



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20 August 2023 —Year A

A woman who was true to herself

Be true to yourself and your feelings,
follow your heart
and be guided by your mind;
love sincerely and with respect;
express faithfully your love.
Listen and remember,
you're not alone.

Keep sight of your roots,
the love of your parents,
your home, your friends.
These roots are only the beginnings.
You create the branches,
care for the fruit
and delight in the harvest.

Live really and honestly,
dream of peace and beauty,
love gently and with care.
Have faith in God.

Be true to yourself

John McHugh



**"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

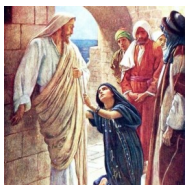
Mon: Judges 2:11-19	Mt 19:16-22
Tue: Judges 6:11-24	Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Judges 9:6-15	Mt 20:1-16
Thur: Revelation 21:9-14	Jn 1:45-51
Fri: Ruth 1:1. 3-6. 14-16. 22	Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17	Mt 23:1-12

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

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	



Like the Canaanite woman,
let us focus first on our similarities
with others instead of
on the differences.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Joan Duffy and Margaret Huntley** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Margaret Pope and Kevin Hay**



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



August 26/27	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	M Bredhauer	A Buchanan	L Kho	B Rudin	C Lobo
Lectors	A Livy	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	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 G Wong	A Glenn M Holmes D Dowd	C Kook
Laptop operator				D Garcia	
Children's				J Kearney	
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

Come as you are

**Come as you are, with all your flaws,
the Lord loves you for who you are.**

**Come as you are
because we are God's children.**

**Come as you are
because God is love
and wants you to come as you are.**

(St John's anonymous parishioner)

**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.

ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

When: Wednesday 30th August

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Venue: Church Narthex



SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH



The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on

Wednesday 6 September.

For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 31 July. All are welcome.

BAPTISM



Today we welcome

Aria D'Costa and Kai Levi Nguyen
*into the life of the Catholic Church
through the Community of St John's*



The Funeral Mass for

Erminio Iacobucci

will be celebrated on

Wednesday 23rd August 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

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, 21st Aug 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!

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 September

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Venue: Church Narthex



**SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS
TRAINING MODULE**

Thanks to all volunteers who attended the training sessions in the church.

For those who have not completed their Safeguarding Essentials training here are some instructions on how to access it online

To access the online training go to:

www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

To login, you will need your unique Working with Children Check ID/VIT ID number and an email address.

Upon registration you will be asked to identify your role within the parish i.e. a member of clergy, parish staff or volunteer.

To register you will need to select the parish from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service.

This training is mandatory for all volunteers so we ask your collaboration in completing it asap.

If you have any question please contact Manuela at the Parish Office 9410 6366.

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 Margaret Harrington, Business Manager



ST JOHN'S NEW WEBISTE

We are happy to announce that St John's has launched a new website



Please click on the link below to have a look and discover what St John's can offer to the community.

www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Who is Palms Australia?

With over 60 years experience, Palms Australia recruits qualified and experienced Australians who participate in an exchange of knowledge and skills to meet the requests of overseas communities seeking to reduce poverty by developing the capacities of their people and organisations.

What skills are we looking for?

The skills we recruit are determined by the requests we receive from community organisations overseas including educators, accountants, managers, tradespeople, agriculturalists, IT specialists, community and social workers, doctors and health workers.

Where are the current opportunities?

We currently have requests from communities in Papua New Guinea, Zambia, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Cambodia, Philippines and American Samoa. New requests are added regularly.

REGISTER NOW!

Scan this QR code to register for our upcoming "Global Development Opportunities" webinar



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

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

COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$10)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$10 each.



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. Thanks Monika and Card Making Team.

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has received new stock and these items are now on sale. Please note, now that people can exit the Church through the Narthex after Mass, the Piety Stall has reverted back to opening after Mass. The stall carries a range of Christian items such as gifts, for Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Eucharist; devotional items; greeting cards, Christmas cards and prayer cards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—AUGUST—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



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

ACCT NO. 515 469 035