



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 26 October 2025 —Year C

Be merciful to me, a sinner

Deep down we like to praise ourselves,
and even though we don't say it aloud
don't we sometimes feel we're better than others?

We can list for God
our pilgrimages and fasts,
our holy hours and prayer,
our help to the poor,
and almost want to be praised.

In itself., is that wrong?
Hardly—but it becomes dangerous
when we look down on others.

That's the story today -
the Pharisee was not a bad man,
for he lived a good life
but his fault was
that he looked down on others.

To be at rights with God
is to know that each of us depends on God
for so much in life,
that our faith and religion are gifts,
that our good work and prayer are gifts,
our desire to help the poor is a gift,
and that we should be grateful rather than boastful.

We thank God and others for what we have and are,
rather than for what we do.

In each of us is the humility of the tax gatherer,
and the knowledge that evil find a home at times in each heart -
the evil word and thought,
the evil intention and desire,
the ways we'd like to get with others;
and there is the willingness to say,
as did the gatherer.
'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,'
and know then that
we are at rights with God.
For in the eyes of God
we are, each of us,
sinners who are immensely loved.



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: Romans 8:12-17	Lk 13:10-17
Tue: Ephesians 2:19-22	Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Romans 8:26-30	Lk 13:22-30
Thu: Romans 8:31-39	Lk 13:31-35
Fri: Romans 9:1-5	Lk 14:1-6
Sat: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14	Mt 5:1-12

ALL SOULS' DAY

Isaiah 25:6-9

Romans 5:5-11

Luke 7:11-17

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	



*St Teresa of Ávila taught
that real prayer
is more about loving
than thinking.*

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Cecile S Blas, Anne Campbell and Ron Michelangeli** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Lesley Almeida, William Delaney, Len Delaney, Krystyna Holewinski, K.J. Jose, P.C. Mathew, Benito Ballestrin and Herman Kiekebosh**



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."

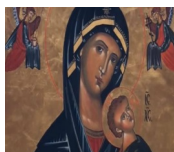
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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 1/2	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	P Cowan C Cowan	J Magree M McMahon	L Ung D Vecci	P Spencer A Menon	S Solomons A & F Puls
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin C Ringin	T McLaughlin J McCarthy N Almeida	G Gill R Elliott J Paisley G Wain T Wang	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling T Borges	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator		C Vymel			
Children Liturgist			A O'Reilly	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



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**

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



Our next gathering will be in the Parish Office on Monday evening, **November 3** at 7.30pm. This 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!



FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Ron Michelangeli

Friday 31 October at 11.30am

SPECIAL OFFERING PRAYERS FOR ALL SOULS

During the next weekend's Masses 1 and 2 November, we will offer **special prayers for all the faithful departed**. Parishioners are invited to write the **names of their deceased loved ones** on a piece of paper and place them in the **basket in front of the altar**. These names will be remembered in our prayers throughout the Masses as we commend all souls to God's loving mercy.

Let us join together in faith and remembrance, praying for all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

PARISH CENSUS

Over the next two weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from this week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FOR helpers before, during and after the **Fete** is now available. Parishioners have been emailed the on-line links to register. Please get in early before your diary fills. Anyone needing assistance to register is welcome to ring or visit the Parish Office.

URGENT NEED: PRE-LOVED CLOTHES COORDINATOR.

A St John's Fete would not be complete without a pre-loved clothes stall. To have a stall there needs to be a Coordinator. We have the helpers, we have the process and we have the clothes. Anyone keen to test their retail fashion skills, or just plain interested, please consider taking up this important and worthwhile role. Like to know more?

Ring the Parish Office or email admin@stjohnsfete.org.au

St John's Parish Community Fete Sponsorship

The St John's Parish, Mitcham is always grateful for the support it receives from the local and wider community. We are currently looking for your support for the **2025 St John's Parish Community Fete** which will be held on **Saturday 15th November**.

This year the St Johns' Fete will celebrate its **71st year**, as one of the great community events in the local area attracting 1000's of people on the day.

We are seeking financial sponsorship or donations of goods and services that could be used for our Silent Auction and prizes for the many competitions on the day.

Robin Smith is coordinating Fete Sponsorship. Please contact him if you can assist with a donation, or if you would like to discuss any specific details. Contact Robin - 0419 379 005.

St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle

Ten amazing prizes available.

Only \$2.00 a tickets or \$20.00 for a book of ten tickets

First Prize - \$ 1500.00 Gift Card, donated by Biggin & Scott Mitcham

Second Prize - \$ 700.00 Gift Card donated by Manchester Road Dental Surgery

Third Prize - \$ 500.00 Gift Card donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre

Raffle tickets are available after each Weekend Mass

Tickets are to be returned sold or unsold, by Sunday 9th November 2025.

We need assistance with ticket sales at each of the Masses over the coming weeks.

Please contact Rob if you can assist. Phone 0419 379 005

Your support is a concrete way of contributing to the vibrancy of our community.

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**



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 JOHNS FETE PLANT STALL

Please contact Aidan O'Riley on 0431 499 625

or email aidanoriley76@gmail.com to organise the pick-up of donations for the Fete plant stall.

Donations will be picked up on Friday 14 November.

Plants can also be delivered to St John's school Mitcham from 11am on Friday 14 November and from 9am Saturday 15 November.



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



THE DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS MANGO FUNDRAISER

The ever-popular and fabulously healthy mango fundraiser is back for 2025! This delicious annual Mango Drive helps to support our wonderful St John's school and orders are open to anyone in our extended parish community, so pass it on!

Trays of approx. 7kg delicious mangoes will be available in late November or early December and can be yours for only \$30 a tray. Final orders and payment are due by Tuesday 28th October. For any questions, contact Leah Anderson: 0408585538 or StJohnsMangoes@gmail.com



ORDER MANGOES

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.

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