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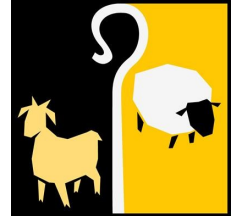
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CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 26 November 2023 —Year A

St John's Parish Community Fete 2023
Another successful parish community event.



THANK YOU

Great occasions like last Saturday do not just happen.

If you attended and had a great time, if you assisted with setup, were a stallholder or volunteered for any of the great array of stalls including, BBQ, Bookshop, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Coffee, Colouring Competition, Crafts, JJ's Café, Donuts, Drinks, Face Painting, Hot Chips, JJ's Bar, Lob a Choc, Plants, Plucka Duck, Pop Corn & Fairy Floss, Preloved Clothes, Preloved Toys, Raffle, Ride sales, Sweets, Snow Cones, Showbags, Indian food, Silent Auction, all who contributed to the entertainment from the Main stage, our eMCee & AV gurus, helped with counting, or assisted with pickup.

THANK YOU!

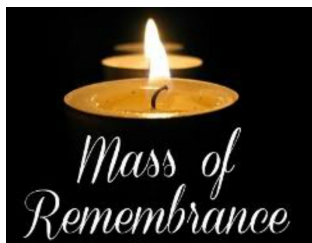
We couldn't have done it without you all. See you all in 2024 ☺

To the Fete Committee for its months of committed planning and organising a huge

THANK YOU.

To Fr Dispin for the weather. No pressure for 2024 ☺

THANK YOU



Maria Ario-Farulla, Patrick Maebus, Benvenuto 'Benny' Ballestrin, Margaret Wallis, Lyn Svrakov, Mary Therese Gartland, Marie Elizabeth Lynch, John Thomas Cleary, Giuseppina Tommasini(Josie), Daniel Jose Tchea, Thelma Agnes O'Donnell, Molly Juan Dang ne'e Halge, Carmelinda Addorata Spina, Theresa Judith Clancy, Edmund Perkins, Julius Bernard Lobo, Simone Slaughter, Thi Minh Hue Lam, Sergio Gerado Flores, Robert Bob Stephens, Dimity Catlin, Romana Rizzi, Anita Tchea, Adriana Russo, Anna Maria Loccisano, John Michael (Jack) Elford, William Johnson, Patricia Kavanagh, Anne Madeleine Walsh, Michael (Rex) Brownless, Shirley (Shirl) AnnMcDonald, Patrick Joseph Egan, Bonita Mary Snell, Adelina Francesca Autelitano, Isolina Dell'Oste, Luigi (Gino) Della Gatta, Valerie Elaine Rankine, Ligia Di Cosmo, Emino Iacobucci, Jeanette Marie Mitchell, Aldo Savoia, Winifred Ann Russell, Jessie Sammut, Lina Antonino, Marie Judith Cameron, Patricia "Paddy" Ingram, Donald Charles Haggarty, Chintin Paul, Peter Wallace, Francis Wallace, Jack, Kath Callinan-Moore, Melissa Greenwood, Sonia Schafer, Michael Howard, Barbara Leedham, Sharon Leedham, Judith Lazzaro

"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: Daniel 1:1-6. 8-20	Lk 21:1-4
Tue: Daniel 2:31-45	Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Daniel 5:1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28	Lk 21:12-19
Thur: Rom 10:9-18	Mt 4:18-22
Fri: Daniel 7:2-14	Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Daniel 7:15-27	Lk 21:34-36

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

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	



How will you love
and care for others?
Let your goodness flow.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Kevin Buzzer, Yvonne Flanagan and Teresa Hickey** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Kathleen Young, John McLaughlin, Stuart Gould, Maureen Collins, Desh Fernando, Margaret Scully, Phillip, Keith, Laurie and Violet Wallis, Gerald Archer, Shyamala Jeyanayagam, Norman and Joyce Gay**



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



Dec 2/3	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 P Cowan	M McMahon J Magree	D Vecci R Horner	A Menon P Spencer	A&F Puls S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin M Baulch	B O'Reilly B Mills T McLaughlin	G Gill R Elliott J White L Iacobucci T Wang D Hancock	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling T Borges D Hancock	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator Children's Liturgists		C Vymel			

**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

The Lord is my rock

Lord You are my rock when my faith is tested.

Lord You are my rock when I am lost.

Lord You are my rock, the foundation of my life.

Lord You are my rock, I praise You, I worship

You and I thank You for Your Love and Mercy.

