



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27 July 2025 —Year C

### Ask and you shall receive

But I haven't got what I asked for;  
I's still sick, out of a job, without a partner,  
Marriage hasn't got any better,  
All these things we pray for.  
And I realise to my pain  
That God is no magician.  
So much of life I must accept,  
So much of life is outside my control.

Will a son speak to me again?  
Will a daughter ever again phone home?  
Doesn't that depend on hem , not just on God?  
And still Jesus says,

### Ask and you shall receive

In the asking is the receiving,  
In the seeking is the finding,  
And in the knocking the door opens,  
For in our prayer  
God gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

We re changed by asking.  
What we get in the asking is his gift.  
God hears all prayer,  
Responds to all prayers,  
Not always the answer we want or expect.  
What we receive by asking -  
Maybe a surge of faith,  
An acceptance of love,  
A lift of hope,  
Is what he gives.

In confidence we pray,  
And in our prayer  
Our hand is held,  
Our anxieties are eased,  
Our fears are lessened,  
And our confidence is that  
God always gives the Holy Spirit  
To those who ask.



### Ask and you shall receive

*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: Exodus 32:15-24. 30-34	Mt 13:31-35
Tue: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9. 28	Jn 11:19-27
Wed: Exodus 34:29-35	Mt 13:44-46
Thu: Exodus 40:16-21. 34-38	Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Leviticus 23:1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37	Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Leviticus 25:1. 8-17	Mt 14:1-12

### 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
Luke 12:13-21

### Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	9am Mass SJV 10am Mass SJM	

### Trust in God's work

Think about the last time you faced a trial  
or difficulty. What can you do to unite yourself  
more to Jesus next time one occurs?

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently **Barry Pearce, Chari- to Santos Yumul, Marianne Fong and Lorenzo Fatigati** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Ron Wain, Adam Tokarski, Luigi Gino Della Gatta, Tony Hanlan, Surya Handoko and Barry May.**

### 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**



August 2/3	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
<b>C'Tator Lectors</b>	C Cowan P Cowan	M McMahon J Magree	D Vecci L Ung	A Menon P Spencer	A & F Puls S Solomons
<b>Eucharist</b>	C Irvin Y Martin C Ringin	T McLaughlin J McCarthy N Almeida	G Gill R Elliott J Paisley G Wain T Wang	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling T Borges	B Belot D Lim
<b>Laptop operator</b>		C Vymel			
<b>Children Liturgist</b>			A. & D. Rivadillo	S. Jeyanayagam	

**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**

**SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH**

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 6 August**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 4 August. All are welcome.

**OFFICE CLOSURE**

On next Wednesday **30th July** United Energy has planned a power interruption to Whitehorse Road in Mitcham so there will be no 10am Mass and the office will be closed. Normal office hours will resume on Thursday 31st July. Thanks for your understanding.

**FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S**



**Vivianne Keys**

Tuesday 29 July at 2pm

**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, **July 28th** 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!



**ST JOHN'S CAFE**

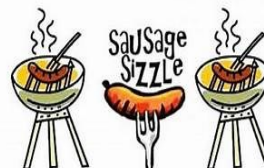
Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends in the Narthex following the 10am Mass. All are welcome

**When:** Friday 22 August

**Time:** 10:30am to 11:30am

**Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser!  
Support Our Youth Group's Journey to ACYF!**

We're firing up the grill to raise funds for our amazing youth group as they prepare to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival — a life-changing experience of faith, music, and community!



**Location:** in front of St John's Church

**Date:** Sunday 3rd August

**Time:** from 9.30am

Come along for a tasty sausage in bread (with onions if you dare!) and help us get our youth to ACYF 2025. Every sausage sold helps make this faith-filled adventure possible!

Thank you for supporting our young people on their faith journey!

## 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](mailto:trish.chaston@cam.org.au)

## CARE CONNECT GROUP

Are you a carer? Do you feel a bit overwhelmed at times? Maybe you might like to come along to the Carer Connect Group!

**When:** Every second Saturday of the month, 10:00-11:30 am

**Where:** 8a Surrey St, Ringwood

**Who:** For anyone in a caring role - whether you are a parent looking after a child with special needs, somebody caring for an elderly relative, a partner, or working in the caring professions.

What: A time to chat, share our wins and struggles, connect with God during a gentle meditation, and share our self care tips so you can carry on being the amazing carer you are!

Call or message Alys on 0400896542 if you would like to

## FINDING SOLUTIONS

Looking at how to cope with what life throws at you? Trying to find peace and happiness in a troubled time? Call Clare 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.

## 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. 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.



## 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.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Live Your Best Life in Love...

**A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple**

And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We offer 2 further weekends in 2025.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

**October 3-5:**

Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)

**October 10-12:**

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)

## 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— JULY—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 083347**

**ACCT NO. 459 634 437**