



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 1 October 2023 —Year A

St John's Parish PRESBYTERY Requires Urgent Repairs and Renovation!

Dear Friends,

Parishioners would be aware that over the past 5 years a concerted and well planned effort has been undertaken to best manage the physical assets of our Parish. This has resulted in the Church receiving overdue maintenance and refurbishment, the Hall building reroofed, the flooring of Durkin Hall replaced and the House of Books upgraded to provide a safe retail and volunteer work space. We have had to spend nearly \$925,000.

Of this, \$300,000 was borrowed towards the Church repairs but the balance, \$625,000, was met from Parish reserves. These reserves were the direct result of the long-term generosity of all Parishioners.

The Parish Asset and Maintenance Group recently turned its focus to the Presbytery, the residence we provide for our Parish Priest. With great dismay the Group realised this property should have been at or near the top of the list and not the last to receive attention.

The presbytery is a weatherboard residence in Peel Street. The property was purchased by the Parish over 25 years ago and has had limited work done to it since. It is even possible that the carpets in some rooms are the originals from the early 1960's.

Archdiocesan staff and builders have been over the house and agree it is now sub-standard. They have identified a significant range of works that must be carried out to bring the property up to standard suitable for occupation by the current and any future Parish Priest.

The identified works are now essential and need to be done without delay.

It is with all this in mind that it has been decided to immediately reach out to the generosity of all Parishioners and undertake a one off fundraising effort for the "Presbytery Renovation Fund".

What's next?

At Masses next weekend more detailed information on the program of work required will be made available. And the options available to make a donation will be publicised so that this important program can be carried out as soon as possible. Thank you.

Bernie Kiekebosh
Parish Asset and Maintenance Group

Leo Hennessy
Parish Finance Committee



To accept that God first loved us, through no merits of our own, and that God is always there for us, although we forget God, is more difficult for us than following God's commandments.

To accept that God loves us just as we are, unconditionally, gratuitously, and forever, is more difficult for us than to sacrifice as we should for God and for other.

To accept that God forgives absolutely and does not hold our past against us is more difficult for us than to repent of the evil we have done.

To accept this love of God is the only path to freedom and interior peace. And it is the underlying reason why we should accept each other and love each other just as we are.

Segundo Galilea, *The Music of God*

"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: Zechariah 8:1-8	Mt 18:1-5. 10
Tue: Zechariah 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Nehemiah 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Thur: Nehemiah 8:1-12	Lk 10:1-12
Fri: Baruch 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29	Lk 10:17-24

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	9am SJV 10am SJM	

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Jenine Foster (Ferlazzo)** and **Aldo Savoia** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Kath Callinan-Moore, Melissa Green, Rose Franklin, Anthony Saliba, Kevin Megetti, Joy Kenny, Betty Saliba, Francis Xavier Fernandes, Selvin Fernandes, Suresh D'Souza, Michael Hackett, Terry Hackett, Beverley Harrap, Richard Carey and Mary Higgins**

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**



A dash of humility can help us see that our perceptions of truth may be incomplete.

Oct 7/8	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	L Hennessy M Solomons	M De Almeida M Campbell	V Burnie T Wursthorn	T Black C Black	E Umashankar M Day
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart V Menon N Wursthorn	J Rea J Kiekebosch N Nguen	S Solomons
Laptop operator Children's Liturgists	C Kohomban.	G Campbell	A&D Rivadillo	A Andrews	

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

Psalm 17: 6-9

**I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.
Show me the wonders of your great love,
you who save by your right hand
those who take refuge in you from their foes.
Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings
from the wicked who are out to destroy me,
from my mortal enemies who surround me.**

1 Our Father
3 Hail Mary
1 Glory be

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.

HOLY ROSARY

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



ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP

Come along on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 11am to the St John's Parish Playgroup.
Location: St John's Church narthex
When: **19th October at 11am**
Children aged 0-5 with their care providers for one hour of play, fun and connection. Please register your interest in attending with the parish office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au by Tuesday the 17th of October.



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

Chili Talevski, Levi Talevski, Xander Ron Giarratana, Addison Grace Daly, Mackenzie Mary Daly, Grace Hamilton, Xavier Hamilton, Chloe Hamilton, Lukas Simon Bayes, Aurelius Jonas Peters

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



The Funeral Mass for

Aldo Savoia

will be celebrated on
Wednesday 4th October at 11.30am

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. Put it in your calendar now! Our next meditation gathering will be in the church on Monday evening, **2 October** at 7.30pm. We 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!



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Come and See

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery. See what the RCIA program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

What is the Meaning of Life?
What do you seek?
Why a God?
What's our Story?
Who is Jesus?
Why a Church?
And Much More...

IS THIS FOR YOU?

[Click here to see a short video](#)



Contact Jenny Kearney for details
Come by yourself, or bring a friend or family member.

Jenny Kearney 0413 826 468
jenny.kearney@cam.org.au
St John's Mitcham & Our Lady's Ringwood

BUS OUTING

DANDENONG RANGES BOTANIC GARDEN

Date: 4 October 2023

Time: departing from the Church car park at 10:30am

RSVP: by 28 September

Limited spots available

Booking: please call the Parish Office on 9401 6366

Note for legal requirements, everyone must be able to get on and off the bus independently.



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

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING MODULE

The Safeguarding Essentials online training technical issue has been resolved. The training module is now accessible. You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/>

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has received new stock and these items are now on sale. Please note, now that people can exit the Church through the Narthex after Mass, the Piety Stall has reverted back to opening after Mass. The stall carries a range of Christian items such as gifts, for Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Eucharist; devotional items; greeting cards, Christmas cards and prayer cards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—OCTOBER—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**



COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$10)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$10 each.

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

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

March for the Babies will again take place on Saturday **7th October**, 1pm. Starting from Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring Street and Wellington Parade, Melbourne.

This is a peaceful rally to defend the rights of unborn babies and their mothers against the 2008 Victorian Abortion Law Reform Act.

We urge families and friends to join us for the 2023 March for the Babies to keep before our Govt and our community the continuing effects of this unconscionable legislation allowing abortion up to birth.

March with us to create a Culture of Life and to remember the 20,000+ pre term babies whose lives are taken every year through abortion.

For further information please contact Marchforthebabies@gmail.com or Jan on 0402 141519

THE DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS MANGO FUNDRAISER

The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is back for 2023! Trays of approx. 4.5kg delicious mangoes will be available in late November or early December and can be yours for only \$25 a tray. This year there has been a reduced number of flowers which means the expected yield has been reduced to only 20% of previous years, we are so lucky to be able to have this opportunity and support the farmers. Attached to the newsletter is your order form so please tell your family, friends and co-workers and get your orders in early. Final orders and payment are due by Wednesday 25th October. For any questions, contact Donna Bright donna.bright@hotmail.com

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. If you have a special occasion coming up we would be happy to create a card for any event. 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.

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