



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 26 May 2024 —Year B

Dear Parishioners,

The renovation of the Presbytery has been an outstanding success.

Our Parish community responded with its usual generosity to the appeal for funds. Contributions to date have met the entire budgeted cost of the 'essential work'.



PRESBYTERY RENOVATIONS

Individual contributions to an appeal of this nature are seldom singled out. An exception must be made in the case of Tom Connors, who owns and operates Metropolitan Roof Repairs, a long-established roofing company. Restoration of the Presbytery roof had been priced at many thousands of dollars. When Tom heard this, he volunteered to do the work at no cost to the Parish. Tom's generosity allowed us to carry out additional internal redecoration.

Thank-you to all the contributors to this project, including Tom.

It was decided that while the builders were there, we should carry out all the work needed to repair, restore and modernise the Presbytery. This has included removing the carpets and polishing the floorboards, repairing and extending the rear deck, replacing all the window furnishings, replacing all the lighting in the house with efficient LED units and replacing all the ceiling fans. The initial budget has been exceeded but we have been able to manage the extra cost without having to take out a loan.

The work has transformed the Presbytery. The house now offers comfortable, modern living conditions for our Parish Priest, and will do so for many years to come.

Please take time to look at the 'before and after' photos in the Narthex, showing what our Parish community has achieved.

Well done everybody.

Paul Doolan, Chairperson, Finance Committee



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK
27 MAY—3 JUNE
NOW MORE THAN EVER

More info on the last page

"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

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 Peter 1:3-9	Mk 10:17-27
Tue: 1 Peter 1:10-16	Mk 10:28-31
Wed: 1 Peter 1:18-25	Mk 10:32-45
Thu: 1 Pt 2:2-5. 9-12	Mk 10:46-52
Fri: Zephaniah 3:14-18	Lk 1:39-56
Sat: Jude 17:20-25	Mk 11:27-33

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Exodus 24:3-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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 Mass SJM	



Jesus promises
to be with us
the whole of every day,
until the end of time.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Domenica Caccamo** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Nazarene Mariadhasan, Rex Brownless, Charles Poulton and Mark Bateman**



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



June 1/2	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	C Cowan P Cowan	M McMahon J Magree	D Vecci R Horner	A Menon P Spencer	A&F Puls S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin M Baulch	B O'Reilly B Mills T McLaughlin	G Gill R Elliott L Iacobucci	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling T Borges J Leong	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator Children Liturgist		C Vymel	T Wang N Christina		

**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

Holy Spirit prayer

*I invite you into my life, Jesus.
I accept you as my Lord,
God and Saviour.*

*Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body,
soul, and spirit.*

*Come Lord Jesus,
cover me with your Precious Blood,
and fill me with your Holy Spirit.
In Jesus's name we pray.
Amen*

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.

HOLY ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's
on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.



ST JOHN'S CAFE

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



When: Tuesday 18 June
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 5th June**.
For catering purposes please call the Parish
office 9401 6366 to confirm your attend-
ance by Monday 3rd June. All are welcome.

ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Join us for morning tea.
This month we will focus on
"2024 the year of prayer"
Wednesday 29th May
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am
Venue: St John's Parish office



FUNERAL SERVICE

William Serong
Wednesday 29 May at 11am

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*

Our next meditation gathering will be on
Monday evening, **3 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!



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

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

*Did not our hearts burn within us
while he walked with us. (Luke 24:32)*

SUNDAY 2 JUNE

1pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Rathdowne St & Pelham St, Carlton

2.30pm Procession begins
from Sacred Heart Church **towards** St Patrick's Cathedral

4pm Arrive at St Patrick's Cathedral
Vespers and benediction

For more info: www.melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi

2024 PARISH FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

Preparation classes for the sacrament of
Reconciliation will begin on Thursday 18th July 2024
for students who do not attend a Catholic school.
These classes are conducted at Our Lady's Church
Ringwood, Thursday afternoons 4:00 – 5:00pm.
For further information or to enrol your child contact Trish
Chaston via email. trish.chaston@cam.org.au



"TEACH US TO PRAY"

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to dedicate 2024 to intensifying their prayer lives in preparation for the celebration of the Holy Year 2025, and the Vatican has published a resource guide to help them.

To mark the Year of Prayer, the Dicastery for Evangelization has prepared a series of useful materials and aids which can be used by Christian communities and individuals in their preparations for the 2025 Jubilee.

A new guide "[Teach us to Pray](#)" is now available online and a digital version can be downloaded free from the website. The title is taken from the 11th chapter of the Gospel of Luke (Lk 11.1). The booklet, inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis, is written as an invitation to intensify prayer, understood as a personal dialogue with God, and to lead readers to reflect on their faith, and their commitment in today's world, in the various contexts in which they are called to live. The aim is to offer reflections, ideas, and advice to help people to live their dialogue with the Lord more fully in their relationships with others. The guide is made up of sections dedicated to prayer in the parish community, and in the family, with other sections dedicated to young people, cloistered communities, catechesis, and spiritual retreats.

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. First Eucharist and Mother's Day cards are also available from the Piety Stall and House of Books. Any queries or special orders for cards please contact us via 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

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

27 MAY—3 JUNE



The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue.

There have been many moments in Australia's reconciliation journey that make us want to turn away. But when

things are divisive, the worst thing we can do is disengage or disconnect.

Now more than ever, we need to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation. Reconciliation supporters must stand up to defend and uphold the rights of First Nations peoples. To call out racism wherever we encounter it, and to actively reinforce the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across this continent.

Now more than ever, the work continues. In treaty making, in truth-telling, in understanding our history, in education, and in tackling racism. We need connection. We need respect. We need action. And we need change.

Now more than ever, we need reconciliation.

Reconciliation Australia

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING MODULE

If you a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirements to comply with the Safeguarding policies and procedures. You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?>

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.

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**



HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay 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. The minimum is \$10. All you need to do is 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