



# St. John's Parish Mitcham

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham 3132

## 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 8 September 2024 —Year B

### Bonded and free



A speech impediment  
makes you afraid to meet people,  
blocks you from saying what you want to say,  
makes you feel inferior to others,  
and you want to be healed, and free,  
and that's what Jesus offered  
the one who came to him.

In many ways in life we are unfree,  
and Jesus offers healing from our burdens,  
like he healed the man with the stammer.

We fear what others think of us,  
what they might say about us;  
we fear we'll not be able to love forever,  
and that another will not love us;  
we fear illness and death,  
and we fear we'll be left alone.

Jesus offers courage and freedom;  
he unblocks our fears and anxieties;  
he knows that we are capable of  
love and forgiveness,  
commitment and endurance  
and his love grounds our confidence in ourselves.

He healed the speaker's impediment  
so that he could speak freely;  
let him heal your impediments to love, to care, to live in joy  
with the gift of his love and the example of  
how he lived his life fully, lovingly and joyfully  
in the face of suffering and of death.

**"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:** Manuela Brambilla

**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: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8         | Lk 6:6-11  |
| Tue: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11        | Lk 6:12-19 |
| Wed: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31       | Lk 6:20-26 |
| Thu: 1 Corinthians 8:1-7.11-13   | Lk 6:27-38 |
| Fri: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-27 | Lk 6:39-42 |
| Sat: Numbers 21:4-9              | Jn 3:13-17 |

### 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

### 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<br>10am Mass SJM |             |



Teaching by repetition turns a heard statement into a learned skill. "Be strong. Do not fear!" is a theme repeated frequently throughout Scripture, almost always followed by the promise of God to be with us, to accompany us.

### AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **George Giteru Njihia** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Jack King, Eileen Salvana, Consorcita Placido, Bill Harkin, Ursula Clifford and Rex Pearce**



### 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](mailto: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**



| Sept 14/15                 | St John's<br>6.00pm           | St John's<br>8.30am             | St. John's<br>9.45am    | St John's<br>11.15am                            | St John's<br>5.00pm      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>C'Tator<br/>Lectors</b> | G Rodrigues<br>S Rodrigues    | M Campbell<br>C Ryan            | N Vernal<br>H Wursthorn | D Kennedy<br>J Kiekebosc                        | M Bredhauer<br>K Holewa  |
| <b>Eucharist</b>           | M Webb<br>M Pinto<br>Y Martin | M Coghlan<br>R Smith<br>G Smith | T Harkin<br>A Martonyi  | M Battagello<br>C Brindle<br>A Glenn<br>C Lowry | M Kristan<br>S Partridge |
| <b>Laptop operator</b>     | T Tan                         |                                 |                         |                                                 |                          |
| <b>Children Liturgist</b>  |                               |                                 | D Hancock               | D Hancock                                       |                          |

**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

***"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry."***  
**St. Francis de Sales**

**HOLY 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.

**ST JOHN'S CAFE**

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

**When:** Tuesday 17 September  
**Time:** 10:30am to 11:30am



**MASS MINISTRY MEETING**

**Wednesday 18th September 7pm in the Church**

If you are a Commentators, Laptop Operators, Lectors and Special Ministers or would like to learn more about these liturgical ministries you are warmly invited to  
**a night of faith, fellowship and formation** to refresh, renew and reinvigorate the special roles you play in our liturgical celebrations.

Come along to meet, and re-meet, your fellow parishioners and refresh the skills involved in your ministry and then enjoy a glass of wine, or a cuppa, and some nibbles as together, we acknowledge the important contributions you make in our Parish. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by  
**Tuesday 10th September**

**BAPTISM**

*Today we welcome*



**Eloise Renee Bredhauer, Harrison Taylor,  
Georgia Taylor and Ivy Mae Haywood**

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

**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, **9 September 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**

**RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's  
A Journey in Faith**

Come and See

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery.

See what the RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)  
program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

What do you seek?

And Much More.....



The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 or email [mitcham@cam.org.au](mailto:mitcham@cam.org.au).

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL— SEPTEMBER—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**



## THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be visiting our Parish on the weekend of **14/15 September** to tell us a little of their role in the missionary Church. They wish to invite us to accept copies of their family mission publication *Echo from Africa & other Continents* and to consider subscribing. Subscription is by donation, suggestion only: \$25.00 annually (10 copies). Thank you.

## SAFEGUARDING NEWS

If you are a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage you to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirement 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!

## BOOKS ON SALE

Parishioner **Chris Ryan** has been busy publishing two books in the past nine months.

Feeding the Spark concerns his experiences as a provider of spiritual and emotional care in busy palliative units. His conversations with these most vulnerable of clients and their often very needy families, have drawn attention to the deep connections between what people find meaningful – both with and without a religious connection – and their often-unexpected experiences during critical episodes in their lives, especially around times of death. The book also includes a diverse range of near-death experiences. It is aimed at all spiritual seekers, and particularly those preparing to farewell a loved one. RRP \$20.

Flutters from a Petrifying Heart is a curated collection of his poetry. Across a broad range of topics from the mystical to the mundane, each poem is a doorway into a new world, inviting you to explore the myriad ways God's subtle presence enlivens even our most fleeting moments with a grace that transcends and elevates us. RRP \$40.

For enquiries please contact Chris via the parish office on 9401 6366.

## HAPPY RETIREMENT

**You Are Warmly Invited  
to Celebrate the Retirement of  
Jenny Macleod**

Please join us at St John's Mitcham,  
in the Coghlan Centre  
at 2.30pm on

**Thursday, 19 September,**

For a Special Assembly followed by  
Afternoon Tea at 3.30pm in the passive play area  
You are welcome to contribute to the Flight Centre Gift  
Registry for Jenny,  
as her Retirement Gift.

<https://flightcentre.fctggiftregistry.com/Registry/55P5S3>



## 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 083343**  
**ACCT NO. 515 469 035**