



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16 November 2025 —Year C

Your endurance will win you your lives

Isn't courage something we really admire in people?
A child learning to walk and making efforts,
Even when she falls or he has to be helped at every step.
A young person trying again after exam failure,
Or making yet another job application.
People who make it against the odds
Of illness or handicap or deep hurt.
Courage is strength from the inside.

How to nourish this strength?
Look at the face of Jesus
And see the face of God
Alive with courage in face of death,
Shining with courage in the face of rejection,
A face communicating strength -
Strength born in the depths of his suffering -
Strength to his friends like you and me when we suffer.

We need courage in love;
When the care we try to offer is rejected,
And we feel let-down and no good.

We need courage when we try to work on behalf
Of those who are neglected, homeless, poor,
And our efforts are destroyed by greed in society.

We need courage
In the love which cares for people in pain,
And we feel helpless and angry on their behalf.

Look at the face of Jesus,
Alive and shining with courage;
Look at the eyes of Jesus,
Eyes hopeful with love and friendship,
Shining with compassion, for you and me;
An enduring love which is faithful forever.
His endurance won him his life;
He will ensure that our endurance will win us ours.



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 Maurice 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: Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64	Lk 18:35-43
Tue: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31	Lk 19:1-10
Wed: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31	Lk 19:11-28
Thu: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29	Lk 19:41-44
Fri: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59	Lk 19:45-48
Sat: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13	Lk 20:27-40

CHRIST THE KING

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

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	

*There are two kinds of anger.
One is a righteous anger at encountering
injustice that we see being done to people.
The other is a vengeful anger that wants to
punish those who have hurt us,
and that leads us to fail to love all.
Let us pray for discernment in this.*

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Jan Robert Wajs, Pamela Almeida, Marea Kiekebosh, Muriel Egan, Louise Bright, John Clear, Bobbie Hanlan and Don Haggarty**



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."

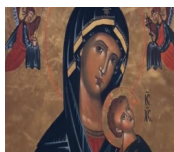
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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



November 22/23	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	H De Kauwue B Mills	M Gartland L Kho	D Wates B Rudin	C Lobo
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	A Tham B Mills	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble R Jess J Curtis	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowd D Kuruppa	C Kook M Kristan M Campbell
Laptop operator		J Phoa			
Children Liturgist			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



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Xavier Travis Jackson, Scarlett Mae Jackson,
Grace Elizabeth Harris, Olive Kate Harris,
Alfie Paul Doolan, Molly Rose Vernal,
Finn Raymond Vernal**

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

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*



Meditation returns to St John's church in November. 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. Our final session for the year will be on **Mon 1st** December at 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you!



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

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 28 November

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 3 December** For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 1 December. All are welcome.



ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION BOOK

A four week prayer and reflection program for use during Advent or anytime is available at the Piety stall or at the Parish office. Experience Advent and Christmas before with The Sign, and allow its pages to unfold a deeper understanding of the profound love and grace that these seasons celebrate. **Cost \$5**

ST JOHN'S REMEMBRANCE MASS

This Mass is held on **Monday 24th November at 7pm**, for families who have farewelled a loved one during the last 12 months and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time.



Our remembrance month of November leads to the season of Advent in December when we celebrate the birth of Christ. We are conscious that this will be a time when grief is especially present as we cherish the memory of past Christmas seasons spent together. To those who mourn, we do hope this Mass will bring the peace of Christ to you and that He will give you comfort. We invite any who have loved ones they wish to be prayed for at the Mass to call or email the parish office with their names. There will be a photo display in the church of those who have died in the last 12 months. This will be in the form of a copy of the cover of their Funeral Booklet. If you would like your loved one remembered in this way, you are welcome to leave their photo (named on the back) at the Parish Office.

Please contact Loredana on 0423 313 336 should you have any queries.

THANK YOU

On behalf of our youth and the parish team, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who donated so generously to support our young people attending the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)**.



Your kindness — through your donations, encouragement, and prayers — has truly made a difference. Because of your generosity, our 19 young people will have the opportunity to gather with other young Catholics from across the country, to celebrate their faith, grow closer to God, and be inspired to live it out more fully in our community.

Your generosity truly reflects the spirit of our parish community — one of love, faith, and support for one another. Please continue to keep our young pilgrims in your prayers as they prepare for this journey of faith.

Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the *Good News*
to all creation.
MARK 16:15



THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
2025

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.

Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$6,223.00 contributed by St John The Evangelist Parish, Mitcham.

These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

Share the Joy of Christmas

You are invited to the

Christmas Lunch

at St John's

on Thursday 25th December at 12.30pm

If you are spending Christmas by yourself or if you simply want to share the joy of this day with other people please join us at the Christmas lunch that will be held at St John's in the Coghlan centre.

The food will be offered by the Parish and you are invited to bring a sweet plate that you normally love to eat at Christmas to share.

If anyone feels to give a donation for the lunch please contact the parish office and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

RSVP by **Tuesday 23rd December**
at the Parish office by phone 9401 6366
or by email mitcham@cam.org.au

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—NOVEMBER—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**



HOUSE OF BOOKS

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturday 10am-1pm
Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.



Turning pages, building community: 25 years of Mitcham House of Books — Melbourne Catholic
<https://share.google/gfQX1a6olordRaxzd>

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 JOHN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The St. Johns Music Ministry are about to start practicing for this year's 8.30pm and 11.00pm Christmas Eve services. We are extending an invitation to Parishioners who would like to be a part of the Ministry for these services. If you are a singer or someone who plays a musical instrument other than keyboard or guitar and is available for practices in the church on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm then please contact the Parish Office.



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.



CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

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

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