



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3 September 2023 —Year A



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (4–9 SEPTEMBER) AND SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (10 SEPTEMBER)

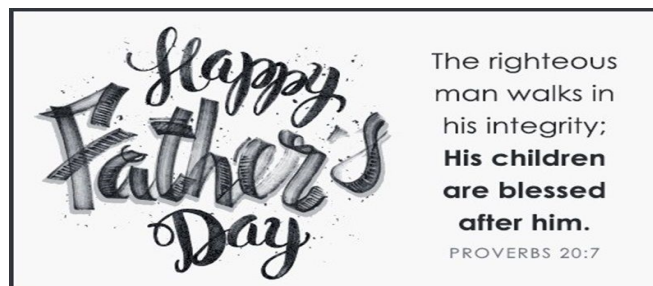
Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2023, the overarching message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters':

- Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us and the opportunities presented to us makes a significant difference to our life outcomes.
- Where we start as a Catholic community in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes.
- Where we start as decision-makers in addressing large, complex problems such as child abuse and neglect also has a significant impact on personal, social and economic outcomes.

Child Protection Week is a good time for us to think about how we, as adults, can address some of these issues that affect children and to consider how we can change things to make a difference.

In the Catholic Church, Child Protection Week is highlighted through Safeguarding Sunday, which falls this year on 10 September. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

Safeguarding Unit Team



"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: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Lk 4:16-30
Tue: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11	Lk 4:31-37
Wed: Colossians 1:1-8	Lk 4:38-44
Thur: Colossians 1:9-14	Lk 5:1-11
Fri: Micah 5:1-4	Mt 1:18-23
Sat: Colossians 1:21-23	Lk 6:1-5

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

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	



I pray that I may let go
and grow in trust of God's
love for me.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Maureen Santamaria and Iris Barrow** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Angelo Del Tondo, Antonino and Tonino Suppa, Magdal Jansen, Maria Airo-Farulla, Gwen Kettel, Lillian Gardner, Thomas Gardner, Maria Dao Le and Chintin Paul**



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



September 9/10	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	K Harvey M Lambert
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart V Menon N Wursthorn	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen	S Solomons D Lim
Laptop operator Children's Liturgists	C Kohomban.	G Campbell	D Hancock	D Hancock	

Faith Formation, Social & Other

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

Prayer for Strength

Father in heaven, I stand before You today in Your omnipotent presence to ask that You grant me strength. I want You to give me the strength to power through all the tasks of today — whether little or big.

It is by Your will that I live oh Lord. And I know it is also by Your will I will not go weak today. I will not go lazy, nor I will fail to do all things set before me because You strengthen me.

Thank You for Your everlasting presence,
Lord and in Jesus' name, I pray.
Amen.

(St John's anonymous parishioner)

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.

MORNING TEA IS BACK!



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 every first Friday of the month at 9.30am.



SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCHEON

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 6 September**. Fr Dispin will join us to explore the Holy Scriptures. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 4 September. All are welcome.



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

Sonia Purathattil, Isabella Joy Greenwood, Jia Wang, Anna Wang, Elizabeth Rose Goode, Andrew James Goode and Sonny Thom

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

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

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.

Put it in your calendar now! Our next meditation gathering will be in the church on Monday evening, **4 September** at 7.30pm. We gather fortnightly. 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!



CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

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

When: Wednesday 20th September

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Venue: Church Narthex



FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

3rd September 2023

Father's Day is the traditional day for the annual collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation. This appeal creates one of the four main income streams for the Foundation enabling us to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese. All contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible and will be recorded. This weekend we will have a leaving collection at the end of the Mass. You can donate by using the envelope you can find in the church or [online](#).

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING MODULE

For those volunteers who have not completed their Safeguarding Essentials training here are some instructions on how to access it online

To access the online training go to:

www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org

To login, you will need your unique Working with Children Check ID/VIT ID number and an email address.

Upon registration you will be asked to identify your role within the parish i.e. a member of clergy, parish staff or volunteer.

To register you will need to select the parish from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service.

This training is mandatory for all volunteers so we ask your collaboration in completing it asap.

If you have any question please contact Manuela at the Parish Office 9410 6366.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$10)

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

TOGETHER YES,

In preparation for the referendum on the Voice to Parliament, Whitehorse Uniting Church is conducting a 2 session series of information and discussions on Sundays the 17th September and 1st October, from 2-4 pm at 559 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham.

St John's Parishioners are most welcome to attend. The format and information presented is supplied by Victorian Womens Trust with video and audio presentations. Participants will be in groups of approximately 10 and to fully benefit both sessions should be attended.

Registrations are required by Sunday 10th September by returning your name, phone no. and email address to Colleen Rowe, crowe302@bigpond.net.au or Jeff Randles, randlesworld@bigpond.com. If unable to attend we invite you to look at the Together Yes website <https://togetheryes.com.au>

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The next set of Stewardship envelopes will be available in the Church narthex this weekend. Receipts are enclosed with the envelopes. If you have been paying by Direct Debit or Credit Card and wish to continue please let the office know so that we can cancel your envelopes after this set. If you could take envelopes belonging to neighbours and delivering them it would save on our postage costs. Thank you Margaret Harrington, Business Manager

Offering
Envelopes



SAVE THE DATE!



Mark the calendar ...

Saturday 18th November 2023

Keep an eye out for more information on socials and newsletters in weeks to come

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

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Come and See

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery.
See what the RCIA program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

What is the Meaning of Life?

What do you seek?

Why a God?

What's our Story?

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

And Much More...

IS THIS FOR YOU?

[Click here to see a short video](#)



Contact Jenny Kearney for details

Come by yourself, or bring a friend or family member.

Jenny Kearney 0413 826 468

jenny.kearney@cam.org.au

St John's Mitcham &
Our Lady's Ringwood

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. If you have a special occasion coming up we would be happy to create a card for any event. Our cards are also available to purchase from the House of Books and 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 received new stock and these items are now on sale. Please note, now that people can exit the Church through the Narthex after Mass, the Piety Stall has reverted back to opening after Mass. The stall carries a range of Christian items such as gifts, for Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Eucharist; devotional items; greeting cards, Christmas cards and prayer cards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— SEPTEMBER—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



HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay 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