



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15 October 2023 —Year A

The 2023 St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle COMMENCES THIS WEEKEND.

First Prize - \$ 1500.00 Visa Card, donated by Biggin & Scott Mitcham

Ten amazing prizes available.

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

Please consider taking a book of ten tickets, one ticket for you and nine tickets to sell to friends and family.

Remember to invite them to our Parish Community Fete on Saturday 18th November.

Monies raised support the work of our Parish and Schools.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors.

Raffle tickets are available at **St John's Church** after each Mass commencing **Saturday 14th October**.

The Raffle will be drawn at the St John's Fete on Saturday 18th November at 4.00pm.

To assist with distribution of raffle books some families on our Church census will have received a book of raffle tickets during this past week.

St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle Prizes:

1 st	\$ 1500.00 Visa Card. Donated by Biggin and Scott Mitcham	
2 nd	Bicycle. Donated by Cycle Science Mitcham	Value \$ 900.00
3 rd	\$ 500.00 Visa Card. Donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre	
4 th	Bucatini Dining Voucher Donated by Bucatini Restaurant and Bar Mitcham	Value \$ 200.00
5 th	AFL Official Sherrin Match Day Football Donated by Mitcham Junior Football Club	Value \$ 200.00
6 th	Rebel Sports Voucher Donated by Vermont Junior Football Club	Value \$ 200.00
7 th - 10 th	Gift Vouchers	Value \$ 100.00

Tickets are to be returned sold or unsold, by Sunday 5th November 2023.

We need assistance with ticket sales at each of the Masses over the coming weeks.
Please contact Rob or Gracie if you can assist. Phone 0419 379005

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR DISPIN !!!



**"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: Romans 1:1-7	Lk 11:29-32
Tue: Romans 1:16-25	Lk 11:37-41
Wed: 2 Timothy 4:10-17	Lk 10:1-9
Thur: Romans 3:21-30	Lk 11:47-54
Fri: Romans 4:1-8	Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Romans 4:13, 16-18	Lk 12:8-12

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 45:1.4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

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	



Be thankful for God's goodness and mercy towards all.
Pray for a generous and forgiving heart.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Jessie Sammut (Gracie Smith's mum) and Winifred (Ann) Russell** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **John Matthew McDonnell, Vera Barden, Zsolt Martonyi, Phillis Brownless and Anthony (Tony) 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



Oct 21/22	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 A Livy	A Buchanan H De Kauwue	L Kho M Gartland	B Rudin D Wates	C Lobo K Holewa
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	R Jess J Kaithavelil A Tham	M Lafferty C Bramble	A Glenn P Darmody M Holmes S Dowd	C Kook A Orwin
Laptop operator			J Curtis	D Garcia	
Children's			D Hancock	D Hancock	
Liturgists					

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

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

"This Day"

**This day is a gift of life, everyday of our lives
it's made by the Hands of God.
Lord, open my eyes to see the gifts of life
that You have for us.
Lord, we thank You for every day.**



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"

BUS OUTING

DANDENONG RANGES BOTANIC GARDEN

Date: **1st November 2023**

Time: departing from the Church car park at 10:30am

RSVP: by Thursday 26th October

Booking: please call the Parish Office on 9401 6366



Note for legal requirements, everyone must be
able to get on and off the bus independently.
Donations welcome.

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. **Cost \$5**



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Xander Ron Giarratana, Addison Grace Daly,
Mackenzie Mary Daly, Grace Hamilton,
Xavier Hamilton, Chloe Hamilton,**

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

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!



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 and 25th October

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Venue: Church Narthex



ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP

Come along on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 11am to the
St John's Parish Playgroup.

Location: St John's Church narthex

When: **19th October at 11am**

Children aged 0-5 with their care providers for one hour of
play, fun and connection. Please register your interest in
attending with the parish office at 9401 6366 or
mitcham@cam.org.au by Tuesday the 17th of October.



OUR LADY'S FETE

Saturday 21st October

2pm to 7pm

2 Wilana Street
Ringwood



CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL



Next week, 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.

We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and
lasting impact for those in need.

SAVE THE DATE!



"SAVE THE DATES"

Bric a Brac, preloved clothes and pre-loved toys
Drop of Dates:

Sunday 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/>

CHARITY PERFORMANCE STREET REQUIEM

Saturday 21st October at 5pm
Uncommon Folk Farm
328 Main Creek Road
Main Ridge

To raise money for rough sleepers on the Mornington Peninsula and to honour those who have died whilst living on the street.

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

St John's Parish Community Fete Sponsorship

The St John's Parish, Mitcham is always grateful for the support it receives from the local and wider community. We are currently seeking support for the 2023 St John's Parish Community Fete which will be held on Saturday 18th November.

Planning is well underway for this year's event. We are seeking donations of goods and services that could be used for our Silent Auction. We are also collecting items that could be used to create hampers for the Silent Auction. Consider items that could be combined to make a 'Stay in on a Friday Night Hamper', 'Welcome to your New Home Hamper', 'Sporting Hamper' or a 'Sweet Tooth Hamper'.

Use your imagination

Items can be left in the donations box in the Narthex or at the Parish Office.

Robin Smith is coordinating Fete Sponsorship. Please contact him if you can assist with a donation, or if you would like to discuss any specific details. Contact Robin - 0419 379005.

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

SENIOR COMPANION / HELPER SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

A senior single lady with excellent references is available to provide companionship and practical domestic assistance for an elderly man or woman who needs help in order for him/her to remain at home for as long as possible. Rental arrangement can be negotiable in recognition of degree and type service / assistance required. The carer anticipates detailed enquiries from family members and her quiet, clean and house-friendly dog needs to be part of any arrangement. Open to either Melbourne or rural-based agreement.

For further information, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or email: frkdillon@outlook.com.au

"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.