



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 28 July 2024 —Year B

He fed the crowd

A mother and small child stood in line for communion;
the child was too young for communion
so just trailed up by the hand.
And then looked up at the minister
with a big open mouth.

And the gospel came alive
with the need of the people for food,
and mouths open for the bread of life.

The image of this child
is an image of the gospel,
as Jesus feeds the people.

The gift of the bread of life is
about being open and being fed;
people hungry from their journey
and hungry for the bread of life.

Only in the face of the child was the mouth so open;
but aren't we all gasping for the bread of life?

What is it that Jesus gives that we need?

A meaning to life that is full,
a love that somehow gives fullness.

There's a lot of emptiness around,
superficial meetings and the need for real fullness,
various addictions and the need for real self-love.

And don't we need to be like the child -
not afraid to open the mouth,
wide and spontaneous.

Just the open mouth said more than all the words,
a gesture which symbolised the world,
that's how we are before God.

Lord, I need to ask for the bread of life.



**"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

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: Jeremiah 13:1-11 Jn 11:19-27

Tue: Jeremiah 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43

Wed: Jeremiah 15:10. 16-21 Mt 13:44-46

Thu: Jeremiah 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Jeremiah 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Jeremiah 26:11-16. 24 Mt 14:1-12

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

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

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



Tony Hanlan, Peter Jess, Cecilia Menezes, Anna Claire Mu, Barry May, Dayantha Ranasinghe, George Ranasinghe, Ernest de Silva, Ranjani Kandamudali, Shelma Jayasinghe, Terry D'Souza, Joe D'Souza, Alicia and Adam Tokarski

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**



Lord, you call us to yourself and nourish us in surprising ways. Give us the ability to recognise the signs and to respond to you.

August 3/4	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	C Cowan P Cowan	M McMahon J Magree	D Vecci R Horner	A Menon P Spencer	A&F Puls S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin	B Mills T McLaughlin	G Gill R Elliott L Iacobucci	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling T Borges	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator		C Vymel	T Wang		
Children Liturgist			A&D Rivadillo	M Hendrianto	

**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

*"Pain and suffering have come into your life,
but remember pain, sorrow,
suffering are but the kiss of Jesus —
a sign that you have come so close to Him
that He can kiss you."*

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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 CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Tuesday 20 August
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



**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.

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am
Mass (including anointing of the sick) &
Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 7th
August**. For catering purposes please call
the Parish office 9401 6366 to
confirm your attendance by Monday 5th
August. All are welcome.



PARISH FAMILY/FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

A social gathering is planned for Sunday **August 18th** in
Zebedee meeting room. A bring and share lunch starting at
midday. Tea and coffee provided. We hope to share
experiences of group outings i.e. venues, cots, transport,
places of interest. Between us all we must have explored
most of Melbourne.

For more info contact Nola Rush 0405 127 582 or the
parish office 9401 6366

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*

Our next meditation gathering will be on
Monday evening, **29 July at 7.30pm**.
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!



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

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.



St John's Parish Fete was first conducted in 1953.
That fete began on 1st February 1953 and lasted for
eight days. From 1954—1985 the Fete lasted for two
days and nights. The income generated assisted
meeting both school running costs and debts servicing
as, at the time, Government funding was extremely
low. In 1986 it was decided that a one day fete, to be
held on the 3rd Saturday of November, would better
meet the needs of the parish. The fete continues to be
held on the 3rd Saturday in November and to be an
important and vibrant part of our parish community. It
is only fitting that we take the opportunity to
acknowledge and celebrate this milestone and take a
little time to reflect on the significant benefits
bestowed on our community by all who have
contributed so enormously before us. We'll be looking
for memorabilia in the coming months so go hunting
and be prepared.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE,
SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024,
COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE.**

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. First Eucharist and Mother's Day cards are also available from the Piety Stall and House of Books. Any queries or special orders for cards please contact us via 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.



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.

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:**

Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantima South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: 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

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

A new version of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's Safeguarding Children and Young People (SCYP) Framework is now available. These documents replace all previous versions, including the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and the May Our Children Flourish Child Safety Code of Conduct. The new suite of documents has been streamlined and redesigned with the aim of making them more accessible, fostering a shared understanding and commitment to safeguarding within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. We encourage everyone, especially our volunteers, to have a look at the new documents which are now available in the Narthex and on our website www.stjohnsmitham.com.au

If you a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirements to comply with the Safeguarding policies and procedures. You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?>

Let's work together to keep children safe!

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Join our Palms' [Discovery Webinar](#) online on Thursday 15 August. Meet Carolyn, currently in Timor Leste, and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: Online via Zoom- register at

palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/

Date: Thursday 15th August 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au



FINDING SOLUTIONS

Trying to cope with life and all it brings. Wanting to talk in a safe place.

Call Clare at 0409 990 907 or email

counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com

Change is only a consultation away.

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 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. The minimum is \$10. All you need to do is 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 083343

ACCT NO. 515 469 035