



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 10 August 2025 —Year C

Being ready



The shop window is like a mirror;
we look into it and see something
which we want to possess or buy.

Different things attract different people.

We can almost see ourselves in some of the showpieces -
buy something and we'll appear successful,
buy something else and we may be popular,
something else and we'll look stunning,
something else and we'll be one of the in-group.

Mirrors of possessiveness,
being caught by the attraction of what we might own
and of being looked up to for what we have.

Jesus' story today is about a man who stored it all up,
and then found he had too much to bring with him,
wherever the future might call him.
He was rich in the sight of the world,
and impoverished in the sight of God.

There's a transparency about us all
when we are with God.
all are equally loved in the eyes of God,
just for who each person is,
not for where we live,
or for who our friends are,
or for a youthful body or expert mind.

Loved and valued for who we are,
and how we want to love and care for other,
and how we want to contribute to the world.

All are loved,
and all can make some contribution
to the betterment of the world,
by how we love and give to others.

When we give in love we lose nothing.
We gain and so
we are richer in the sight of God.



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: Deuteronomy 10:12-22	Mt 17:22-27
Tue: Deuteronomy 31:1-8	Mt 18:1-5. 10. 12-14
Wed: Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Mt 18:15-20
Thu: Joshua 3:7-11. 13-17	Mt 18:21 – 19:1
Fri: Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6. 10	Lk 1:39-56
Sat: Joshua 24:14-29	Mt 19:13-15

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Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

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	

Seek the God

God is always there when we fall,
we ask Him for help
and encounter Him
in the Sacrament of Penance

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Elisa Peluso, Paul Joseph Smith and Marlene Rea** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Erminio Iacobucci, Mary Bateman, Pauline Kook, Stephen Miridakis, Agnes and Fred Kay**



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."

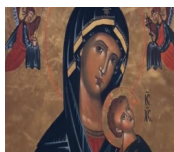
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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 16/17	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		C Ryan	N Vernal	J Kiekebosch	
Lectors	G Rodrigues	A Buchanan	H Wursthorn	D Kennedy	
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith	T Harkin A Martonyi H Wursthorn	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry A Jose	M Kristan M Campbell S Partridge
Laptop operator	T Tan	C Almeida	L Wursthorn		
Children Liturgist			D Hancock	Z Dawson	

**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

**Sadie Lewin, Oliver Lewin,
Joshua Ronald Sinclair,
Taylor James Harman, Chloe Christine Harman**

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

FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S



Marlene Rea

Monday 11 August at 11am

Elisa Peluso

Tuesday 12 August at 11.30am



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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



As part of our ongoing effort to strengthen the
bonds within our parish family, we are excited to
introduce *Getting to Know You*. This new
weekend newsletter feature aims to help us
find out more about individuals and families in
our community so we can grow in fellowship, deepen our
connections, and truly get to know one another beyond our
weekend greetings.

Getting to Know You is a light, joyful way to see the
beautiful diversity of gifts and backgrounds God has
brought together in our parish and to support and
strengthen each other in faith.

Anyone who would like to take part can call the parish and
ask to speak to Jenny Kearney about the user friendly
Getting to Know You template.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 22 August

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend.
I encourage you to think about what a vibrant faith
community means for you and your family, and to
consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift
to support the vital ministries that serve all in our
Archdiocese. From next week, you will notice posters
and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards
around the church, a banner on our website and
images supporting the campaign on our social media
accounts. More information about this campaign is
coming; in the meantime, I encourage you to
prayerfully begin discerning your gift.

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



GAMES NIGHT

On Saturday 23 August at 7pm, you are invited to the St John's School Parent's Games Night.

The Games Night is our biggest parent social event for the school year. There will be a range of fun, action-packed games stationed around the room for you to take part in (if you wish - or you can simply mingle and enjoy the food and drinks and socialise for the night). The games on offer will be fun and interactive - including AFL handball competition, human slot machines, basketball shooting competition and table tennis, a \$1000 raffle draw and an arcade machine. Your \$50 ticket includes entry to the Games Night, wood-fired pizza, a drink on arrival and a ticket to the door prize.

Tickets - <https://user.cdfpay.flexschools.com.au/home>

PILGRIMAGES AND PRAYERS

Later this term, Melinda and I will each be undertaking a special pilgrimage to sacred sites in two countries in Europe. Mrs. Buscema will be travelling to Ireland, while I will be journeying to Italy. Although our trips will take place at different times, both journeys offer a profound opportunity for spiritual reflection, renewal of faith and personal growth.

We would also like to extend an invitation to you, if you or someone you love is in need of prayer—whether for healing, strength, guidance, or peace—we would be honoured to carry your intentions with us and bring your prayers to these sacred places on your behalf.

To participate, simply write your prayer or intention on a piece of paper, place it in a sealed envelope, and drop it off at either the school office or the parish office. A dedicated box will be available in both locations. All collected prayers will be respectfully taken with us to holy sites in Italy and Ireland, where they will be left in churches and sacred spaces for prayer and intercession. Prayer boxes will be available from Tuesday, August 12, through to the end of Term 3. One prayer box will be kept in the church for our Parishioners whilst another in our front office at school. They will be labelled so that you may leave your confidential prayer in the box.

As this is a Jubilee Year, it feels especially meaningful to bring our community's prayers to these places of grace and healing. We hope this act of spiritual connection offers you a sense of calm, hope and renewed faith. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of Matthew: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

From Verona Gridley and Melinda Buscema

2025 PARISH SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION FORMATION PROGRAM

The 2025 Parish Formation First Reconciliation Program begins on Thursday 28th August 6:30 – 8:00pm at Our Lady's Church Ringwood. This program is intended for families wishing to prepare their child for First Reconciliation, especially those whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school. Students must be in year 3 or higher to engage with this program. To enrol, or find out more about the program please contact Trish via this email address: trish.chaston@cam.org.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple

And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We offer 2 further weekends in 2025.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

October 3-5:

Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)

October 10-12:

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 Website: wwme.org.au

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— AUGUST—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

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