



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

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## 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 23 February 2025 —Year C

### Understanding Jubilee 2025

Jubilee years are a time of newness. They have been celebrated throughout the history of the Church, but their roots go back to the Old testament, when the Israelites were commanded to celebrate a jubilee every 50 years.

It was intended to be a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another and with all creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

In 1300 the Church took up this tradition of a Jubilee (Holy Year) every fifty year, which in time became every 25 years. Holy Years have also been held at other times to mark special moments in the story of Christianity and special themes.

In the tradition of the Church, a jubilee is proclaimed by a Papal Bull of Indiction. This publication explores the particular themes and focus of the Jubilee. The Bull of Jubilee 2025 is titled *Spes non confundit* or **'Hope does not disappoint'** (Rom 5:5).

Pope Francis notes that we, as pilgrim people, need *'moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as a constant companion that guides our steps'*.

Jubilee years offer those moments of 'greater intensity', opportunities to reorient, refresh, and renew our relationship with the Lord and with our neighbours.

The Jubilee 2025 logo shows four stylised figures, representing all of the humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.



There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope and stability in life's storm.

The image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human being alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year—**Pilgrims of Hope**—represented in green, the colour of hope.

**'We are but travellers here'**

(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

*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

**Business Manager:** Margaret Harrington

**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 0468 589 793

**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

### 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: Sirach 1:1-10  | Mk 9:14-29  |
| Tue: Sirach 2:1-11  | Mk 9:30-37  |
| Wed: Sirach 4:11-19 | Mk 9:38-40  |
| Thu: Sirach 5:1-8   | Mk 9:41-50  |
| Fri: Sirach 6:5-17  | Mk 10:1-12  |
| Sat: Sirach 17:1-15 | Mk 10:13-16 |

### 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

### 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 |             |



Both Jesus and his Father  
are continually at work in our lives.  
Let us make good use  
of the opportunities  
that are being given to us.

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Judith Chittock** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Norma Piovesan, Tim Egan and John Franklin,**



### 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**



| March 1/2                  | 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      |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>C'Tator<br/>Lectors</b> | P Cowan<br>C Cowan  | J Magree<br>M McMahon                 | R Horner<br>D Vecci                | P Spencer<br>A Menon                                           | S Solomons<br>A & F Puls |
| <b>Eucharist</b>           | C Irvin<br>Y Martin | B Mills<br>T McLaughlin<br>J McCarthy | G Gill<br>R Elliott<br>L Iacobucci | C Bantawig<br>J Bantawig<br>A Wilson<br>B Bartling<br>T Borges | B Belot<br>D Lim         |
| <b>Laptop operator</b>     |                     | C Vymel                               | T Wang                             |                                                                |                          |
| <b>Children Liturgist</b>  |                     |                                       | N Vernal                           | A Wursthorn                                                    |                          |

**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

**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.



**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Come and pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent at 9.15am from 7th March.

**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 28th March

**Time:** 10:30am to 11:30am



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Do you have a child who does not attend a Catholic school, that you want to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation in 2025. Classes for Confirmation start on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and First Reconciliation on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August. To enrol or find out more please email Trish: [Trish.Chaston@cam.org.au](mailto:Trish.Chaston@cam.org.au)



**FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S**



**Beverley Elliott**

Tuesday 25th February at 11.30am

**Judith Chittock**

Thursday 27th February 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 meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, **24th Feb 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!

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

**5 March 2024**

**9am** Our Lady Ringwood

**10am** St John's

**12pm** St James

**7pm** St John's



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024**

*'I made you wonderful'*

*Psalms 139:14*

**Friday 7th March 2024**

10am Service

11am Morning Tea

Our Lady's Church in Ringwood



**LENT - A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

During Lent

4 sessions on formation and faith will be held by **Fr Maurie Cooney** in the **Coghlan centre** from **7pm till 8.30pm** plus 'wind down' and social

**Wednesday 26th February**

*We are People of Faith*

**Wednesday 12th March**

*The Basis of our Christian Faith in Jesus*

**Wednesday 19th March**

*Lent is approaching*

**Wednesday 26th March**

*The Series ahead*

Come and explore how God is real and really part of who we are.

All are welcome!

### 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



### WHEELCHAIR OFFER

Does anyone in the parish have a current need for a wheelchair? If so, the parish has an offer of the following wheelchair: 'a Breezy BasiX 2 Lightweight (folding) Wheelchair, 48cm seat width'. The wheelchair is almost brand new and has been hardly used. If interested please contact the parish office at 9401 6366 or [mitcham@cam.org.au](mailto:mitcham@cam.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.

### FINDING SOLUTIONS

Looking at how to cope with what life throws at you? Trying to find peace and happiness in a troubled time? Call Cla re to have a chat in a safe place. I can do face to face, online or phone counselling.

Email: [counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com](mailto:counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com)

Phone: 0409 990 907

Registered Counsellor with Australian Counselling Association. Change is only a conversation away.

### 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

### BLOKE'S BBQ

We want to bring together blokes from across the parish and school communities for a Bloke's BBQ. Get involved! Here are the details:

When: **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

Time: 4pm till 7pm

Where: Zebedee area at St John's

BYO: Your drinks

RSVP:

Nick McKay 0417 032 833 OR

Rohan Sutton 0403 199 100 or [rohansutton@gmail.com](mailto:rohansutton@gmail.com)



### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend.

Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required.

The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: Our next weekend is: **25-27 April 2025** at 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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

### LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTION BOOK



A Lenten prayer and reflection program for use during lent or anytime is available at the Piety stall or at the Parish office. *Start Anew in Christ* has been written to provide the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts. Based on the readings of each day of Lent,

Holy Week and Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope. Finding even a few minutes a day to pray and reflect can be challenging but that's enough, for the desire to pray comes from a heart searching God. **Cost \$5**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL—FEBRUARY—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**