



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 18 January —Year A

Yes, I have seen that He is the Chosen One of God.



Did he look like that?
The man who queued up
to be baptised by John the Baptist?

Jesus of Nazareth,
a young man not unlike many others,
taking his place with sinners.

Like joining the line in a Penance Service,
or the crowd climbing a holy mountain for sins,
becoming one of the people
saying 'I am a sinner'.

Jesus saying, 'I am one of you'.

And John sees more:
the man of bright vision in front of him
his cousin he knew from their holidays together,
is the Son of God,
the One who should be baptising.

Yes, I have seen that He is the Chosen One of God.

Can you see, in the faces of the people around you,
the chosen ones of God?
because of Jesus
we are all chosen ones of God.

In Jesus we see, not just the young man of Nazareth,
but every man and woman of every place,
and see in each of them, the chosen one of God.

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 Maurie 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: 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22

Tue: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Mk 2:23-28

Wed: 1 Samuel 17:32-33 37.40-51 Mk 3:1-6

Thu: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19

Sat: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

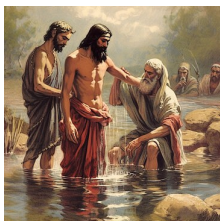
Isaiah 8:23—9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

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	



John the Baptist was like a good teacher who opens up new areas of growth for us and brings our talents to their very highest level.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently **Henk Hendriks and David Patrick Walsh** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Joao Pereira, Manuel Abreu, Graeme Gardner and Veronica De Araugo**



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**



Jan 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	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Lectors	A Livy	B Mills	L Kho	B Rudin	
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	A Tham B Mills	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble R Jess J Curtis	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowd D Kuruppa	C Kook M Kristan
Laptop operator		J Phoa			
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

will resume on Sunday 1 February

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 4th February**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 2 February. All are welcome.



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP
WITH LAUNDERING THE CHURCH LINEN**

We are seeking assistance with the laundering of the altar linen in the second week of each month. It is not difficult and you will be shown the current arrangements. Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2026

"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

Wanting more than the clamour and busy-ness at Mass? 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 in the church on the night. Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **2nd Feb at 7.30pm**. 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 27th February

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

Do you have a child who does not attend a Catholic school, that you want to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation in 2026. Classes for First Eucharist begin on Thursday 19th February 2026, Confirmation on Thursday 19th March and First Reconciliation on Thursday 6th August. To enrol or find out more please email Trish: trish.chaston@cam.org.au



**POPE PROCLAIMS JUBILEE TO MARK 800TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS' DEATH**

Pope Leo has established that from 10 January, following the closing of the Church's Jubilee Year, until 10 January 2027, a special Year of St Francis may be proclaimed, in which every Christian, 'following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may himself become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace'.

'In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace,' the Pope wrote.

That peace, the Pope added, 'is not limited to the relations between human beings' but extends to 'the entire family of Creation'.

Pope Leo concluded his letter with a prayer to St Francis, asking the saint's intercession 'to give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (5th - 20th May 2026)

Fr. Sebastian A.M invites you to a journey in the footsteps of St. Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Turkey with a 3-night Greek Islands cruise in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive price of \$9790+ tips (25+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

SAINTS OF ITALY (8th - 21st June 2026)

Fr. Franco Filippetto invites you to a 14-day journey to Italy, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rondo, Sorrento, and Rome, with an all-inclusive price of \$ 9,290 + tips (for 30+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th.

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Meals + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.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 come along.

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.

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.

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.



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!

HOUSE OF BOOKS

The Shop will reopen on **Tuesday 27th January**

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—JANUARY—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