



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9 February 2025 —Year C

From now on you will catch people.

Caught by a smile in a crowded room,
and you find the gathering is never the same;
caught by a loving touch
and you know you are not alone;
caught by a joke on you
and you know you are teased or mocked.

We are caught by the word of God
and our lives are changed,
like the friendship
or a chance meeting
that catches us unawares
can change our lives.

We are caught
by the compassion of God
so that we know we are always loved,
even when we cannot love ourselves.
We are caught by God's forgiveness
and know that nothing of the past
need catch us in nets of guilt;
caught by the call of God
and we know that God wants
to catch others through us.

We are invited, each of us,
into his service,
to be caught by the beauty, joy,
challenge and freedom
of his invitation.

We know that we can be his followers,
into his service.
He catches us to be
his word and presence, compassion and love
in the world of today.

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

Business Manager: Margaret Harrington

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 0468 589 793

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

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 1:1-19	Mk 6:53-56
Tue: Genesis 1:20-2:4	Mk 7:1-13
Wed: Genesis 2:4-9. 15-17	Mk 7:14-23
Thu: Genesis 2:18-25	Mk 7:24-30
Fri: Genesis 3:1-8	Mk 7:31-37
Sat: Genesis 3:9-24	Mk 8:1-10

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 17:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17. 20-26

Weekday Masses

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



Being a Christian is about trying to be a Christian. For us praying is always about trying to pray. We must never give it up.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Joel Braganza** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Peter Sammut, Robin Smith Senior, Jack Franklin, Beryl Saliba, Barbara Martin Cobas, Sergio Flores and Natalie Rich**



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 15/16	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	S Rodrigues G Rodrigues	C Ryan A Buchanan	N Vernal H Wursthorn	J Kiekebosch D Kennedy	M Lambert K Harvey
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith	T Harkin A Martonyi	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry	M Kristan M Campbell S Partridge
Laptop operator	T Tan		Erica		
Children Liturgist			A Schafer	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

MORNING TEA

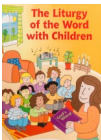


Every Sunday after the **8.30am** and **9.45am** Mass you are invited to share a cuppa and a chat in the narthex with other parishioners.

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.



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.

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: Tuesday 18th February

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Do you have a child who does not attend a Catholic school, that you want to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation in 2025.

Classes for First Eucharist begin on Thursday 20th February 2025, Confirmation on Thursday 6th March and First Reconciliation on Thursday 28th August. To enrol or find out more please email Trish:

Trish.Chaston@cam.org.au



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Tiana Amayah Chapman,
Frederick Joseph Unkles, Lola Spadea**
into the life of the Catholic Church

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 meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, **10th 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!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

5 March 2024

9am Our Lady Ringwood

10am St John's

12pm St James

7pm St John's



**LENT: A TIME
OF SPIRITUAL
RENEWAL**



During Lent

4 sessions on formation and faith will be held by **Fr Maurie Coonie** in the **Coghlan centre** from **7pm till 8.30pm** plus 'wind down' and social

Wednesday 26th February

We are People of Faith

Wednesday 12th March

The Basis of our Christian Faith in Jesus

Wednesday 19th March

Lent is approaching

Wednesday 26th March

The Series ahead

Come and explore how God is real and really part of who we are.

All are welcome!

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.

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.

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!

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.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

'I made you wonderful'

Psalm 139:14



Friday 7th March 2024

10am Morning Tea

10.30am Service

Our Lady's Church in Ringwood

TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

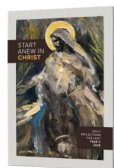
Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



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. *Start Anew in Christ* 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**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— FEBRUARY—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 083343

ACCT NO. 515 469 035