



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17 September 2023 —Year A

Forgiving others

The heart of God is a compassionate heart;
understanding weakness,
covering over faults and selfishness
and forgiving sins.

Compassion awaits compassion:
if God is compassionate to you,
surely you are to be compassionate to others.

Compassion opens the heart;
you see a person sleeping rough
and you wince and say
'it shouldn't be like that',
and you feel something deep inside for a person.
Compassion may often not be able to do anything
but offer presence, sympathy, support.

How often must I forgive others?

Or when someone doesn't hold your faults against you,
your heart is opened wider
and compassion enters
into the place forgiveness prepares.

Give thanks this day for those who understand you;
give thanks this day for those who forgive you;
give thanks this day for those whom you understand and forgive.

And then the Eucharist will more deeply touch your life,
for the Bread of God is the bread baked with compassion.

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*This weekend sees the commissioning
of our RCIA Team for the 2023/4 program.
Please pray for Jenny and Barry Kearney, Loredana Iacobucci, Aiden
O'Reilly, and new members Marilyn Harman and Jayke Beckwith
as they venture forward to nurture God's work in those who come to them.*

**"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: 1 Timothy 2:1-8	Lk 7:1-10
Tue: 1 Timothy 3:1-13	Lk 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Timothy 3:14-16	Lk 7:31-35
Thur: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13	Mt 9:9-13
Fri: 1 Timothy 6:2-12	Lk 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Timothy 6:13-16	Lk 8:4-15

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20:1-16

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 begin the day with prayer, opens our minds, and hearts and our will to all the ways God is working in us and through us. And that's a firm foundation.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Maria Airó-Farulla, John Winter, Ligia Di Cosimo, Shayne Heard-Lowry and Gerald Heard**



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



September 23/24	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	S Rodrigues A Livy	A Buchanan H De Kauwue	M Gartland L Kho	D Wates B Rudin	C Lobo K Holewa
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	R Jess J Kaithavelil A Tham	G Gartland M Lafferty D Tew C Bramble J Curtis	A Glenn P Darmody M Holmes S Dowd D Garcia	C Kook A Orwin
Laptop operator Children's Liturgists					

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

Psalm 9: 7-11

**The LORD reigns forever;
he has established his throne for judgment.
He rules the world in righteousness and judges
the peoples with equity.
The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken
those who seek you.
Sing the praises of the LORD,
enthroned in Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has done.**

1 Our Father
3 Hail Mary
1 Glory be

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 IS BACK!



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.

HOLY ROSARY

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



CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

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

When: Wednesday 20th and 27th September
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am
Venue: Church Narthex



BAPTISM

Today we welcome



Sonia Purathattil, Sonny Francis Thom, Andrew James Goode and Elizabeth Rose Goode
into the life of the Catholic Church
through the Community of St John's

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, **18 September** 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!



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Come and See

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery.
See what the RCIA program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

What is the Meaning of Life?

What do you seek?

Why a God?

What's our Story?

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

And Much More...

IS THIS FOR YOU?

[Click here to see a short video](#)



Contact Jenny Kearney for details

Come by yourself, or bring a friend
or family member.

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St John's Mitcham &
Our Lady's Ringwood

EXCITING NEWS

WE ARE STARTING A PLAYGROUP

Come along on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 11am to the St John's Parish Playgroup.

Location: St John's Church narthex

When: **21st September at 11am**

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

Please register your interest in attending with the parish office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au by Tuesday the 19th of September.



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/>

One Journey, Together 2023 Constitutional Referendum

At the heart of the upcoming Voice to Parliament Referendum is the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, the world's oldest continuing culture, in the Australian Constitution. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to listen to the voices of First Australians and to work towards a more just and equitable society.

Our mission is to educate and inform our fellow Catholics on this pivotal moment in Australia's history. We have collated and created statements and resources – grounded in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching – to help you on your process of discernment.

The Voice to Parliament Referendum provides all Catholics with a unique opportunity to come together as a community and draw upon our faith and moral grounding to make an informed decision. [here](#)

Listen to Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Melbourne's Sherry Balcombe shares her views quickly here on the Voice to Parliament Referendum.

More information on the 2023 Referendum available here / at www.indigenousvoice.church

Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Sunday Statement August 2023 :

Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have just released their 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement. It regards the upcoming Constitutional Referendum and can be found on line / [here](#)

[The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission] NATSICC has expressed its support and has developed a [website](#) to provide Catholics with a source of information on the referendum. A wide range of business, sporting, faith and community organisations have added their voices to those supporting the referendum.

We urge every Catholic and all people of goodwill to take every opportunity to join with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in dialogue about their hopes and dreams for the future and about whether the Voice proposal could help to bring about change for the better. Listen and learn from what you hear. Let love guide you in making a decision that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to find justice. <https://indigenousvoice.church/>

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<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

SAVE THE DATE!



Mark the calendar

Saturday 18th November 2023

Keep an eye out for more information on socials and newsletters in weeks to come

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— SEPTEMBER—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



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

THE DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS MANGO FUNDRAISER

The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is back for 2023! Trays of approx. 4.5kg delicious mangoes will be available in late November or early December and can be yours for only \$25 a tray. This year there has been a reduced number of flowers which means the expected yield has been reduced to only 20% of previous years, we are so lucky to be able to have this opportunity and support the farmers. Attached to the newsletter is your order form so please tell your family, friends and co-workers and get your orders in early. Final orders and payment are due by Wednesday 25th October. For any questions, contact Donna Bright donna.bright@hotmail.com

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. If you have a special occasion coming up we would be happy to create a card for any event. 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.

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay 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. The minimum is \$10. All you need to do is 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

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