



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16 February 2025 —Year C

### Blessed are we

Blessed are people who have lost a lot -  
isn't this what Jesus is saying?

People who have lost money and are poor,  
who have lost love and who weep,  
who have lost food and are hungry.

And we can think of people who have lost a lot,  
who are refugees or out of work,  
who are lonely or without friends,  
and wonder what sort of happiness is this?

We can only ask if there have been times  
when life seemed very empty  
and yet there was peace.

When children leave home,  
either because they want to or have to;  
when husband or wife dies,  
when marriage breaks up,  
when family relationships go sour,  
the soul and heart are opened,  
and the love and care of God may enter.  
Or in the middle of the pain and the disappointments,  
we know that some other energy is around,  
that gives another peace,  
not in place of what we missed,  
but alongside it.

And we begin to know  
that there are many happinesses,  
some can last, like love and convictions,  
some last just a while, like youth and health,  
some last forever, like faith, hope and love,  
and one blessing nobody can take from us  
is the relationship we have with God in Jesus,  
for in all of life's experiences  
is a space for the blessing of God.

*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 4:1-15. 25 Mk 8:11-13

Tue: Genesis 6:5-8. 7:1-5. 10 Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Genesis 8:6-13. 20-22 Mk 8:22-26

Thu: Genesis 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33

Fri: Genesis 11:1-9 Mk 8:34-9:1

Sat: 1 Peter 5:1-4 Mk 16:13-19

### 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

### 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 |             |

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Delia O'Donnell, Beverley Elliott, Andreas Bahana and Barbara Seccombe** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Amintore Peluso, Felice Peluso, Trong Le, Cecilia Kuek, Margaret Lawlor, Peter and Laurence Box, Richard Juriansz, Arthur Wells, Dolores Bautista, Antonino and Tonino Suppa, Rosario Caleca, Johnny Suares, Dawn Fernandez, Charles MacKinnon, Paul and Mena Fernandes, Valerie, Donald and Ronald Paul**

### 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](mailto: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**



"God never said  
the journey would be easy,  
but He did say that  
the arrival would be worthwhile."  
*Max Lucado*

| Feb 22/23                  | St John's<br>6.00pm             | St John's<br>8.30am    | St. John's<br>9.45am    | St John's<br>11.15am                                 | St John's<br>5.00pm |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>C'Tator<br/>Lectors</b> | M Bredhauer<br>A Livy           | B Mills<br>H De Kauwue | L Kho<br>M Gartland     | B Rudin<br>D Wates                                   | C Lobo<br>K Holewa  |
| <b>Eucharist</b>           | M Livy<br>E Booth<br>R McIntosh | J Kaithvelil<br>A Tham | G Gartland<br>C Bramble | A Glenn<br>P Darmody<br>D Dowd<br>R Jess<br>D Garcia | C Kook              |
| <b>Laptop operator</b>     |                                 |                        | J Curtis                |                                                      |                     |
| <b>Children Liturgist</b>  |                                 |                        | N Chirstina             | Z Dawson                                             |                     |

## 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

### 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.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come and pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent at 9.15am from 7th March.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025, Confirmation on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and First Reconciliation on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August. To enrol or find out more please email Trish:

[Trish.Chaston@cam.org.au](mailto:Trish.Chaston@cam.org.au)



### BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Jack Roginson and  
Edward Patrick John Connors**

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



### FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

**George Mellett**

Wednesday 19th February at 11am

**Barbara Seccombe**

Wednesday 19th February at 2pm

**Lamberdina Aelders**

Thursday 20th February at 11am

### 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, **24th 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

### LENTEN 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.

### STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The next set of Stewardship envelopes will be available in the Church narthex this weekend. Receipts are enclosed with the envelopes. If you have been paying by Direct Debit or Credit Card and wish to continue please let the office know so that we can cancel your envelopes after this set. If you could take envelopes belonging to neighbours and delivering them it would save on our postage costs. Thank you



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



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.



### FINDING SOLUTIONS

Looking at how to cope with what life throws at you? Trying to find peace and happiness in a troubled time? Call Claire to have a chat in a safe place. I can do face to face, online or phone counselling.

Email: [counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com](mailto: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 Service

11am Morning Tea

Our Lady's Church in Ringwood

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: Our next weekend is: **25-27 April 2025** at 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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

### 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**