



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 11 May 2025 —Year C

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

No one can ever steal them from me

We belong to him,
as closely as the stone belongs to a rock,
the water to a river,
the scent to perfume,
for without him we would be nothing.

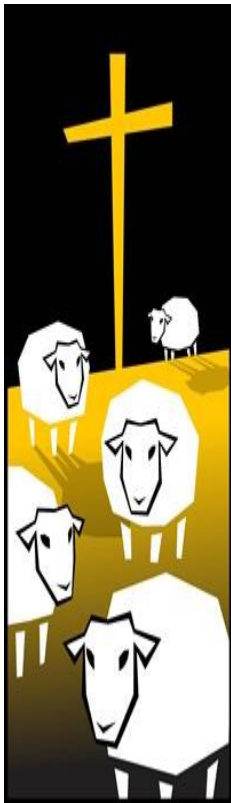
We belong to him
as the shadow belongs to the sun,
as the taste belongs to the bread,
as the reflection belongs to the light,
for without him we would be nothing.

We belong to him
as a child to a parent -
loved, united but each our own person.

We belong to him
as brothers and sisters belong to each other,
finding our family of God,
and each unique in our own personality.

We belong to him,
as earth belongs to heaven,
as the son Jesus belongs to his Father,
for as he and the Father are one,
so we are one with him,
and belong to God because he belongs to God.

We belong to him when we sit with him in prayer,
or when we share his work,
each in our own way,
according to our talents and our call in life,
of bringing on earth the kingdom of God.



*This weekend we welcome our young parishioners
who received their 1st Eucharist
and we keep them and their families in our prayers.*

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: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18	Jn 10:1-10
Tue: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26	Jn 10:22-30
Wed: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17. 20-26	Jn 15:9-17
Thu: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25	Jn 13:16-20
Fri: Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33	Jn 14:1-6
Sat: Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52	Jn 14:7-14

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5

John 13:31-35

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	

*How does work brings meaning to your life?
Where in your work can find God?
Reflect on how you can grow closer to God
through the people you work
with and the job that you do?*

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **David Miller** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Ernest Tomlinson, Ted Austin, Joao Pereira, Sandra Kadlis, Antonio Di Simone, Catherine Thomas, Mary Nix, Manual Abreu, Norbert and Magdalene Fernando**



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



May 17/18	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	G Rodrigues	A Buchanan	N Vernal	D Kennedy	K Harvey
Lectors	S Rodrigues	C Ryan	H Wursthorn	J Kiekbosch	M Lambert
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan	T Harkin A Martonyi	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry A DSilva	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator	T Tan		Erica		
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

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



Meditation will **NOT** take place on 19th May; it returns to St John's, on Monday evening, **2nd June** 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!



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

VOLUNTEERS FOR LITURGY ROSTER

It is now time to prepare the new LITURGY ROSTER. St John's is looking for new special ministers and above all laptop operators. Volunteers will be fully trained before being asked to undertake their duties. Please consider being part of our liturgy and helping in this vital role. Your availability is requested once a month. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366 or via email mitcham@cam.org.au. **If you are already on the roster and need to come off please advise the Parish Office.**



Please note that all volunteers must have:

A current WWCC, sign CoC— which must be signed every 3 years, and complete the Safeguarding essential online.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

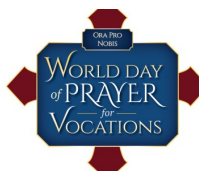
All are welcome

When: Friday 23rd May

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2025



Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life of priesthood.

**St John's Parish
2025 Women's Retreat Weekend**

The Power of Presence:

Connecting Through Prayer

Has it been a while since you feel you have connected with God?

You are invited to our parish weekend for women!

When: Friday June 27, 7.30pm to Sunday June 29, 3pm

Where: Pallotti College, McNamara's Rd, Millgrove

Accommodation: in own room with shared bathroom

This retreat offers a chance to slow down, listen and connect with God in fresh and meaningful ways. Come and experience a variety of ways to pray, as well as enjoying rest and the fellowship of other parish women.

Facilitated by Kathleen Ward and including a session with Gen Bryant

For further information and to book:

<https://forms.gle/nzNdxXfCDWSu3zq8>

or contact Lorraine at lorraine613@bigpond.com

Please come!

ST JOHN'S DINNER DANCE '25

Dance the night away with...

Summer Breeze

Guest Performance

Genevieve Bryant



**Saturday 5 July 2025
from 7pm to 12 midnight**

St John's Parish Hall,
494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham

Donation: **\$50 per person**

Sumptuous buffet dinner by

Sanni 18—BYO drinks

Proceeds to assist St John's Parish

Contact

Max—0478 323 037

Anton—0408 950 334

Parish Office—9401 6366

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.

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

"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"

Come and ponder on how you and your relationship with God have evolved over the course of your life

Venue: Campion Spirituality Centre, 99 Studley Park Rd, Kew

Date: **7 June 2025**, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

RSVP: 30th May

Cost: \$35 (BYO lunch. Tea, coffee, biscuits provided)

Facilitator: Dr Susie Hii (Spiritual director, Master of Spirituality, Geriatrician), assisted by Doreen Roache (Giver of First Spiritual Exercises and Christian Life Community member)

To register, email: susiehii.hc@gmail.com

Enquiries, contact Susie: mobile 0410 981 080

THE JANSSEN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (JSC)

The Lectio Divina and Scripture Groups at JSC are sponsoring a Spirituality Dinner, featuring a conversation with Fr Chris Monaghan CP on the relevance of St. Paul's Letters in our time.

Venue: JSC, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia.

Date & Time: **Friday 6th June** from 5:30pm until 8:30pm

Three-course Dinner, including drinks provided

Suggested donation: \$40

Booking (Asap): email: enquiries@janssencentre.au

Mobile: 0432 261 194 (Fr Thien)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—MAY—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**



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 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!

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