



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12 November 2023 —Year A

They brought oil as well as their lamps

We are each the light of God;
a light given with the candle given to our parents in baptism,
the light of faith
to guide our steps in the way of Jesus,
to enlighten our minds in the truth of Jesus,
to nourish our love with the life of Jesus.

You are light,
you are the lamp of God,
and this is the warmth of God.

And the power of the lamp is the love of God.

In the Eucharist our light is brightened,
and the lamp is renewed,
as a waterfall generates electricity,
as love generates new life.

They brought oil as well as their lamps

Take time to refresh your spirit,
take time for prayer,
take time for Eucharist,
take time for wonder,
be surprised by God
in the November sunrise,
in the Christmas anticipation,
in the evening's winter peace,
and your light glows new again.

They brought oil as well as their lamps



SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
10AM—5PM

WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS NONE OF THIS WILL HAPPEN.

Many volunteers are still required so its time to click and commit or register your availability on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex this weekend or you can contact the Parish Office. A link for all options can also be found on our website stjohnsmitcham.com.au or you can click [HERE](#).
Thanks for your help!

SILENT AUCTION: The silent auction details are available on our website stjohnsmitcham.com.au or you can click [HERE](#). There are wonderful items available for your on-line bidding. As a bonus there will also be a number of live auctions throughout Fete day. So be there and don't miss out.

**"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: Wisdom 1:1-7	Lk 17:1-6
Tue: Wisdom 2:23-3:9	Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Wisdom 6:1-11	Lk 17:11-19
Thur: Wisdom 7:22-8:1	Lk 17:20-25
Fri: Wisdom 13:1-9	Lk 17:26-37
Sat: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9	Lk 18:1-8

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Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

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	



To be properly prepared,
love, and serve God
every day of our lives.
Then our lamps
will shine bright.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Patricia Ingram and Donald Haggarty** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Marea Kiekebosch, Walter Richards and Bobbie Hanlan**



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



Nov 18/19	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	B Mills C Ryan	N Vernal H Wursthorn	D Kennedy J Kiekebosch	K Harvey M Lambert
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith A Jones	T Harkin A Coyne A Martonyi	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator	T Tan		Erica		
Children's Liturgists			N Christina	D Hancock	

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

God with us

**In times of struggles, may God be with us.
In time of grief and loss, may God be with us.
In time of sickness, may God be with us.
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

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.



CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends. Following the 10am Mass. All are welcome

When: Wednesday 20th September

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

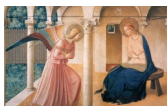
Venue: Church Narthex



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!

BAPTISM



Today we welcome

**Isabella Jasmine Messina,
Alexander Samuel Donald, Florence Jane Donald**

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

The Funeral Mass for



Patricia Ingram

will be celebrated on

Tuesday 14th November at 11.30am

Donald Haggarty

will be celebrated on

Thursday 16th November at 11am

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, **13 November** 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.



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 Presbytery

When: **16th November at 10.30am**

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



REMEMBRANCE MASS

During the month of November we will be remembering those who have died, particularly those within the last 12 months.

We will be celebrating Mass at St John's, Mitcham on **Monday 27th November at 7.30pm**. November is the month in which as a Church across the world we specially remember those who have died. This Mass provides a special moment for those who have lost loved ones to remember and grieve for them.

If you would like a photo of your loved one to be displayed in the Church, please leave it at the Parish Office with the name printed on the back and we will add it to our display. Cards will be provided on the night to write the names of your loved ones to be remembered. These cards will be placed in baskets and taken to the Altar as part of our Offertory Procession. We welcome families on this night to pray together and share a cuppa after Mass.

Jenny and Loredana

Pastoral Care Team



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

ST JOHNS FETE PLANT STALL

Please contact Aidan O'Riley on 0431499625 or email aidananddiana@optusnet.com.au to organise the pick-up of donations for the Fete plant stall.  Donations will be picked up on **Friday 17 November**. Plants can also be delivered to St John's school Mitcham from 11am on Friday 17 November and from 9am Saturday 18 November.

St John's Parish Mitcham Community Fete Raffle

Ten fabulous prizes to be won.

Tickets are just \$2.00



1st \$1500.00 Shopping Voucher from a Shopping Centre of your choice.

Donated by Biggin & Scott Mitcham

2nd Prize \$900.00 Mountain Bike donated by Cycle Science Mitcham

3rd \$500.00 Shopping Voucher from a Shopping Centre of your choice.

Donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre

Time to return all raffle books.

Tickets can be returned after each of the Masses this weekend, or to the Parish Office during the week.

Tickets are still available after each Mass or at the Fete.

Many thanks for your support in this important fundraising efforts.

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 

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 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—CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We are again requesting the donation of Gift Cards that recipients of our Christmas hampers can use to choose their own gift. Cards from Big W, Kmart or similar retailers offering a wide range of products would be best. Gift cards can be left after Mass in a basket at the exit points of the Church or with the Parish Office. It would be appreciated if these could be delivered by **December 12th**. 

Thanks, The Vinnies team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—CHRISTMAS FOOD

The Vinnies team provide Christmas food hampers to needy people in the area. Food donations of tinned ham, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, long life custard, shortbread biscuits, tinned fruit would be greatly appreciated.

 Donations can be made at the Parish Office from Tuesday to Friday between 9am-3pm, or in the Narthex in the Mass center. Thank you to all our parishioner who continue to generously support this worthy cause. All enquiries contact Ross Hancock on 0419 117 343.

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has a new spot in the narthex and new items too. Statues, Rosary beads, rosary bracelets and pouches. Scapulars brown and green and 25 different medals, also prayer cards and holy pictures.

If you are looking for a piety item we may be able to order it for you. **Columban calendars** are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$10 each.

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.