



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 18 August 2024 —Year B

Dear Parishioners,

Our Accountant the Finance Team and I would like to present to you an overview of the parish finances.

Over the past 5 years many changes have occurred that shape the way we raise and spend our money here at St John's.

We have many beautiful buildings and gardens on our sites that need to be maintained and our legacy to future generations is to make improvements to these assets. As members of a family who manage a home, you know that there are many day to day expenses like heating, cooling, gas, water and electricity bills that need to be paid. The Presbytery in Peel Street has just completed a massive overhaul to bring it up to Archdiocesan standards for our Parish Priest to live in. The Halls and House of Books which provide a special service to our community brings in much needed income and our beautiful Church with its recent renovations stands out thanks to our beautiful gardens and regular maintenance.

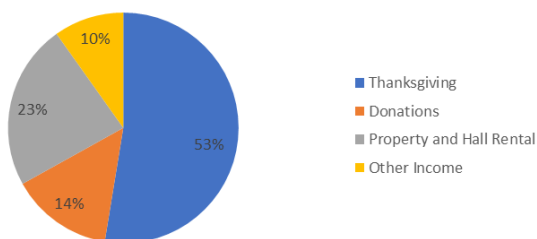
The Parish Team works hard to ensure all our assets are well used and cared for. They monitor the needs of our parishioners and ensure we have volunteers available at all Masses to read, sing, prepare for funerals, cater for our schools' religious needs and provide community events that our parishioners enjoy. They also organise care for parishioners in times of illness and distress. You will agree that our Parish Office is one of the best service in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. All of this takes money. The Stewardship Program via envelopes and parishioners who give via Direct Debit and Credit Card have gone down over the years. This means that we can't plan for future expenses based on regular income. Therefore we have to think of new ways to ask for financial support. One way is the introduction of the **new Tap and Go** machines. This hopefully will help this cashless society we now are apart of. Also when big items are required we will advise you of them and perhaps you could contribute a bit extra then.

We do appreciate how you support us financially and we acknowledge that some may not wish to commit to regular donations but whatever you can give is vital for our continued growth and planning for the future. There is more information on the back of this newsletter on the many ways you can contribute to your parish community.

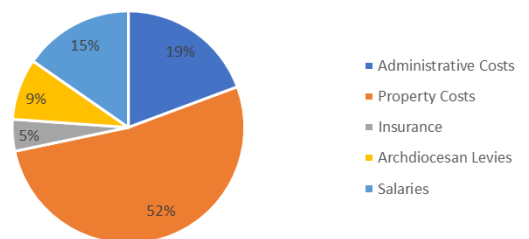
Thank you.

On behalf of Fr Dispin John, the Chair of the Finance Team, Paul Doolan and the Members of the Finance Team.

Operating Income 2023



Operating Expenses 2023



"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: Ezekiel 24:15-24 Mt 19:16-22

Tue: Ezekiel 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30

Wed: Ezekiel 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16

Thu: Ezekiel 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14

Fri: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40

Sat: Revelation 21:9-14 Jn 1:45-51

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

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



In this world where the poor look for bread and the rich wonder what kind of bread they will have, may we value what Jesus offers and allow it to nourish and sustain us into eternity.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Christine Webb** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Jacqueline Slattery, Margaret Kelly, William Box, Sr M Dympna SGS, Fr Geoffrey James SJ, Margaret Pope, Annette Alwis, Marie Alwis, Giuseppina and Erminio Iacobucci.**



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 24/25	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	C Lobo
Lectors	G Rodrigues	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	K Holewa
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	R Jess J Kaithavelil A Tham	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowd	C Kook
Laptop operator			J Curtis		
Children Liturgist			A O'Reilly	S Jeyanayagam	

Faith Formation, Social & Other

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

***"Faith is to believe what you do not see.
The reward of faith is to see what you believe."
St. Augustine of Hippo***

HOLY 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.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Tuesday 20 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 4th September** For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 2nd September. All are welcome.



MASS MINISTRY MEETING

Wednesday 18th September 7pm in the Church

If you are a Commentators, Laptop Operators, Lectors and Special Ministers or would like to learn more about these liturgical ministries you are warmly invited to

a night of faith, fellowship and formation

to refresh, renew and reinvigorate the special roles you play in our liturgical celebrations.

Come along to meet, and re-meet, your fellow parishioners and refresh the skills involved in your ministry and then enjoy a glass of wine, or a cuppa, and some nibbles as together, we acknowledge the important contributions you make in our Parish. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by **Tuesday 10th September**



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Mia Abigail Pereira, Ella McLennan,
Felix Loke**

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

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, **26 August 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

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

AN UPDATE FROM ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP



We hope you are enjoying our cards which are available from the Piety stand in the Narthex, House of Books and the Parish Office.

We will be adding cards from some new creative card makers; these will include original watercolour cards and photo cards so keep an eye out over coming months and leading up to Christmas.

Our card makers take pride in their work and we recognise the time and artistic talents that are achieved in their contributions. Please remember all profits from our card sales support the dedicated work of St Vincent de Paul, Mitcham Conference. We strive to maximise the amount we donate each year. Our prices will be \$3 or as marked.

We are very happy to create a card for a special occasion you are celebrating so please contact us via the Parish Office to discuss your requests.

With sincere thanks for your continued support.
St John's Card Making Group.

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:**

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantima South.
Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James**
0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: wwme.org.au

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.** All **Enquiries to Danny Rafferty 0437 498 877**



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The next set of Stewardship envelopes will be available in the Church narthex this weekend. Receipts are enclosed with the envelopes. If you have been paying by Direct Debit or Credit Card and wish to continue please let the office know so that we can cancel your envelopes after this set. If you could take envelopes belonging to neighbours and delivering them it would save on our postage costs. Thank you
Margaret Harrington, Business Manager



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Last week the St John's Safeguarding committee met the Safeguarding Office from the Archdiocese Safeguarding Unit and the following has been discussed:

- Discussed a survey/ways we can receive feedback formally and informally. Regarding the survey approach, we also explored safeguarding questions that can be more positive such as "how can we make this active more engaging" or "how can we make you feel more confident at ... program" or simpler "do you feel confident at ..."
- Discussed cultural awareness and ideas to invite people to express their culture if they'd like to.
- Discussed aboriginal cultural awareness and how our community is already doing quite a lot and you should note down in the self-assessment tool your achievements.

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/>

Let's work together to keep children safe!

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



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 083343
ACCT NO. 515 469 035