 299 Maroondah Hwy
Croydon.

Before visiting, please call the Parish office"

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL



In two weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of 8-month-old Jose* and his desperate need for medical attention. This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.

ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION BOOK

A four week prayer and reflection program for use during Advent or anytime is available at the Piety stall or at the Parish office. Experience Advent and Christmas before with The Sign, and allow its pages to unfold a deeper understanding of the profound love and grace that these seasons celebrate. **Cost \$5**



SAVE THE DATE!



"SAVE THE DATES"

Bric a Brac, preloved clothes and pre-loved toys

Drop of Dates:

Sunday 8, 15, 22 & 29 October.

From 9.00am – 12 midday.

Where? The garage at the rear of the parish house.

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING MODULE

The Safeguarding Essentials online training technical issue has been resolved. The training module is now accessible.

You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/>

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has received new stock and these items are now on sale. Please note, now that people can exit the Church through the Narthex after Mass, the Piety Stall has reverted back to opening after Mass. The stall carries a range of Christian items such as gifts, for Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Eucharist; devotional items; greeting cards, Christmas cards and prayer cards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—OCTOBER—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**



COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$10)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$10 each.

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

THE 2023 ST JOHN'S PARISH COMMUNITY FETE RAFFLE

Raffle Books will be available after all Masses commencing Saturday 14th October, and continuing until the Fete. Please consider taking a book of 10 tickets to sell to your family and friends.



First Prize - \$ 1500.00 Pre-paid Visa Card
donated by Biggin & Scott, Mitcham.
Ten amazing prizes available.

Only \$2.00 a ticket or
\$20.00 for a book of ten tickets

Your support is a concrete way of contributing to
the vibrancy of our community.

THE DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS MANGO FUNDRAISER

The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is back for 2023! Trays of approx. 4.5kg delicious mangoes will be available in late November or early December and can be yours for only \$25 a tray. This year there has been a reduced number of flowers which means the expected yield has been reduced to only 20% of previous years, we are so lucky to be able to have this opportunity and support the farmers. Attached to the newsletter is your order form so please tell your family, friends and co-workers and get your orders in early. Final orders and payment are due by Wednesday 25th October. For any questions, contact Donna Bright donna.bright@hotmail.com

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.

"PRESBYTERY RENOVATION FUND" - HOW TO DONATE?

Bank Direct Debit: BSB 083-347 - A/c No. 294 362 890 - *"Future Maintenance Account"*

This account has been opened specially for the Appeal.

Cash / Cheque – Envelopes for the "Presbytery Renovation Fund" are available at each of the Church doors to use for cash or cheque donations.

Please make Cheques payable to: *"Future Maintenance Account"*

Please put envelopes with cash or cheques in with the weekend Mass collection or drop them into the parish office (not in the letterbox).

Prefer instalments?

If gifting by instalments suits you best, please feel free to do so.

Any queries please contact the Parish Office.