



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 7 September 2025 —Year C

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple



Each of us has our own cross to carry;
the weaknesses of body, mind or spirit,
which affect our lives,
or loneliness, illness, failure,
and our personal secret problems.

All of us carry burdens
which are known or unknown to others.

Our cross may be caused by others:
we may be victims of greed and violence,
or of others' addictions.

For the Lord himself carried the cross
of poverty and misunderstanding,
of bereavement when Joseph died,
of loss of friends like Lazarus,
of the pain of his mother as he went to death;
he has carried burdens like ours.

And each cross is different;
at times we feel we could carry another's cross more lightly.
And we resent the crosses of our lives caused by others.

The Lord has suffered,
and promises us the companionship we need.

He weeps with us,
suffers with us,
promises friendship now and forever.

Our way of the cross, like his,
is the path to resurrection.
with our hand in his wounded hand,
we can carry the burdens life brings,
and follow him,
with confidence
and with a helping hand,
to carry the crosses of others.



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: Micah 5:1-4

Mt 1:18-23

Tue: Colossians 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

Wed: Colossians 3:1-11

Lk 6:20-26

Thu: Colossians 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

Sat: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Numbers 21:4-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Weekday Masses

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



We can celebrate the sciences because they are among God's greatest gifts to the human family.

Along with that, may we be humble, willing to learn, open to what we do not yet see or understand.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Caitlin Ross, Hilda Hiller and Henry Chua Hock Seng** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Cam Hong V, Janine Margaret Callanan, Edward Chong and Hoong Hee Cheah**



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**



September 13/14	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	M Solomons L Hennessy	M Campbell M De Almeida	T Wursthorn V Burnie	T Black C Balck	M Day E Umashankar
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan J Phoa	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart N Wursthorn L Iacobucci	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen S Kuruppa T Luna	S Solomons M Kristan
Laptop operator	C Kohomban.	A Bogoda	G Gill		
Children Liturgist			A O'Reilly	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



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

**Koby Masters, Charli Masters, Jaxon Kai Harris,
Luca Natalie Pring, Zachary Tchea,
Axel Leo Vlotman, Lennox Noel Edwards,**

*who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism
at St John's during the month of September*

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, **September 8** 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!

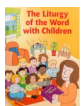


LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

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 26 September

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 1 October**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 29 September. All are welcome.



**RCIA – ST JOHN'S AND OUR LADY'S
A JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 or email mitcham@cam.org.au.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

As part of our ongoing effort to strengthen the bonds within our parish family, we are excited to introduce *Getting to Know You*. This new weekend newsletter feature aims to help us find out more about individuals and families in our community so we can grow in fellowship, deepen our connections, and truly get to know one another beyond our weekend greetings.

Getting to Know You is a light, joyful way to see the beautiful diversity of gifts and backgrounds God has brought together in our parish and to support and strengthen each other in faith.

Anyone who would like to take part can call the parish and ask to speak to Amanda Rivadillo about the user friendly *Getting to Know You* template.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (NCPW) 7-13 SEPTEMBER IN 2025.

National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

This year, the theme is:

'Every conversation matters: Shifting Conversation to Action'

WHAT PART CAN YOU PLAY?

We can all play a part in creating stronger, safer neighbourhoods by:

- engaging with those in our communities,
- checking in on neighbours and friends,
- being a good role model,
- supporting and being kind to parents rather than judging or being competitive,
- offering to assist where possible, and speaking up if you see something that is unsafe.

It is important that we listen to, and value, what children have to say. Where possible, include their voices in decision-making and be advocates for their best interest.

Let's move beyond these conversations to create concrete actions that prevent harm and instead focus on strengthening support systems and empowering our communities to actively protect children.

By shifting conversations into actions, we can each ensure that every child not only feels heard but also experiences safe, caring and protective environments.

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.

GUITAR LESSONS WITH XAVIER

Xavier Wursthorn, who plays at the 9:45am Mass, is offering guitar lessons! Turning 17 soon, he has 10 years of playing experience, 1.5 years of teaching, and is currently studying VCE Music, Grade 8 AMEB and has a WWC. He teaches all styles and is super fun. You can see a sample of his content on instagram [@xavier_wursthorn](https://www.instagram.com/xavier_wursthorn) or call him on +61 404 125 745

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

signing the Turn Debt into Hope petition – caritas.org.au/debt
committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a Catholic Earthcare Household – caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

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 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.



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— SEPTEMBER—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