



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 1 March —Year A

Celebrate the Life of Our Parish Ministry Expo & Commitment Weekend

Join us in the Narthex before and after all Masses on this weekend for our **St John's Parish Ministry Expo** — a joyful celebration of the many ministries that bring our parish to life.

Come and discover the groups that serve, support, and enrich our community. Meet ministry leaders, learn how each group contributes to our mission, and explore how you might share your own gifts and talents. Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for many years, this is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your connection and discover where you belong.



This weekend also marks the beginning of our **Parish Offertory Giving Program**. As our parish grows, so too do our opportunities and responsibilities. The celebration of the sacraments, faith formation, pastoral care, outreach, and the daily running of our parish are all made possible through your faithful generosity.

I invite you to prayerfully consider completing a commitment card available in the Narthex. Whatever you are able to give — in time, talent, or treasure — helps ensure that our parish continues to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.

Thank you for your presence, your service, and your generosity. Let us continue building up our faith community to be a happy place where everyone belongs!

God bless!

Dispin

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: Daniel 9:4-10	Lk 6:36-38
Tue: Isaiah 1:10. 16-20	Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jeremiah 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jeremiah 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Genesis 37:3-4. 12-13. 17-28	Mt 21:33-43. 45-46
Sat: Micah 7:14-15. 18-20	Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2. 5-8
John 4:5-42

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	



Living the Gospel requires us to move out of our comfort zones. Little by little, as we cooperate with God's designs and receive God's grace, we become the people God made us to be.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Manuel Vidania Burro** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Gary Daly, Gloria Eustaquio, Ida Buckle, Ted Naylor, James Egan, Robin Chapman and Edward Chong**



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**



March 7/8	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 Solomons L Hennessy	M Campbell M De Almeida	T Wursthorn V Burnie	T Black C Black	M Day E Umashankar
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan J Phoa	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart N Wursthorn L Iacobucci	J Rea J Kiekebosch N Nguyen S Kuruppa	S Solomons M Kristan
Laptop operator Children Liturgist	C Kohomban.	A Bogoda	G Gill Aidan	T Luna Sasha	

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come and pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent at 9.15am.

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 YOUTH GROUP ✦

**1st Sunday of Every Month
5PM-8PM**

We start at **5PM Mass**

Then head to the Zebedee Room for:

🍕 Pizza

💬 Real conversations

📖 Bible reflections (Sunday readings)

🎮 Games + good vibes

A place to belong.

A place to grow.

A place to have fun.

Bring a friend & come through!

For more info please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

Owen Patrick Duane Looker, William Peter Hendy, Olivia Mae Hendy, Spencer Brian Dowley, Fletcher Michael Dowley, Fletcher William Maxwell Goodey

*who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism
at St John's during the month of March*



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, **16 March at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!



LENT - A TIME OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

On **Monday 2nd March ***NEW DATE*****

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!

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.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot. 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



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 Confirmation will begin 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



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

Lectio Divina Spirituality Dinner

The first Spirituality Dinner at the Janssen Spirituality Centre (JSC) Boronia for 2026 is on Thursday evening **5th March, 5:30pm-8:30pm**.

The focus of the evening will be Lectio Divina (Divina Reading) - understanding this ancient Christian meditative practice, its history, and its relevance to our time.

Fr Nick de Groot SVD, a former director of JSC will give the presentation and lead a short Lectio Divina, with time for discussion and conversation.

The evening includes a 3-course dinner. Suggested donation \$35 pp.

Booking: RSVP by Monday 2nd March to Fr Yon SVD at email: enquiries@janssencentre.au or mobile: 0405 040 870.

All are welcome!

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. **Cost \$5**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— MARCH—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**



St Vincent de Paul Mitcham Conference Report to the Parish for the year ending 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Number of home visits	116	137
Number of adults assisted	171	186
Number of children assisted	92	103
Number of bread runs	24	24
Number of Christmas hampers provided	72	85
Number of gift cards in Christmas hampers	130	137
Assistance given:		
Christmas hampers gift vouchers, donated and purchased.	\$4,290	\$4,650
Education	\$608	
Food, donated and purchased (including food in Christmas hampers)	\$10,255	\$13,330
Furniture	\$100	\$470
Medical	\$280	\$570
Supermarket food vouchers	\$8,210	\$10,370
Transport assistance		\$2,070
Vinnies Shop Cards	\$1,325	\$3,750
Whitegoods	\$2,304	\$636
Total assistance	\$27,372	\$35,846
Income		
Card making group	\$2,500	\$2,000
Donations	\$9,494	\$7,350
House of Books	\$10,000	\$3,500
Piety Stall	\$721	\$1,146
Total income	\$22,715	\$13,996

Please note that the deficit for the period has been funded by Vinnies Victoria.

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

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