



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 29 October 2023 —Year A

**There are only two commandments:
love God and love your neighbour.**

Hasn't Jesus made it a bit too simple?

Loving Go—what a question!

Loving who or what?

Loving what I cannot see,
the cause of all that moves, the source of all life.

That would be remote,
frightening, distant.

Isn't it simpler to say:
what you love in another, you love God.
When you love another, you love God.

**There are only two commandments:
love God and love your neighbour.**

Loving your child is loving God;
loving your husband or wife is loving God;
loving a pupil, a friend,
loving one you do not like
this is loving God.

And in the evening of our lives, we'll remember back
to whom we loved and tried to love,
we will dance with joy for those we loved,
and ask forgiveness of someone,
of God, of others, of life, for those we hurt.

We know deep down in our good hearts,
that in fact Jesus was right.
He was not simple
but challenging us to the most difficult thing in life:

**There are only two commandments:
love God and love your neighbour.**



St John's Mitcham Fete Raffle Sponsors

Many thanks to our generous Main Raffle Sponsors –

Biggin and Scott Mitcham – Major Fete Raffle Sponsor
Cycle Science Mitcham, Whitehorse Medical Centre, Bucatini Restaurant and Bar,
Mitcham Junior Football Club and Mitcham Junior Football Club

**“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: Romans 8:12-17	Lk 13:10-17
Tue: Romans 8:18-25	Lk 13:18-21
Wed: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14	Mt 5:1-12
Thur: Isaiah 25:6-9	Mt 11:25-30
Fri: Romans 9:1-5	Lk 14:1-6
Sat: Romans 11:1-2. 11-12. 25-29	Lk 14:1.7-11

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Matthew 23:1-12

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 **Rae Perrin (Michael Freeman's mum), Bau Do, and Marie Cameron** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Herman Kiekebosc, Gino Di Ienno, George Arulanandam, Denis Joyce, William Delaney, Len Delaney, Estrella Baito, Fr Noel Kierce O'Carroll, Florentina Curso Cua and Mary Therese Gartland**



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**



Whatever we do
without love
is absolutely
worthless.

Nov 4/5	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	J Magree M MacMahon	R Horner D Vecci	P Spencer A Menon	S Solomons A&F Puls
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin M Baulch	B O'Reilly B Mills T McLaughlin	G Gill R Elliott L Iacobucci	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling T Borges A O'Reilly	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator		C Vymel	T Wang		
Children's Liturgists			A Wursthorn		

**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

Family prayer

Bless our families with love, they are the foundation of our lives, may they have God's love to guide them through life.

**Thanks You Lord for our families and may they be touch by Your peace and love.
Amen**

**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.



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*



ALL SOULS DAY MASS

All souls day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd November at

Our Lady's - 9.15am
and St John's - 7pm



ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION BOOK

A four week prayer and reflection program for use during Advent or anytime is available at the Piety stall or at the Parish office. **Cost \$5**



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, **30 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!



HOLY ROSARY

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



Advent Workshop

Using Art to Explore the Advent and Nativity Gospels

with Fr Elio Capra



Do you struggle to read scripture?

Using art, Fr Elio will lead us to discover a fresh perspective on the familiar Advent and Nativity Gospel stories.

Monday November 20th, 7pm

Coghlan Centre

494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham.

Bookings

Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMODP>

Parish office: 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

You are invited!

ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP

Come along on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at 11am to the St John's Parish Playgroup.

Location: St John's Church narthex

When: **2nd and 16th November at 10.30am**

Children aged 0-5 with their care providers for one hour of play, fun and connection.



SAVE THE DATE!



Bric a Brac, preloved clothes and pre-loved toys

Drop off Dates:

Sunday 29 October from 9.00am – 12 midday.

Where? The garage at the rear of the parish house.

The 2023 St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle

First Prize - \$ 1500.00 Visa Card,
donated by Biggin & Scott Mitcham



Ten amazing prizes available.

Only \$2.00 a tickets or \$20.00 for a book of ten tickets
Your support is a concrete way of contributing to the vibrancy of our community.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors.

Tickets are to be returned sold or unsold, by Sunday 5th November 2023. We need assistance with ticket sales at each of the Masses over the coming weeks.

Please contact Rob or Gracie if you can assist.

Phone 0419 379005

St John's Parish Community Fete Sponsorship

The St John's Parish, Mitcham is always grateful for the support it receives from the local and wider community. We are currently seeking support for the 2023 St John's Parish Community Fete which will be held on Saturday 18th November.

Planning is well underway for this year's event. We are seeking donations of goods and services that could be used for our Silent Auction. We are also collecting items that could be used to create hampers for the Silent Auction. Consider items that could be combined to make a 'Stay in on a Friday Night Hamper', 'Welcome to your New Home Hamper', 'Sporting Hamper' or a 'Sweet Tooth Hamper'.

Use your imagination

Items can be left in the donations box in the Narthex or at the Parish Office.

Robin Smith is coordinating Fete Sponsorship. Please contact him if you can assist with a donation, or if you would like to discuss any specific details. Contact Robin - 0419 379005.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— NOVEMBER—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

St Vincent de Paul Mitcham Conference Report to the Parish for the year ending 30 June 2023

Number of home visits	270
Number of adults assisted	400
Number of children assisted	211
Number of bread runs	48
Number of families visited per bread run	10
Number of Christmas hampers provided	80
Number of gift cards in Christmas hampers	137

Assistance given:

Christmas hampers gift vouchers, donated and purchased.	\$3,885
Education	\$2,859
Food, donated and purchased (including food in Christmas hampers)	\$16,740
Furniture	\$439
Medical	\$821
Supermarket food vouchers	\$18,460
Transport assistance	\$3,121
Utility bills	\$2,197
Vinnies Shop Cards	\$6,400
Whitegoods	\$3,188
Total assistance	\$58,110

Income

Card making group	\$1,500
Christmas/Winter Appeal	\$6,042
Donations	\$11,064
House of Books	\$1,700
Parish Fete	\$1,200
Piety Stall	\$1,454
Ringwood Court	\$8,000
Total income	\$30,960

Please note that the deficit for the period has been funded by Vinnies Victoria.

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/?>

"PRESBYTERY RENOVATION FUND" - HOW TO DONATE?

Bank Direct Debit: BSB 083-347 - A/c No. 294 362 890 - "Future Maintenance Account"

This account has been opened specially for the Appeal.

Cash / Cheque – Envelopes for the "Presbytery Renovation Fund" are available at each of the Church doors to use for cash or cheque donations.

Please make Cheques payable to: "Future Maintenance Account"

Please put envelopes with cash or cheques in with the weekend Mass collection or drop them into the parish office (not in the letterbox).

Prefer instalments?

If gifting by instalments suits you best, please feel free to do so.

Any queries please contact the Parish Office.