Amen



**Children's Liturgy at St John's
Every Sunday at 9.45 and 11.15am
during school term**

We have a thriving Children's Liturgy program at St John's but are in dire need of new liturgists. We supply everything you need to lead the session and all activities are prepared for you. We only run during the school term so we ask you to please consider volunteering to help us continue to offer this program to our smallest parishioners who, together with their families are the future of our Parish. The new roster will begin next year. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Diane Hancock on 0418128408.

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. ☺



HOLY ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's on the first Friday of the month at 9.30am.

ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

When: Wednesday 29 November

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 December**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 5 December. All are welcome.



The Funeral Service for

Yvonne Flanagan

will be celebrated on

Tuesday 28th November at 11.30am

Teresa Anne Hickey

will be celebrated on

Wednesday 29th November at 11.30am

FINAL 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

For our last meditation gathering this year, we will be in the boardroom immediately behind the parish office, on Monday evening, **27th Nov at 7.30pm**. Light refreshments available afterwards. 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!



REMEMBRANCE MASS



During the month of November we will be remembering those who have died, particularly those within the last 12 months.

We will be celebrating Mass at St John's, Mitcham on **Monday 27th November at 7.30pm**. November is the month in which as a Church across the world we specially remember those who have died. This Mass provides a special moment for those who have lost loved ones to remember and grieve for them.

If you would like a photo of your loved one to be displayed in the Church, please leave it at the Parish Office with the name printed on the back and we will add it to our display. Cards will be provided on the night to write the names of your loved ones to be remembered. These cards will be placed in baskets and taken to the Altar as part of our Offertory Procession. We welcome families on this night to pray together and share a cuppa after Mass.

Jenny and Loredana

Share the Joy of Christmas

You are invited to the

Christmas Lunch

at St John's

on Monday 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 Friday 22nd December at the Parish office by phone 9401 6366 or by email mitcham@cam.org.au

St John's Parish Community Fete Raffle

Many thanks for your support of the 2023 St John's Parish Community Fete Raffle. Our wonderful prizes would not be possible without the financial support of our sponsors:

Biggin and Scott Mitcham, Whitehorse Medical Centre, Cycle Science Mitcham, Vermont Junior Football Club, Bucatini Restaurant and Bar, Mitcham Junior Football Club, Snap Printing Ringwood

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the selling of tickets both on Fete Day and after Masses, and especially Manuela in the Parish Office.

Special thanks to the Verona & Dave, the School Secretaries and the School Families of St John's Primary School and St James' Primary School who supported this important Fete initiative.

2023 Raffle Winners

1 st Prize	Ticket 00208	6 th Prize	Ticket 08081
2 nd Prize	Ticket 05397	7 th Prize	Ticket 05458
3 rd Prize	Ticket 04493	8 th Prize	Ticket 08563
4 th Prize	Ticket 08032	9 th Prize	Ticket 04047
5 th Prize	Ticket 00572	10 th Prize	Ticket 07446

Many thanks, Gracie and Robin Smith

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.

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

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



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

ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP

Come along on **Thursday 14th December** to the St John's Parish Playgroup.

Location: St John's Presbytery

Children aged 0-5 with their care providers for one hour of play, fun and connection.



ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP

 Christmas cards are now on sale after Masses from the Piety Stall and from the House of Books and Parish Office. All profits from our card sales continue to benefit the work of St Vincent de Paul. Thanks Monika and Card Making Team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We are again requesting the donation of Gift Cards that recipients of our Christmas hampers can use to choose their own gift. Cards from Big W, Kmart or similar retailers offering a wide range of products would be best. Gift cards can be left after Mass in a basket at the Piety Stall in the Narthex or with the Parish Office. It would be appreciated if these could be delivered by **December 12th**.

Thanks, The Vinnies team.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL—CHRISTMAS FOOD

The Vinnies team provide Christmas food hampers to needy people in the area. Food donations of tinned ham, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, long life custard, shortbread biscuits, tinned fruit would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at the Parish Office from Tuesday to Friday between 9am-3pm, or in the Narthex in the Mass center. Thank you to all our parishioner who continue to generously support this worthy cause. All enquiries contact Ross Hancock on 0419 117 343.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL—NOVEMBER—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



"PRESBYTERY RENOVATION FUND" - HOW TO DONATE?

Bank Direct Debit: BSB 083-347 - A/c No. 294 362 890 - *"Future Maintenance Account"*

This account has been opened specially for the Appeal.

Cash / Cheque – Envelopes for the "Presbytery Renovation Fund" are available at each of the Church doors to use for cash or cheque donations.

Please make Cheques payable to: *"Future Maintenance Account"*

Please put envelopes with cash or cheques in with the weekend Mass collection or drop them into the parish office (not in the letterbox).

Prefer instalments?

If gifting by instalments suits you best, please feel free to do so.

Any queries please contact the Parish Office.