



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Sunday 29 June 2025 —Year C

Another step

Love always beckons another step.
Don't we know that from family life,
marriage, communities, friendship?

Love may seem to have nowhere to lay its head
as we move from a secure place in love
to new trust, new challenges, new demands,
as children grow older,
a spouse gets ill,
and God may seem distant.

Love has to move on,
leaving dead ways of being with someone,
rising to new depths of conversation or care,
as families move out to marry and raise new families,
as our loved ones die or move away,
and God may seem remote.

Love looks back only in thanks.
For remembering past times with regret
is a way of living in the past,
like parents trying to pretend families are not grown up,
or people in mid-life hankering after youth.

Love enjoys the security and life of the present;
it is willing to move and grow with each other,
and it looks back only to say thanks
and bring the spirit of love -
grown and deepened from the past -
into the future.

And God is in love,
for God is the source and the energiser
of all true love.



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: Genesis 18:16-33	Mt 8:18-22
Tue: Genesis 19:15-29	Mt 8:23-27
Wed: Genesis 21:5. 8-20	Mt 8:28-34
Thu: Ephesians 2:19-22	Jn 20:24-29
Fri: Genesis 23:14, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	Mt 9:9-13
Sat: Genesis 27:1-5. 15-29	Mt 9:14-17

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

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	

*We should remember that God always waits for us,
even when we have left Him behind. He is never far
from us, and if we return to Him,
He is ready to embrace us.
In silence of your heart, recollect that God is very near to
you. In what ways is He asking you to return to Him?*

Daily reflections with Pope Francis- 2013

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 **Jean Dillon, Israel Bulseco Jr., Ramon dela Cruz, Lichelle Agustin-Gatdula, Lourdes Agustin, Cathleen Balingit and Josefina Balingit**



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."

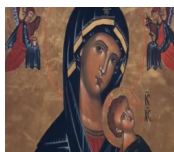
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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



July 5/6	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	P Cowan C Cowan	J Magree M McMahon	L Ung D Vecci	P Spencer A Menon	S Solomons A & F Puls
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin C Ringin	T McLaughlin J McCarthy N Almeida G Wain	G Gill R Elliott J Paisley B Bartling	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator		C Vymel	T Wang	T Borges	
Children Liturgist					

**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

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 25 July

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 2 July**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 30 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, **July 14th** 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!



**AUSTRALIAN
CATHOLIC**

*Year 9 –
25 years
plus leaders*



**BE EMPOWERED
TO LIVE
YOUR FAITH**

**EXPERIENCE
THE BREADTH
OF THE CHURCH**

**YOUTH
FESTIVAL**

**CONNECT
WITH OTHER
YOUNG PEOPLE**

**DEEPEN YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH JESUS**

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

30 NOV – 2 DEC 2025

ACYF.COM.AU
@/ACYF25



ACYF is a three-day festival bringing together thousands of young people from all across Australia. The Festival offers young people a chance to come together in fellowship, grow in their faith, strengthen their relationship with Jesus and be inspired to live out their Catholic values in everyday life. The Festival will include opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, bishops, musicians and speakers.

If you are from year 9 to 25 years of age and would like to attend this wonderful event, St John's is organising a group to go and live this experience together.

If you are interested and would like to know more please contact the parish office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au.

You can also have a look on the website acyf.com.au

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?



Do you have project management experience and would you like to work on your leadership skills? Do you already have these skills? Have you thought about volunteering to help you along?

The Fete Committee requires a new chairperson to run its meetings and to keep a great group of generous and skilled volunteers on track. Mentoring is available.

For more information please contact the Parish office.

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.

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 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.



PETER PENCE COLLECTION



"Hope in the Lord: Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord" (Ps 27:14)

This weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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

Phone: 0409 990 907

Registered Counsellor with Australian Counselling Association. Change is only a conversation away.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—JUNE—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