



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24 August 2025 —Year C

Through the narrow door



The way to happiness is through the narrow door.
this is the happiness-way of Jesus.

We may think that the way to happiness
is to try everything
and find happiness
through a variety of experiences -
or to possess as much as we can,
and try to find happiness
through wealth,
or to build up acquaintance
with people of the right connections
and find happiness in our circle of contacts -
and Jesus talks
about a narrow door,
and people who are last being first.

He seemed to find happiness
in the way he treated people,
with acceptance and real love,
and with giving his life for them.

That's the sort of happiness he means:
the happiness coming from
commitment to children and family,
and to those in our care,
making the best of failures,
finding spaces and times for prayer
when we know deep-down
joy and peace of soul -
this is the happiness of God,
and this is salvation.

The door to happiness is narrow
but its foundation are deep;
the door will allow us through
and we can bring in with us
to the dwelling of God
our goodness and generosity,
our prayer and our poverty,
and enter with hands open to receive the gift
of the joy and happiness
of the followers of Jesus.



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

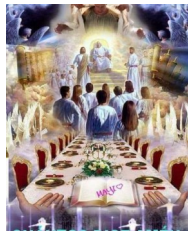
Mon: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10	Mt 23:13-22
Tue: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Mt 23:23-26
Wed: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Mt 23:27-32
Thu: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13	Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Mk 6:17-29
Sat: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11	Mt 25:14-30

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1. 7-14

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	



We are all invited
to the heavenly banquet,
but we must watch and pray to be
ready when we receive our invitation

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **David Rea, Earle Seneviratne and Premal Jayasuriya** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Kevin Hay, Geoffrey Deworsop, Margaret Pope, Tranquillo Piovesan and Gerard Perera**



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."

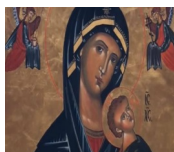
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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



August 30/31	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	C Cowan	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A & F Puls
Lectors	P Cowan	J Magree	L Ung	P Spencer	S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin C Ringin	T McLaughlin J McCarthy N Almeida	G Gill R Elliott J Paisley G Wain T Wang	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling T Borges	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator		C Vymel			
Children Liturgist			N Christina	M Hendrianto	

**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



FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

David Rea

Monday 25 August at 11am

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, **August 25** 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.



**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

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

When: Friday 26 September

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 3 September**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 1 September. All are welcome.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

CAKE STALL FUNDRAISING

We're excited to announce a Cake Stall after Mass on the 30th and 31st August to help raise funds for our young parishioners attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)!

Come along and treat yourself to a delicious selection of homemade cakes, slices, cookies, and other sweet goodies – all lovingly baked by members of our parish.

Your support will help our youth grow in faith, community, and leadership as they prepare to join thousands of other young Catholics from across the country at ACYF.

Donations of baked goods are warmly welcome! If you'd like to contribute you can drop them to the parish Office on Friday 29th August or on the weekend before Mass. Please remember to label your baking with your name and all the ingredients that you have used. If you have any question please contact Manuela at the Parish office 94016306 or mitcham@cam.org.au



We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all our wonderful parishioners for your incredible support of our Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser on the first Sunday of August.

Thanks to your generosity, encouragement, and appetites, we raised an amazing \$1500 to help fund our journey to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)!

Whether you bought a sausage, made a donation, or simply cheered us on, we felt the love and support of our parish community – and we are truly grateful.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this exciting opportunity to grow in our faith and connect with other young Catholics from around the country.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The next set of Stewardship envelopes will be available in the Church narthex this weekend. Receipts are enclosed with the envelopes. If you have been paying by Direct Debit or Credit Card and wish to continue please let the office know so that we can cancel your envelopes after this set. If you could take envelopes belonging to neighbours and delivering them it would save on our postage costs. Thank you



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

As part of our ongoing effort to strengthen the bonds within our parish family, we are excited to introduce *Getting to Know You*. This new weekend newsletter feature aims to help us find out more about individuals and families in our community so we can grow in fellowship, deepen our connections, and truly get to know one another beyond our weekend greetings.

Getting to Know You is a light, joyful way to see the beautiful diversity of gifts and backgrounds God has brought together in our parish and to support and strengthen each other in faith.

Anyone who would like to take part can call the parish and ask to speak to Jenny Kearney about the user friendly *Getting to Know You* template.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

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.

GUITAR LESSONS WITH XAVIER

Xavier Wursthorn, who plays at the 9:45am Mass, is offering guitar lessons! Turning 17 soon, he has 10 years of playing experience, 1.5 years of teaching, and is currently studying VCE Music, Grade 8 AMEB and has a WWC. He teaches all styles and is super fun. You can see a sample of his content on instagram [@xavier_wursthorn](https://www.instagram.com/xavier_wursthorn) or call him on +61 404 125 745

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: wwwme.org.au

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.



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— AUGUST—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