



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 23 November 2025 —Year C

St John's Parish Community Fete 2025

For 71 years everyone still comes and celebrates.



## THANK YOU

Every year we say that the St John's Parish Fete does not just happen.

And it's true to say that this event is a show of our community spirit.

If you attended and had a great time, if you assisted with setup, were a stallholder or volunteered for any of the great array of stalls including, BBQ, Bookshop, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Coffee, Colouring Competition, Crafts & Woodwork, JJ's Café, Donuts, Drinks, Face Painting, Hot Chips, JJ's Bar, Lob a Choc, Plants, Plucka Duck, Pop Corn & Fairy Floss, Preloved Clothes, Preloved Toys, Raffle, Ride sales, Sweets & Showbags, Snow Cones, Indian food, Silent Auction, assisted with safeguarding, cleaned up in the background, all who contributed to the entertainment from the Main stage, our Mezzo Soprano, our eMCee & AV gurus, helped with counting, or assisted with pack up.

## THANK YOU!

It couldn't have been done without you all. See you all in 2026 😊

Once again a special mention must be made of the untold contribution made by 16 Year 8 & 7 students from Whitefriars College.

Our parish connection with Whitefriars is a long one but without their generous & tireless assistance on Friday we would not have been ready to celebrate on Saturday.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To the Fete Committee for its months of committed planning and organising a huge event.

## THANK YOU!

To Fr Dispin for the weather. Last year we asked for a reduced effort as 2024 was too hot.

He certainly delivered. 😊



*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: Daniel 1:1-6. 8-20

Lk 21:1-4

Tue: Daniel 2:31-45

Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Daniel 5:1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28

Lk 21:12-19

Thu: Daniel 6:12-28

Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Daniel 7:2-14

Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Daniel 7:15-27

Lk 21:34-36

### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

### Weekday Masses

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

*We believers are heirs to God's wonders;  
we have been delivered from one way  
of being to another, vastly different,  
way of being.  
Whenever life feels tough, remember this.*

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Melchor Honculada, Florence Arulanandam and Susanne Williams** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Oswin Silva, Norman Gay and Joyce Gay**



### 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**



| November 29/30             | 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     |
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| <b>C'Tator<br/>Lectors</b> | M Solomons<br>L Hennessy        | M Campbell<br>M De Almeida         | T Wursthorn<br>V Burnie                 | T Black<br>C Black                                      | M Day<br>E Umashankar   |
| <b>Eucharist</b>           | C Pearson<br>B Meehan<br>J Phoa | R Smith<br>G Smith<br>T McLaughlin | P Taggart<br>N Wursthorn<br>L Iacobucci | J Rea<br>J Kiekebosh<br>N Nguyen<br>S Kuruppa<br>T Luna | S Solomons<br>M Kristan |
| <b>Laptop operator</b>     | C Kohomban                      | A Bogoda                           | G Gill                                  |                                                         |                         |
| <b>Children Liturgist</b>  |                                 |                                    | Diane Hancock                           | 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



**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 28 November**

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



**ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION BOOK**

A four week prayer and reflection program for use during Advent or anytime is available at the Piety stall or at the Parish office. Experience Advent and Christmas before with The Sign, and allow its pages to unfold a deeper understanding of the profound love and grace that these seasons celebrate. **Cost \$5**



**BAPTISM**

Today we welcome  
**Louis Adam Wood**

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



**FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S**

**Susanne Williams**

Friday 28 November at 11am

*Congratulations to  
**Betty McCafferty***

*who will celebrate  
her 99th Birthday on the 25 November.  
With prayers and best wishes  
for your joy and happiness*

**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



Meditation returns to St John's church in November. 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. Our final session for the year will be on **Mon 1st December** at 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you!

**ST JOHN'S REMEMBRANCE MASS**

This Mass is held on **Monday 24th November at 7pm**, for families who have farewelled a loved one during the last 12 months and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time. Our remembrance month of November



leads to the season of Advent in December when we celebrate the birth of Christ. We are conscious that this will be a time when grief is especially present as we cherish the memory of past Christmas seasons spent together. To those who mourn, we do hope this Mass will bring the peace of Christ to you and that He will give you comfort. We invite any who have loved ones they wish to be prayed for at the Mass to call or email the parish office with their names. There will be a photo display in the church of those who have died in the last 12 months. This will be in the form of a copy of the cover of their Funeral Booklet. If you would like your loved one remembered in this way, you are welcome to leave their photo (named on the back) at the Parish Office. Please contact Loredana on 0423 313 336 should you have any queries.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL—CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

We are again requesting the donation of Gift Cards the 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 Piety Stall in the Narthex or with the Parish Office. It would be appreciated if these could be delivered by **December 15th**.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

We are delighted to announce that the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)** begins **next Sunday 30 November!** Our **Youth** are preparing with great enthusiasm, and the excitement is growing as they get ready for this wonderful faith-filled experience.



All parishioners are warmly invited to join us at the **9:45am Mass next Sunday**, where our young people will be commissioned and blessed as they go forth to represent our parish at the ACYF.

You are also invited to St Patrick's Cathedral for the **ACYF launch, WYD Cross reception and Pilgrim Walk**.

### Cathedral Program:

1.30pm—Melbourne Catholic Festa  
2.30pm—Reception of the WYD Cross and Icon  
3.00pm—Pilgrimage Walk (5Km to Melbourne Exhibition Centre—3km return option available)

Please keep them in your prayers, and come celebrate this special moment with our youth and parish community!

## 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—NOVEMBER—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**



## HOUSE OF BOOKS

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm  
Saturday 10am-1pm  
Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.



Turning pages, building community: 25 years of Mitcham House of Books — Melbourne Catholic <https://share.google/gfQX1a6olordRaxzd>

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

## Share the Joy of Christmas

You are invited to the

## Christmas Lunch

at St John's

on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm

If you are spending Christmas by yourself or if you simply want to share the joy of this day with other people please join us at the Christmas lunch that will be held at St John's in the Coghlan centre.

The food will be offered by the Parish and you are invited to bring a sweet plate that you normally love to eat at Christmas to share.

If anyone feels to give a donation for the lunch please contact the parish office and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

RSVP by **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

at the Parish office by phone 9401 6366

or by email [mitcham@cam.org.au](mailto:mitcham@cam.org.au)

## St John's Parish Community Fete Raffle

Many thanks for your support of the 2025 St John's Parish Community Fete Raffle. Our wonderful prizes would not be possible without the financial support of our sponsors:

**Biggin and Scott Mitcham, Whitehorse Medical Centre**

**Manchester Road Dental Surger Vermont,**

**Junior Football Club, Bucatini Restaurant and Bar, Mitcham**

**Junior Football Club, Snap Printing Ringwood**

If you visit one of these local businesses or groups, please thank them for their support of the

2025 St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the selling of tickets both on Fete Day and after Masses,

and especially Manuela in the Parish Office.

Special thanks to the Verona & Dave, the School Secretaries – Emir, Lisa, Sheree & Maria, and the School Families

of St John's Primary School and

St James' Primary School who supported this important Fete initiative.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Ticket 06073 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | Ticket 00805 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Ticket 02058 | 7 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | Ticket 04134 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | Ticket 05251 | 8 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | Ticket 05588 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize | Ticket 03833 | 9 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | Ticket 07394 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Prize | Ticket 08948 | 10 <sup>th</sup> Prize | Ticket 05412 |

Many thanks, Gracie and Robin Smith

## 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**