



St. John's Parish Mitcham

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15 September 2024 —Year B

Thinking God's way

Jesus died at the hands of violent people,
and his disciples would have spared him
or told him to live in such a way that
no harm would come to him.

But God's way was the way of love,
the type of love that is proved in hardship,
the type of love that is understood only in God.

Illness for many years
may seem like a waste to some;
but we also see that within the illness
was a strength that was life-giving to many,
and through it a deep love and faith was born,
even in times of hardship and frustration
for a person who is ill and for carers.

God's way is not to see illness,
disability or confusion,
failure or mistakes,
as a waste,
but as a way to love;
for in the fragility of life we discover
some of the deepest truths of human life.

It is God's way to see the child of God in everyone,
God's way to forgive and be reconciled,
God's way to work for justice and peace,
God's way to see, in the weakness of death,
the strong promise of eternity.

God sees no waste in life
for in everything love can grow and God can be found.
And that was the way for Jesus who said
That the son of Man was to suffer grievously,
be put to death,
and on the third day rise again.

Jesus, once condemned to death,
now raised to life in the love 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: Manuela Brambilla

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

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 Corinthians 11:17-26. 33	Lk 7:1-10
Tue: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. 27-31	Lk 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	Lk 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Lk 8:1-3
Sat: Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13	Mt 9:9-13

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Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16 – 4:3

Mark 9:30-37

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 10am Mass SJM	



Lord beckons us with strength for the journey and salvation as our destination. We must stay the course, keep the faith, and finish the race. He will be with us every step of the way, no matter what.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Janine Callanan** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **John Winter, Francis O'Neil, Tan Tien Kay, Lee Lai Kuan, Anita, Su Ong and Daniel Tchea**



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**



Sept 21/22	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 Bredhauer A Livy	L Hennessy H De Kauwue	M Gartland L Kho	D Wates B Rudin	C Lobo K Holewa
Eucharist	E Booth R McIntosh	R Jess J Kaithavelil A Tham	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowd	C Kook
Laptop operator			J Curtis	D Garcia	
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

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

Lord,

I thank You for being alive in my life and for living within the depths of my soul. I thank You for being with me through all things and for never abandoning me.

In those moments when I do not sense Your presence, give me faith to know You are there.

And fill me with a confident trust

in Your guiding Hand.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Tuesday 17 September

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



MASS MINISTRY MEETING

Wednesday 18th September 7pm in the Church

If you are a Commentators, Laptop Operators, Lectors and Special Ministers or would like to learn more about these liturgical ministries

you are warmly invited to

a night of faith, fellowship and formation to refresh, renew and reinvigorate the special roles you play in our liturgical celebrations.

Come along to meet, and re-meet, your fellow parishioners and refresh the skills involved in your ministry and then enjoy a glass of wine, or a cuppa, and some nibbles as together, we acknowledge the important contributions you make in our Parish. All are welcome

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



Our next meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, **23 September 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!

HOLY ROSARY

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



SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

This Sunday marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

**RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's
A Journey in Faith**

Come and See

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery.

See what the RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

What do you seek?

And Much More.....



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.

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**



SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH



The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 2nd October** For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 30th September. All are welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Mitcham Conference
Report to the Parish for the year ending 30 June 2024**

2024	2024	2023
Number of home visits	273	270
Number of adults assisted	390	400
Number of children assisted	211	211
Number of bread runs	48	48
Number of families visited per bread run	10	10
Number of Christmas hampers provided	88	80
Number of gift cards in Christmas hampers	160	137

Assistance given:

Christmas hampers gift vouchers, donated and purchased.	\$4,550	\$3,885
Education	\$2,350	\$2,859
Food, donated and purchased (including food in Christmas hampers)	\$16,580	\$16,740
Furniture	\$1,575	\$439
Medical	\$402	\$821

Supermarket food vouchers	\$20,780	\$18,460
Transport assistance	\$3,158	\$3,121
Utility bills	\$2,417	\$2,197
Vinnies Shop Cards	\$7,075	\$6,400
Whitegoods	\$2,247	\$3,188
Total assistance	\$61,134	\$58,110

Income

Card making group	\$1,500	\$1,500
Christmas/Winter Appeal	\$1,400	\$6,042
Donations	\$14,423	\$11,064
House of Books	\$14,000	\$1,700
Parish Fete	\$1,000	\$1,200
Piety Stall	\$966	\$1,454
Ringwood Court	\$0	\$8,000
Total income	\$33,289	\$30,960

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

**HAPPY RETIREMENT
You Are Warmly Invited
to Celebrate the Retirement of
Jenny Macleod**



Please join us at St John's Mitcham, in the Coghlan Centre at 2.30pm on

Thursday, 19 September,

For a Special Assembly followed by Afternoon Tea at 3.30pm in the passive play area
You are welcome to contribute to the Flight Centre Gift Registry for Jenny, as her Retirement Gift.

<https://flightcentre.fctggiftregistry.com/Registry/55P5S3>

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!

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.

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

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 083343

ACCT NO. 515 469 035