



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday 14 September 2025 —Year C

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2025

An important initiative of the Church in Australia is Safeguarding Sunday which takes place at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week on 14th September 2025.

Safeguarding Sunday provides the opportunity to not only reaffirm safeguarding practices and protocols but to celebrate the presence of children, young people and those who are vulnerable in our Parishes and Communities, as we continue to develop and embed a strong culture of safeguarding for all.

It also invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly and recognise the importance of change to ensure we are a safe, hope-filled and welcoming Church. The Archdiocese of Melbourne is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of our children, young people, and those who are vulnerable, as led and guided by the Integrity and Safeguarding Department. Parishes and Communities are encouraged to help celebrate the day, by endorsing the National Child Protection Week 2025 theme that “**every conversation about safeguarding matters**”, and as a Church we are “**shifting conversations to action**” to create a safe environment for all.

PRAYER FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

*You guard us, Lord God, beneath the shelter of your wings
till the storms of destruction pass by (Psalm 57:1).
The storms of abuse have struck and have not yet passed by.
We see the damage done and we seek shelter in you.
Beneath your wings we gather the survivors
and their loved ones, all the victims, living and dead.*

*We gather those who work to bring healing and to make the Church a safe place for all.
We gather all the faithful, the Body of Christ, bearing the wounds of the Cross.
May the Church grow more like you, wings spread wide to provide shelter for all,
till the storms of destruction pass by and peace without end has come.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Archbishop Mark Coleridge.



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

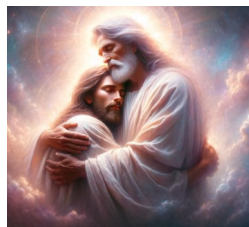
Mon: 1 Timothy 2:1-8	Jn 19:25-27
Tue: 1 Timothy 3:1-13	Lk 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Timothy 3:14-16	Lk 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Timothy 4:12-16	Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Timothy 6:2-12	Lk 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Timothy 6:13-16	Lk 8:4-15

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

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	



If God has given us his own
Beloved Son then there is
nothing he would ever refuse us
that we need for our happiness.
Let us turn to him with great trust
and gratitude.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Desmond Dwyer, Anita Hope and Valentino Lucarelli** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **John Winter, Jose Marzan, Robert Fuller, Antonio Niboldi, John Haynes and Ursula Clifford**



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."

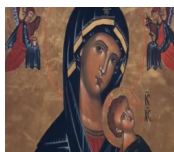
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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



September 20/21	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	A Buchanan 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 Martonyi H Wursthorn	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry A Jose	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator	T Tan	C Almeida	L Wursthorn		
Children Liturgist					

**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



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Luca Natalie Pring, Axel Leo Vlotman,
Koby Masters, Charli Master,**

*into the life of the Catholic Church
through the Community of St John's*



FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Valentino Lucarelli

Tuesday 16 September at 11.30am (starting with Rosary)

Desmond Dwyer

Friday 19 September at 11.30am



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

**RCIA – ST JOHN'S AND OUR LADY'S
A JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small
group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus
on the teachings and experience of the Church and
prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of
Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the
Easter season.



The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you
or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the
program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 or email
mitcham@cam.org.au.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

As part of our ongoing effort to strengthen the bonds within our
parish family, we are excited to introduce *Getting to Know You*.
This new weekend newsletter feature aims to help us find out
more about individuals and families in our community so we
can grow in fellowship, deepen our connections, and truly get to
know one another beyond our weekend greetings.

Getting to Know You is a light, joyful way to see the
beautiful diversity of gifts and backgrounds God has brought
together in our parish and to support and strengthen each other
in faith.

Anyone who would like to take part can call the parish and ask
to speak to Jenny Kearney about the user friendly *Getting to
Know You* template.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 26 September

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 1 October**. For catering purposes
please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your
attendance by Monday 29 September. All are welcome.



ANNIVERSARY MASS

The 1st anniversary Mass for Robert Fuller will be
celebrated on **Thursday 18th September at 11am**.



Save the date
Saturday 15th November 2025

DEVELOP COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE AND CREATE LASTING CHANGE!

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

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.

CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$11 each.

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.

GUITAR LESSONS WITH XAVIER

Xavier Wursthorn, who plays at the 9:45am Mass, is offering guitar lessons! Turning 17 soon, he has 10 years of playing experience, 1.5 years of teaching, and is currently studying VCE Music, Grade 8 AMEB and has a WWC. He teaches all styles and is super fun. You can see a sample of his content on instagram [@xavier_wursthorn](#) or call him on +61 404 125 745

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple

And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We offer 2 further weekends in 2025.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

October 3-5:

Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)

October 10-12:

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantima South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwwme.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.



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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— SEPTEMBER—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