



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 30 July 2023 —Year A

Like treasure hidden in a field

Where is the Kingdom of God?
How to recognise it?
Has it an anthem like a country,
a flag like a nation,
a language of its own?

In the middle of the heart of experience is found
the Kingdom of God.
through the gaps of life,
shines the Kingdom of God.

Like treasure hidden in a field

Glimpsed in the narrow gaps
between tight thoughts
and you're surprised by a new idea.
Glimpsed in the narrow gaps
between people who know each other
and you're surprised by the newness of one you love.
Glimpsed in the narrow gap
of acceptance of injustice and inequality,
and you're surprised by new initiatives.

There is no flag, no anthem, no language
separate from
the flag, anthem and language
of love, compassion, truth
of the works of justice,
of Eucharist.

Like treasure hidden in a field



**"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

Furniture Pick-Ups contact Eastern Emergency Relief Network on 9874 8433'

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	Mt 13:36-43
Wed: Exodus 34:29-35	Mt 13:44-46
Thur: Exodus 40:16-21. 34-38	Mt 13:47-53
Fri: Lev 23:1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37	Mt 13:54-58
Sat: Lev 25:1. 8-17	Mt 14:1-12

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Weekday Masses

St John's

Our Lady's

Tue 10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed 10am Mass	9.15am Liturgy of the Word
Thur No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri 9am SJV	9.15am Liturgy of the Word
10am SJM	



As in the prayer of St Francis,
let us ask for free hearts
to give all and to receive all.

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, **Cecilia Menezes, Tony Hanlan, Dayantha Ranasighe, Ron Wain, Adelina Autelitano, Eric Jansen, Annette Alwis, Nora Bredhauer, Adam and Alicia Tokarski**



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 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	C Cowan	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A&F Puls
Lectors	P Cowan	J Magree	R Horner	P Spencer	S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin	B O'Reilly	G Gill	C Bantawig	B Belot
	Y Martin	B Mills	R Elliott	J Bantawig	D Lim
	M Baulch	T McLaughlin	J White	A Wilson	
			L Iacobucci	B Bartling	
Laptop operator		C Vymel	T Wang	T Borges	
Children's			A Rivadillo	A Andrews	
Liturgists					

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 Wed: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

9.15am Thurs: Mass

9.15am Fri : Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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"

Lord, I have faith in You,
I believe that faith helps us through life.
May God's love touches us every day,
we are blessed every day
Lord, we praise, worship,
and pray You every day.

Amen

(Anonymous St John's parishioner)

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.



MORNING TEA IS BACK!



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.

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 August**. Come to celebrate with St John's school students receiving Confirmation and share your own experience with the students. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 31 July. All are welcome.



CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

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

When: Wednesday 16th August

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Venue: Church Narthex



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Loutoa Ipukarea Tu'ima,
Euan Jude Armel, Isla Kane Mackey**
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

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.



Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances there will be **no meditation on July 24th**. Our next meditation gathering will be in the church on Monday evening, **7th August** at 7.30pm. We normally gather fortnightly. No experience needed. 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!



HOLY ROSARY

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

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS ONLINE TRAINING MODULE

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-60 minute online training module for all volunteers within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. This accessible and engaging online resource provides volunteers with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm. Volunteers will be required to complete the training every 3 years.

The Safeguarding Committee has decided to organise 2 group training sessions to help all volunteers to access the training. The sessions have been scheduled on:

8th August at 10.45am

9th August at 7.30pm

and will be held in the church

This is an invitation for all volunteers who have not completed the online training yet.

If you are attending one of the sessions or if you have any question and please contact Manuela at the Parish Office 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

SAVE THE DATE!



Mark the calendar ...

Saturday 18th November 2023

Keep an eye out for more information on
socials and newsletters in weeks to come

FORUM ON THE “VOICE TO PARLIAMENT” REFERENDUM

Do you feel you know enough about the upcoming Voice to Parliament Referendum? Would you like the chance to explore its implications and ask questions?

If you are seeking more information or understanding this is the forum for you. It will be presented by Dr Heather Wearne who is a retired academic who worked in tertiary and secondary education and she has much experience with Indigenous issues. She will provide background information about the “Uluru Statement From the Heart” and the “Voice to Parliament”. She will share her understanding and knowledge about Constitutional recognition and the reasons why it matters so much. Heather will make sure that there will be time to answer your questions and uncertainties about the Voice.

Date and Time: The Forum will be held at St John's Church, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham on **Sunday 6th August** from 12:00 noon (after the 11:15am Mass) until about 2:30pm. Light lunch provided. For catering purposes, can you please inform the Mitcham Parish Office if you are attending, at mitcham@cam.org.au / 9401 6366 .

OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION (OTDF) .

Leaving Collection weekend 5-6th August 2023.

Opening The Doors Foundation empowers First Nations students by supporting the extra costs of Catholic and Independent education, including the costs of uniform, books, IT, shoes, excursions, camps and stationary. Being able to wear the correct uniform and have all the same supplies and opportunities as their peers ensures that First Nations students can feel like a part of their school community and opens the doors for a brighter future. For over 20 years the Foundation has supported thousands of First Nations families by enabling them to choose the educational pathway for their children. In 2023, the Foundation supported over 1,000 First Nations students with their educational costs, including over 850 students in Catholic schools. Every dollar donated today will assist in closing the gap for the next generation of First Nations children and help keep kids in education.

The OTDF 2023 newsletter can be found on their website and to donate electronically/ learn of the history of the foundation and what it has achieved go to <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/>. Envelopes will be also left by all church exits' points . Donations of over \$2. are tax deductible . You can also donate directly at [online](#). Support will be very gratefully received.

SAFEGUARDING VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE

St John's Parish values your contribution as volunteer and we certainly couldn't run our parish without your support so thank you! But our parish needs all our volunteers' assistance in meeting our Child Safety obligations.

We have communicated extensively over the past 2 years, asking our volunteers to do two things:

- Read and sign our Safeguarding Code of Conduct
- Attain a Working With Children Check (assistance through Manuela at the Parish Office if needed)

Unfortunately, our records indicate that some volunteers have not supplied these documents.

We must resolve this, as all parishes in Australia must meet the legal and moral obligations on which our Safeguarding Framework is based as authorised by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/About-the-Bishops-Conference>. Please help us in bringing this part of our Child Safety obligations up to date.

As of July 31st, 2023 all volunteers in our parish must have a current Code of Conduct and a WWCC status in place in order to continue working as a Parish volunteer. After this date parishioners who are not compliant, will not be able to volunteer in the Parish. The St John's Safeguarding Committee have worked very hard over the past two years to ensure that we are compliant in every area. We understand that this request does upset some parishioners but as we are bound ABC regulations we ask for your support and understanding.

If you have any questions or need any help to supply the requested documents please contact Manuela at the Parish Office 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au.

Many Thanks.

St John's Safeguarding committee

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come and join us on an unforgettable journey around the world and into the very heart of God; in this professionally filmed series



Where: St John the Baptist Parish Hall 19 Forest Rd FTG.

When: Tuesday Mornings from 10.30am – 12.00pm.

Beginning from 1st August 2023 for 4 weeks until 22nd August

Stay for a Shared lunch and Fellowship afterwards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— AUGUST—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the Narthex. We are currently requesting: **coffee, rice, biscuits, long life milk.** All Enquiries to Ross Hancock 0419 117 343



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