



St. John's Parish Mitcham

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 22 September 2024 —Year B

WORLD DAY OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS



See in the migrants of our time, as in those of every age, a living image of God's people on their way to the eternal homeland," writes Pope Francis in his 2024 Message for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The celebration of World Day of Refugees and Migrants is a call to believers to show support and closeness to the millions of men, women and children who are forced to leave their homes. The current global estimate is that there were around 281 million international migrants in the world in 2020, which equates to 3.6 per cent of the global population, and that number continues to rise.

Pointing out that God not only walks with His people, but also within them, the Pope invites us all to walk in a "synodal" way - in the Church and in the world - in order to move forward on our own pilgrimage toward the heavenly homeland.

The message's title, "**God walks with His people**," immediately points to the synodal dimension the Pope constantly invites the Church and the people of God to live every day and in every moment.

Recalling the introduction to the synthesis report released at the conclusion of the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality last October, the Pope writes, "Synodality is mainly presented as a joint journey of the People of God" that allows the Church "to rediscover its itinerant nature, as the People of God journeying through history on pilgrimage, 'migrating', we could say, toward the Kingdom of Heaven."

*God, Almighty Father,
we are Your pilgrim Church journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.
but as if we were foreigners.*

*Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land is foreign to us.*

*Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.*

Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world

*You have given us as a temporary home,
together with our migrant brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.*

*Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus, Your Son and our Lord.
Amen.*

www.vaticannews.va

**"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: 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: Job 1:6-22	Lk 9:46-50
Tue: Job 3:1-3. 11-17. 20-23	Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Job 9:1-12. 14-16	Mt 18:1-5. 10
Thu: Job 19:21-27	Lk 10:1-12
Fri: Job 38:1. 12-21; 40:3-5	Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Job 42:1-3. 5-6. 12-17	Lk 10:17-24

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	9am Mass SJV 10am Mass SJM	



All followers of Jesus are moving in the same direction. Those closest to Jesus, and those following from afar. The message is what counts, not proximity to the Messenger.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Margaret Southorn and Noel Belfrage** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Selvin Fernandes, Francis Xavier Fernandes, Beverley Rose Harrap, Joy Kenny and Betty Saliba**



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**



Oct 5/6	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	C Cowan P Cowan	M McMahon J Magree	D Vecci R Horner	A Menon P Spencer	A&F Puls S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin	B Mills T McLaughlin J McCarthy	G Gill R Elliott L Iacobucci	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling T Borges	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator		C Vymel	T Wang		
Children Liturgist					

**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

*Lord, I trust that in Your perfect wisdom,
You will direct my life and lead me to give
You perfect glory.*

*Help me to deny my own untamed impulses and prefer-
ences so that You and You alone will enter into my life
and take charge.*

*I give all to You, dear Lord.
Jesus, I trust in You.*

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.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Tuesday 15th October

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 2nd
October** For catering purposes please call
the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your
attendance by Monday 30th
September. All are welcome.



FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Margaret Southorn

Tuesday 1st October at 11.30am



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*

Our next meditation gathering will be on
Monday evening, **7 October 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!



HOLY ROSARY

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



**RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's
A Journey in Faith**

Come and See

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery.

See what the RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

What do you seek?

And Much More.....



The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October.
If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more
about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366
or email mitcham@cam.org.au.

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

Incorporating St James and St John's Primary Schools



**St. John's Parish
Mitcham
Community
Fete**

**Saturday
16 November**

*** 10am - 5pm ***

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham

ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP

We hope you are enjoying our cards which are available from the Piety stand in the Narthex, House of Books and the Parish Office.



We will be adding cards from some new creative card makers; these will include original watercolour cards and photo cards so keep an eye out over coming months and leading up to Christmas.

Our card makers take pride in their work and we recognise the time and artistic talents that are achieved in their contributions. Please remember all profits from our card sales support the dedicated work of St Vincent de Paul, Mitcham Conference. We strive to maximise the amount we donate each year. Our prices will be \$3 or as marked.

We are very happy to create a card for a special occasion you are celebrating so please contact us via the Parish Office to discuss your requests.

With sincere thanks for your continued support.
St John's Card Making Group.

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.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on **Saturday 12 October** 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the Benedictine brothers in Daresalaam, Tanzania to assist them in their work among the poor' Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—OCTOBER—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**



SAFEGUARDING NEWS

If you are a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage you to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirement to comply with the Safeguarding policies and procedures. You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/> Let's work together to keep children safe!

FINDING SOLUTIONS

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

Email: counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com

Phone: 0409 990 907

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

COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$11 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

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 083343

ACCT NO. 515 469 035