



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17 August 2025 —Year C

Not always a peace-bringer

Jesus talks so much about reconciliation,
forgiveness and love
that we may wonder
about all his words of division.

He says he will not always bring peace,
but because of him people will be divided,
even in families.

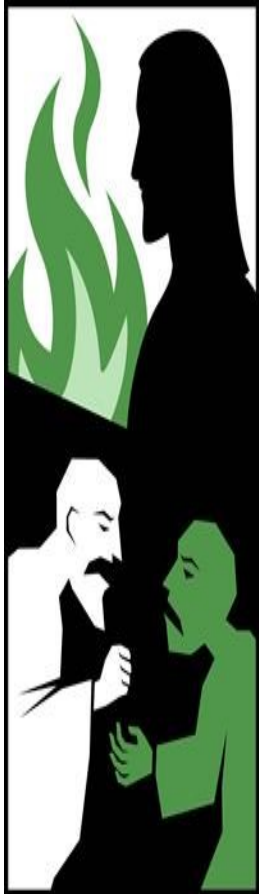
Where now is the calm in the storm,
or the offer of rest and refreshment?

We know that we can be divided
about what is right and just.
families and societies
can be divided about
the cares of life,
the cares of marriage,
the care of the young,
the care of the poor.

In the face of poverty and hunger,
of abuse and violence,
the word of Jesus is divisive,
for it highlights the rights of all,
born and unborn,
rich and poor,
young and old,
sick and well,
to the gifts of the earth,
the gifts of wealth,
and the care of society.

While we love all,
we want justice for all,
and our following of Jesus
may bring division.

May we be encouraged to do what is right,
strong to take the side of God,
and open to reconciliation and compassion for all.



*This weekend we welcome our young parishioners
who received their Confirmation
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

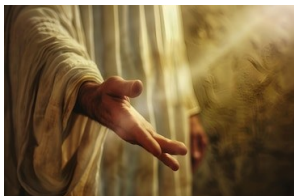
Mon: Judges 2:11-19	Mt 19:16-22
Tue: Judges 6:11-24	Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Judges 9:6-15	Mt 20:1-16
Thu: Judges 11:29-39	Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Ruth 1:1. 3-6. 14-16. 22	Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17	Mt 23:1-12

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

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	



Can we welcome Christ's renewal in us, knowing that it will require the loss of life as it now is?

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Neil Lonergan, Julia Curie, Dennis Collins and Susane Wright** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Marie Alwis, Cathryn and William Cleary, William Alfred Box, Joseph Kuek, Peter Kuek, Sr Betilda D'Cruz, Sr M Dymrna SGS, Fr Geoffrey James SJ and Terry Silva**



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."

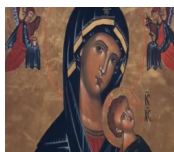
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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**



August 23/24	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	M Bredhauer	B Mills	L Kho	B Rudin	
Lectors	A Livy	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	A Tham B Mills	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble R Jess J Curtis	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowds D Kuruppa	C Kook M Kristan
Laptop operator		J Phoa			
Children Liturgist			N Vernal	A Wursthorn	

**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

**Amira Maria Giarratana and
Jordan John Biondo**

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



FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Neil Lonergan

Thursday 21 August 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

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 22 August

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



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and
we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge
to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures
with more information can be found around the church.
Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied
campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into
the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

CAKE STALL FUNDRAISING

We're excited to announce a Cake Stall
after Mass on the 30th and 31st August
to help raise funds for our young
parishioners attending the Australian
Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)!

Come along and treat yourself to a
delicious selection of homemade cakes,
slices, cookies, and other sweet
goodies – all lovingly baked by members of our parish.

Your support will help our youth grow in faith,
community, and leadership as they prepare to join
thousands of other young Catholics from across the
country at ACYF.

Donations of baked goods are warmly welcome! If you'd
like to contribute you can drop them to the parish Office
on Friday 29th August or on the weekend before Mass.
Please remember to label your baking with your name
and all the ingredients that you have used. If you have
any question please contact Manuela at the Parish
office 94016306 or mitcham@cam.org.au



We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all our
wonderful parishioners for your incredible support of our
Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser on the first Sunday of
August.

Thanks to your generosity, encouragement, and
appetites, we raised an amazing \$1500 to help fund our
journey to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival
(ACYF)!

Whether you bought a sausage, made a donation, or
simply cheered us on, we felt the love and support of
our parish community – and we are truly grateful.
Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we
prepare for this exciting opportunity to grow in our faith
and connect with other young Catholics from around the
country.

GAMES NIGHT

On Saturday 23 August at 7pm, you are invited to the St John's School Parent's Games Night.

The Games Night is our biggest parent social event for the school year. There will be a range of fun, action-packed games stationed around the room for you to take part in (if you wish - or you can simply mingle and enjoy the food and drinks and socialise for the night). The games on offer will be fun and interactive - including AFL handball competition, human slot machines, basketball shooting competition and table tennis, a \$1000 raffle draw and an arcade machine. Your \$50 ticket includes entry to the Games Night, wood-fired pizza, a drink on arrival and a ticket to the door prize.

Tickets - <https://user.cdfpay.flexischools.com.au/home>

PILGRIMAGES AND PRAYERS

Later this term, Melinda and I will each be undertaking a special pilgrimage to sacred sites in two countries in Europe. Mrs. Buscema will be travelling to Ireland, while I will be journeying to Italy. Although our trips will take place at different times, both journeys offer a profound opportunity for spiritual reflection, renewal of faith and personal growth.

We would also like to extend an invitation to you, if you or someone you love is in need of prayer—whether for healing, strength, guidance, or peace—we would be honoured to carry your intentions with us and bring your prayers to these sacred places on your behalf.

To participate, simply write your prayer or intention on a piece of paper, place it in a sealed envelope, and drop it off at either the school office or the parish office. A dedicated box will be available in both locations. All collected prayers will be respectfully taken with us to holy sites in Italy and Ireland, where they will be left in churches and sacred spaces for prayer and intercession. Prayer boxes will be available from Tuesday, August 12, through to the end of Term 3. One prayer box will be kept in the church for our Parishioners whilst another in our front office at school. They will be labelled so that you may leave your confidential prayer in the box.

As this is a Jubilee Year, it feels especially meaningful to bring our community's prayers to these places of grace and healing. We hope this act of spiritual connection offers you a sense of calm, hope and renewed faith. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of Matthew: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

From Verona Gridley and Melinda Buscema

DINNER DANCE UPDATE

An update on the St John's Parish Dinner Dance which was held on Saturday 5th July 25. Firstly I would like to thank the choristers, our sponsors and all you parishioners who attended this event and helped make it a success in many ways. It was an enjoyable evening of fellowship, food, music and dance. Financially this event made a surplus of 6,105 dollars which is a great outcome. The parish intends using \$2,000 of these funds to sponsor 5 young parishioners to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Melbourne, with the balance going into Parish reserves. Thank you".

2025 PARISH SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION FORMATION PROGRAM

The 2025 Parish Formation First Reconciliation Program begins on Thursday 28th August 6:30 – 8:00pm at Our Lady's Church Ringwood.



This program is intended for families wishing to prepare their child for First Reconciliation, especially those whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school. Students must be in year 3 or higher to engage with this program. To enrol, or find out more about the program please contact Trish via this email address:

trish.chaston@cam.org.au

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](#)

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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— AUGUST—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the Narthex. We are currently requesting: **coffee, rice, tinned vegetables long life milk.**