



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20 July 2025 —Year C



### The better part

Time spent with people we love  
is time treasured in our memory.

In the time together love grows,  
friendship deepen  
and people come to mean more to each other.

Time spent with each other in marriage  
is the place where we feel  
we are worthwhile, valued, loved.

Time spent with children is the place  
from which love's energies  
extend and reach out to children.

There are times when we must work  
for and with each other,  
when we must be busy,  
and there are times for just being together.

Time spent with God  
is like the time of Mary at the feet of Jesus;  
in the spaces of prayer  
love deepens in the heart,  
the warmth of God takes hold of the heart,  
and we are once again made whole.

This is the time -  
time spent with Jesus -  
when we can relax into mystery  
of being loved,  
of being forgiven,  
of being called,  
and of being totally held  
now and forever,  
in love.



*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: Exodus 14:5-18             | Mt 12:38-42      |
| Tue: Song of Songs 3:1-4        | Jn 20:1-2. 11-18 |
| Wed: Exodus 16:1-5. 9-15        | Mt 13:1-9        |
| Thu: Exodus 19:1-2. 9-11. 16-20 | Mt 13:10-17      |
| Fri: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15       | Mt 20:20-28      |
| Sat: Exodus 24:3-8              | Mt 13:24-30      |

### 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

### Weekday Masses

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

### Called by name

God is calling us by name to be missionaries  
in our everyday life.  
With the gifts He has given us,  
where is He calling us to proclaim the Gospel?

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **John Flynn, Cesar Bautista, Rosemary Fonseka, Catherine Webb, Bill & Mary Jackson, Connie Rodrigues, Albert O'Kane, Hong Le, Luu Le, Kieu Le, and Annette Alwis**



### 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](mailto: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."

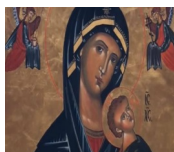
### ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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**



| July 26/27                | St John's<br>6.00pm           | St John's<br>8.30am             | St. John's<br>9.45am                  | St John's<br>11.15am                                      | St John's<br>5.00pm                    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>C'Tator</b>            | M Bredhauer                   |                                 | N Vernal                              | D Kennedy                                                 |                                        |
| <b>Lectors</b>            | A Livy                        | C Ryan                          | H Wursthorn                           | J Kiekebosh                                               |                                        |
| <b>Eucharist</b>          | M Livy<br>M Pinto<br>Y Martin | M Coghlan<br>R Smith<br>G Smith | T Harkin<br>A Martonyi<br>H Wursthorn | M Battagello<br>C Brindle<br>A Glenn<br>C Lowry<br>A Jose | M Kristan<br>S Partridge<br>M Campbell |
| <b>Laptop operator</b>    |                               | C Almeida                       | L Wursthorn                           |                                                           |                                        |
| <b>Children Liturgist</b> |                               |                                 |                                       |                                                           |                                        |

**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**

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**

**2025 PARISH SACRAMENT OF  
FIRST RECONCILIATION FORMATION PROGRAM**

The 2025 Parish Formation First Reconciliation Program begins on Thursday 28th August 6:30 – 8:00pm at Our Lady's Church Ringwood. This program is intended for families wishing to prepare their child for First Reconciliation, especially those whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school. Students must be in year 3 or higher to engage with this program. To enrol, or find out more about the program please contact Trish via this email address: [trish.chaston@cam.org.au](mailto:trish.chaston@cam.org.au)



**BAPTISM**

Today we welcome

**Willow June Lodel, Leo Peter Lodel,  
Thomas Noah Lodel, Luca Natalie Pring,  
William Leo Sinclair, Atunaisa Kingston Tu'ima**

*into the life of the Catholic Church  
through the Community of St John's*

**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, **July 28th** 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!

**ST JOHN'S CAFE**

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends in the Narthex following the 10am Mass.

All are welcome

**When:** Friday 25 July

**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 6 August**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 4 August.



All are welcome.

**HOUSE OF BOOKS GET TOGETHER**

On **July 26th** the HOUSE OF BOOKS is having a JULY get together lunch at the Mitcham Hotel at 12.30pm.

All HOB volunteers and friends welcome.

Please let Kitty May know if you're able to come, or call the HOUSE OF BOOKS 9410 6306

**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.



**St Vincent de Paul Mitcham Conference  
Report to the Parish for the year ending 30 June 2025**

|                                           | 2025 | 2024 |
|-------------------------------------------|------|------|
| Number of home visits                     | 281  | 273  |
| Number of adults assisted                 | 390  | 390  |
| Number of children assisted               | 206  | 211  |
| Number of bread runs                      | 48   | 48   |
| Number of families visited per bread run  | 10   | 10   |
| Number of Christmas hampers provided      | 85   | 88   |
| Number of gift cards in Christmas hampers | 137  | 160  |
| Numbers of adults receiving hampers       | 123  | 127  |
| Numbers of children receiving hampers     | 61   | 63   |

**Assistance given:**

|                                                                   |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Christmas hampers gift vouchers, donated and purchased.           | \$4,670         | \$4,550         |
| Christmas hampers food                                            | \$4,160         | \$4,030         |
| Education                                                         | \$170           | \$2,350         |
| Food, donated and purchased (including food in Christmas hampers) | \$14,335        | \$16,580        |
| Furniture                                                         | \$1,310         | \$1,575         |
| Medical                                                           | \$989           | \$402           |
| Supermarket food vouchers                                         | \$20,070        | \$20,780        |
| Transport assistance                                              | \$2,453         | \$3,158         |
| Utility bills                                                     | \$969           | \$2,417         |
| Vinnies Shop Cards                                                | \$6,525         | \$7,075         |
| Whitegoods                                                        | \$2,103         | \$2,247         |
| <b>Total assistance</b>                                           | <b>\$57,754</b> | <b>\$66,164</b> |

**Income**

|                         |                 |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Card making group       | \$2,000         | \$1,500         |
| Christmas/Winter Appeal | 0               | \$1,400         |
| Donations               | \$14,489        | \$13,305        |
| House of Books          | \$3,500         | \$14,000        |
| Parish Fete             | \$1,250         | \$1,000         |
| Piety Stall             | \$1,864         | \$966           |
| Poorbox and Candles     | \$1,922         | \$1,118         |
| <b>Total income</b>     | <b>\$25,025</b> | <b>\$33,289</b> |

Please note that the deficit for the period has been funded by Vinnies Victoria. From June 2024 the Christmas and Winter Appeal donations were transferred directly to Vinnies Victoria and not shown as part of Mitcham Conference income.

**Koorie Market @Murnong:  
Saturday July 26th, 11am -2pm**

Supporting local Aboriginal crafts people, artists and small businesses. Food, Coffee, sausage sizzle. "All welcome". Also enjoy an opportunity to visit our art gallery and Womenjika Reconciliation garden.  
Location: Murnong First Peoples Gathering Place.  
100 High Street, Glen Iris (adjacent to St Oswald's).

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**Live Your Best Life in Love...**

**A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple**

And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We offer 2 further weekends in 2025. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

**October 3-5:**

Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)

**October 10-12:**

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantima South.  
Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm  
Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or  
Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**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— JULY—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**