



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 25 May 2025 —Year C



**Peace I leave you, my own peace I give you.**

Don't we all want this gift of peace?

Peace in our hearts,  
the Easter gift of the risen Lord,  
the promise of the Spirit of God.

The promise of Jesus  
do not seem to include wealth, employment,  
freedom from tension, success,  
health for ever, or freedom from worry,  
nor many more things we hope and pray for.

**Peace I leave you, my own peace I give you.**

So what is this peace?  
The peace that nobody can take away:  
the peace of being valued for who I am,  
of being at home with other people,  
of letting go past hurts,  
of doing what I know to be right,  
of being convinced of eternity,  
of being loved,  
and of knowing the possibility of love -  
love given, promised and shared,  
of knowing that love and life will last forever,  
and the peace of forgiveness when I fail.

The peace of being always with someone who totally loves us,  
and believes in us:  
who sees us and loves us as we are,  
and calls us to be what we can be.

And the peace of knowing  
that with Jesus,  
we can create in love  
a world according to the mind of God.

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

### **Bridging Now to Next**

27 MAY — 3 JUNE | #NRW2025 | [RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU](http://RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU)

*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 16:11-15       | Jn 15:26-16:4 |
| Tue: Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34       | Jn 16:5-11    |
| Wed: Acts of the Apostles 17:15. 22-18:1 | Jn 16:12-15   |
| Thu: Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8         | Jn 16:16-20   |
| Fri: Acts of the Apostles 18:9-18        | Jn 16:20-23   |
| Sat: Zephaniah 3:14-18                   | Lk 1:39-56    |

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

### 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<br>10am Mass SJM |             |



*Speak to God about your sins  
and doubts. Be honest with Him  
about how you think and feel.  
Do not be afraid. Pray like the  
father in Mark's Gospel,  
"I believe; help my unbelief!"  
(Mark 9:24).*

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Kevin Bourke, Monty McArthur, Barry Thomas, Frank Kluczynski, Nicoline (Nicky) De Almeida and Ken Hong Tung.**



### 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**



| May 31/June 1              | 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> | C Cowan<br>P Cowan              | M McMahon<br>J Magree                   | D Vecci<br>L Ung                   | A Menon<br>P Spencer                                           | A & F Puls<br>S Solomons |
| <b>Eucharist</b>           | C Irvin<br>Y Martin<br>C Ringin | T McLaughlin<br>J McCarthy<br>N Almeida | G Gill<br>R Elliott<br>L Iacobucci | C Bantawig<br>J Bantawig<br>A Wilson<br>B Bartling<br>T Borges | B Belot<br>D Lim         |
| <b>Laptop operator</b>     |                                 | C Vymel                                 | T Wang                             |                                                                |                          |
| <b>Children Liturgist</b>  |                                 |                                         | 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



**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:

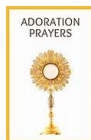
**Every second Wednesday of the month at  
10:30am**

St John's Parish Office

*"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength".  
2 Timothy 4:17*

**Gold coin donation welcome**

**PRAISE AND ADORATION NIGHT**



Join us for  
**PRAISE AND ADORATION**  
on Friday **13th June at 7.30pm**  
at St John's Church

*Unite in praise through contemporary song  
Followed by contemplative Eucharistic adoration.  
A moment to reconnect, to be renewed  
and to rest in His grace.*

Music by Genevieve Bryant

**SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH**

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 4 June** For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 2 June. All are welcome.



**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 gathering will be 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!



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**MAY 26TH MARKS NATIONAL SORRY DAY**

This is the 28th anniversary of the tabling of the 1997 Bringing them home (BTH) report which revealed the gross wrongs inflicted over Australia's First Peoples due to the forced and permanent removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and communities under race-based policies set up by both State and Federal Governments between 1910-1970s. "A Healing Foundation report released in February this year – Are you waiting for us to die? The unfinished business of Bringing them home – found only 6% of the Bringing them home report recommendations have been clearly implemented." This year's theme "We cannot wait another generation" highlights the urgency of acting on priority BTH recommendations in 2025. More at <https://healingfoundation.org.au/sorryday/>

Today we remember the Stolen Generations victims and survivors. Take 18 minutes to learn more, click on video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDuxRddyZQY> . Or view Uncle Jack Charles experience as a stolen generation child, (3 minutes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6VcAHly5NA>)

It is imperative we act. Like policies continue in contemporary Australia. View the 2017 documentary "After the Apology" (1 hr 20 min) on SBS on Demand.

**INVITATION TO WALK WITH  
FIRST PEOPLES OF VICTORIA**

All are invited to join the Yoorrook Justice Commission in a Walk for Truth from Portland to the Victorian State Parliament. Dates **May 25th-June 18th**. *This powerful journey aims to bring everyone together to walk toward truth, celebrate the strength and resistance of Aboriginal people, and be proud to have the oldest living culture in the world as ours.*

You may wish to join the walk in full/ in part . For more information and to register click on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yoorrook-justice-commission-walk-for-truth-public-walk-sections-tickets-1351267189539?aff=oddttdcreator>

For more info please contact the Parish Office.

**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/nzNdxEfCDWsu3zq8>

or contact Lorraine at [lorraine613@bigpond.com](mailto:lorraine613@bigpond.com)

**Please come!**

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savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of savings accounts, including **5.10% p.a.\* on a 6-month Term Investment**, it's a way to save while doing good. To find out more, visit [www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer](http://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer), scan the QR code, or speak to us on 1800 134 135.

\*Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.

**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 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

**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](mailto:enquiries@janssencentre.au)

Mobile: 0432 261 194 (Fr Thien)

**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER**

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver: Annual Mission Dinner on Sunday 15 June 2025 at 1.00 pm at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver - Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions. Bookings close 6th June. Tickets: \$45.00 per person. Bookings: 154 Cotham Road, Kew 3101 or phone 9817 3715'

**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**



**FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

Motorised wheelchair in good condition. Will require new battery and charger. Contact the parish office at 94016366

**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**