



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15 February —Year A

Come and Celebrate the Life of Our Parish

Join us for our Parish Ministry Expo: 28 February & 1 March

Have you ever wondered how our parish keeps running so vibrantly? Or perhaps you've been looking for a way to share your unique talents but didn't know where to start. Our parish is blessed with many vibrant and dedicated groups that serve, support, and enrich our community in countless ways. From liturgical ministries to outreach, prayer groups to social initiatives, each plays a vital role in the life and mission of St John's.



To celebrate this wonderful diversity of service, we are delighted to host the **St John's Group Ministry Expo**, taking place in the Narthex **before and after each Mass on the weekend of 28 February and 1 March.**

This special event is an opportunity for all parishioners to:

- Discover the many ministries that make up our parish family
- Learn more about the work and mission of each group
- Meet and speak with ministry leaders and members
- Explore ways to share your own gifts and talents
- Consider volunteering or becoming more involved

Each ministry will host its own stall, where members will share who they are, what they do, and how their work contributes to the life of the parish. Whether you are new to St John's or have been here for many years, the Expo is a wonderful chance to deepen your connection to our parish community.

Every parishioner has unique gifts to offer. The Ministry Expo is not simply about filling roles — it is about discovering where God may be calling you to serve, grow, and belong.

We warmly encourage you to take time before or after Mass that weekend to visit the stalls, ask questions, and prayerfully consider how you might become more involved in parish life.

Come and celebrate the life of our parish.
Come and discover where you belong.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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 Maurie 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: James 1:1-11	Mk 8:11-13
Tue: James 1:12-18	Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Joel 2:12-18	Mt 6:1-6. 16-18
Thu: Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Isaiah 58:9-14	Mt 9:14-15
Sat: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Lk 5:27-32

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

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	



Jesus, your guidelines set the bar high. Help us to keep to the road map in our own lives and to help and encourage others to do the same.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Geoff Easton and Aileen Dixon** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **George Vernal, Dolores Bautista, Mary Lee, Cecilia Kuek, Jack and John Franklin, Beryl Saliba, Joseph Trong Le, Libero Viola, Teresa Piacquadio, Johnny Suares, Dawn Fernandez, Charles MacKinnon, Paul and Mena Fernandes, Valerie, Donald and Ronald Paul**



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."

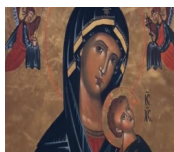
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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



Feb 21/22	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	M Bredhauer A Livy	B Mills	L Kho M Gartland	B Rudin D Wates	C Lobo
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	A Tham B Mills	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble R Jess J Curtis Nicole	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowds D Kuruppa Zuleika	C Kook M Kristan
Laptop operator Children Liturgist		J Phoa			

**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

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 4th March**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 2 March. All are welcome.



**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
18 February 2026**

9.15am Our Lady Ringwood
10am St John's
12pm St James
7.30pm St John's



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

Benjamin Le and Chloe Le

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2026

"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

Wanting more than the clamour and busy-ness at Mass? 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 in the church on the night. Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **16th Feb at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!



ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 27th February

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes that you can find in the Church or by scanning the QR code. Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us,
as we Unite Against Poverty
this Lent.



LENT - A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

On **Monday 9th March** from **7pm till 9pm**

at St John's in the Narthex
**Fr Maurie Cooney will lead
reflection and exploration**

RECONCILIATION

- What is it about?
- Where does the Sacrament of Reconciliation fit into that?

All are welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

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 2026. Classes for First Eucharist begin on Thursday 19th February 2026, Confirmation on Thursday 19th March and First Reconciliation on Thursday 6th August. To enrol or find out more please email Trish: trish.chaston@cam.org.au



HELP LITTLE HEARTS GROW IN FAITH

We are seeking volunteers to assist with Children's Liturgy at the 9:45am or 11:15am Sunday Mass. This ministry offers a rewarding way to serve, deepen your understanding of the Gospel, and help children feel at home in the Church. No teaching experience needed — just a willingness to help. A small commitment that makes a big difference. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366.



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. 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**

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.

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.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

'I will give you rest: Come'

Focus on Nigeria



Friday 6th March 2026

10am Service

Ringwood Church of Christ
13 Bedford Road, Ringwood

NATIONAL APOLOGY TO STOLEN GENERATIONS

Friday 13 February 2026 marks the 18th anniversary of the 2008 formal apology made by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to First Nations people for injustices and harm inflicted on the Stolen Generations. "This was the first formal national acknowledgment of the profound, grief, suffering and loss experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples due to past policies of forced child removal – an important first step toward restitution and healing. Too many continue to be adversely impacted by those policies today, and First Nations children continue to be removed at record levels. View the documentary *After The Apology*. Historically it was estimated that between 1910 and 1970 alone, up to one in 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were forcibly removed from their families by the Government, church missions, and 'welfare agencies. First Peoples continue to call for healing. For more information and resources google Healing Foundation/ click [here](#) .

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— 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**



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