



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13 July 2025 —Year C

A person of peace

To bring peace among people
is one of life's greatest gifts.

People who are peacemakers
are the sons and daughters of God,
for they share in one of the biggest desires of God:
peace in the world,
peace in the community, the neighbourhood,
peace in the parish, and in the country,
peace in the heart of everyone.

To bring peace
we need to be at peace ourselves;

And the person of peace
is a person who knows his or her place,
and knows God's place in the world.

To be a person of peace
is to know that others have rights,
and that others have problems
that make them act the way they do,
and the person of peace
brings understanding and compassion
to the problems of others.

To be a person of peace
is to know that much in life
is outside our control,
we cannot turn back the sea
nor change the time of sunset,
and neither can we control the lives of others.

To be a person of peace
is to be engaged each day
in love and care
with the God of peace.

May we be instruments of God's peace,
for through each of us comes God's gift of peace for all.



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 1:8-14. 22

Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tue: Exodus 2:1-15

Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Exodus 3:1-6. 9-12

Mt 11:25-27

Thu: Exodus 3:13-20

Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Exodus 11:10 – 12:14

Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Exodus 12:37-42

Mt 12:14-21

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 18:1-10

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

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	

Unreserved readiness

We are called to open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit, to offer our unreserved readiness to be instruments of God's mercy, of His tenderness, of His love for every man and every woman and especially for the poor, the outcast, and those who are distant.

How can you develop a heart of "unreserved readiness"?

Ask Jesus to help you understand His mercy and give it to others.

Daily reflections with Pope Francis- 2013

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Somadevi Kuruppu and Vivianne Keys** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Nora Bredhauer, Alicia Tokarski, Harry Kiekebosch, Cosmo Colaneri, Phillip Wallis, Cesar Nicolas Snr, Melchora Acido and Alfredo Acido**



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**



July 19/20	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	G Rodrigues S Rodrigues	A Buchanan C Ryan	N Vernal H Wursthorn	D Kennedy J Kiekebosch	
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith	T Harkin A Martonyi H Wursthorn	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry A Jose	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator	T Tan	C Almeida	L Wursthorn		
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



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Aviel Theo Costa, Angus John Nicholson, Jaxon
William John Ford, Frankie Elizabeth Nicholson**

*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 14th** 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!



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.



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.



NAIDOC Week : 6-13th July 2025—Theme *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week is an annual celebration and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture, and achievements. The history of NAIDOC Week is rooted in the 1938 Day of Mourning, which evolved into a day of observance and then a week-long celebration in the first week of July. National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia. This year NAIDOC Week marks 50 years of the week-long celebrations, and the theme, *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*, celebrates achievements of the past and the bright future ahead. This Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country. To learn more about the history, this year's theme and for events follow links at <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

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

OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

Opening The Doors Foundation is a First Nations-led organisation which has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to receive a nurturing, consistent and enriched educational experience across Victoria for 25 years. The Foundation provides financial support for items like uniforms, books, shoes and stationery, as well as supporting key experiences like excursions and camps. The school experience is so important in academic, social, cultural and spiritual development, so ensuring that students have confidence and are provided opportunities they would otherwise miss out on - this all contributes to raising school engagement and attendance. In 2025 the Foundation supported 1,010 students. All donations go directly to providing First Nations students with important educational items and experiences, *opening doors to a brighter future*. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. In addition to the leaving collection this weekend there are envelopes by each of the exit doors for tax deduction purposes. For this year's OTDF Impact statement and more information click on <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/donate> Please remember to bring back the envelopes back next week or drop them in to the parish office through the week.

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

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

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



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR YOU



If you are a friendly organiser who likes working with others and keeping activities running smoothly, we could really use your help as part of our Fete Committee, managing meetings and overall project management. Be a collaborative leader of a skilled and dedicated team to help bring success to our long running community event. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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 Website: wwme.org.au

INTERFAITH DINNER

You are invited to attend the interfaith dinner (vegetarian) on

Date: Friday, 1st August 2025, 5.30pm– 8.30pm

Venue: 22 Woodvale Road Boronia, VIC 3155

Theme: What is happening to religion in Australia?

Presentation by Prof. Philip Hughes

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Monday 28th July

Email: enquiries@janssencentre.au

Tel. 9762.6625

Mobile: 0432261194 (Fr. Thien)

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**

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