



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12 October 2025 —Year C

The 2025 St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle COMMENCES THIS WEEKEND.

First Prize - \$ 1500.00 Gift Card, donated by Biggin & Scott Mitcham

Ten amazing prizes available.

Only \$2.00 a tickets or \$20.00 for a book of ten tickets

Please consider taking a book of ten tickets, one ticket for you and nine tickets to sell to friends and family.

Remember to invite them to our Parish Community Fete on Saturday 15th November.

Monies raised support the work of our Parish and Schools.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors.

Raffle tickets are available at **St John's Church** after each Mass commencing **Saturday 11th October**.

The Raffle will be drawn at the St John's Fete on Saturday 15th November at 3.30pm

To assist with distribution of raffle books some families on our Church Census will have received a book of raffle tickets during this past week.

St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle Prizes:

1st \$ 1500.00 Gift Card.

Donated by Biggin and Scott Mitcham

2nd \$ 700.00 Gift Card

Donated by Manchester Road Dental Surgery

3rd \$ 500.00 Gift Card.

Donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre

4th Bucatini Dining Voucher

Donated by Bucatini Restaurant and Bar Mitcham

5th AFL Official Sherrin Match Day Football

Donated by Mitcham Junior Football Club

6th Rebel Sports Voucher

Donated by Vermont Junior Football Club

7th- 10th Gift Vouchers

Value \$ 200.00

Value \$ 200.00

Value \$ 200.00

Value \$ 100.00



Tickets are to be returned sold or unsold, by Sunday 9th November 2025.

We need assistance with ticket sales at each of the Masses over the coming weeks.

Please contact Rob if you can assist. Phone 0419 379 005

Your support is a concrete way of contributing to the vibrancy of our community.



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 Maurice 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: Romans 1:1-7	Lk 11:29-32
Tue: Romans 1:16-25	Lk 11:37-41
Wed: Romans 2:1-11	Lk 11:42-46
Thu: Romans 3:21-30	Lk 11:47-54
Fri: Romans 4:1-8	Lk 12:1-7
Sat: 2 Timothy 4:10-17	Lk 10:1-9

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2
Luke 18:1-8

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	10am Mass SJM	



As the lepers were on their way to see the priest, their healing occurred. When we ask God for help, we are also asking, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Rodolfo Seneriches** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Florence Tomlinson, Anthony (Tony) Box, Jessie Sammut, Charlie Azzopardi, Phyllis Brownless and Cyril Fernando**



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."

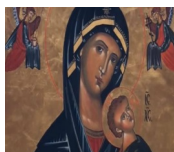
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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



October 18/19	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	S Rodrigues G Rodrigues	C Ryan A Buchanan	N Vernal H Wursthorn	J Kiekebosh D Kennedy	M Lambert K Harvey
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith	T Harkin A Martonyi H Wursthorn	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry A Jose	M Kristan M Campbell S Partridge
Laptop operator	T Tan	C Alemida	L Wursthorn		
Children Liturgist			A&D Rivadillo	Z Dawson	

**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



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Elsie Browne, William Jensen,
Edward Alexander Halse,
Joseph Salvatore Halse**

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2025

"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 gathering will be in the Parish Office on Tuesday evening, **October 21** at 7.30pm. This 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!



LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's on the every Friday of the month in October 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.

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



**FAITH FORMATION NIGHT
WITH FR MAURIE COONEY**

During the month of October 3 sessions on formation and faith will be held by **Fr Maurie Cooney** in the **Narthex**

Gideon (Old Testament Book of Judges)

*was a believer ... and wanted GOD to be clearer
about 'being present and active' in life.*

*This is about having a sacramental perspective on life:
which is a basic characteristic of our Catholic tradition.*

*Let's explore that in the next
in our series of 'Formation in faith.'*

**Monday 13th and 20th October
from 7pm till 8.30pm**

plus 'wind down' and social

All are welcome!

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

All are welcome

When: Friday 24 October

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 5 November**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 3 November. All are welcome.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP

WITH LAUNDERING THE CHURCH LINEN

We are seeking assistance with the laundering of the altar linen in the second week of each month. It is not difficult and you will be shown the current arrangements.

ADVENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION BOOK

A four week prayer and reflection program for use during Advent or anytime is available at the Piety stall or at the Parish office. Experience Advent and Christmas before with The Sign, and allow its pages to unfold a deeper understanding of the profound love and grace that these seasons celebrate.
Cost \$5

PARISH CENSUS

Over the next three weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from next week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.



St John's Parish Community Fete Sponsorship

The St John's Parish, Mitcham is always grateful for the support it receives from the local and wider community. We are currently looking for your support for the **2025 St John's Parish Community Fete** which will be held on **Saturday 15th November**.

This year the St Johns' Fete will celebrate its **71st year**, as one of the great community events in the local area attracting 1000's of people on the day.

We are seeking financial sponsorship or donations of goods and services that could be used for our Silent Auction and prizes for the many competitions on the day.

Robin Smith is coordinating Fete Sponsorship. Please contact him if you can assist with a donation, or if you would like to discuss any specific details. Contact Robin - 0419 379 005.

LIFEBOAT FOUNDATION

For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of **unwanted cars** e.g. from deceased estates, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds.

You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might **donate an unwanted motor vehicle**, and (b) identifying someone to assist in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time.

If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact **Fr. Kevin Dillon** – frkdillon@outlook.com.au or **0421 777 360**.

HELP REQUIRED

New comer to parish is seeking help towards obtaining her Victorian driver's licence. She has a foreign driver's licence and has a car.

If you can help please call the parish office at 94016366.

Thanks

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

ST JOHNS FETE PLANT STALL

Please contact Aidan O'Riley on 0431 499 625 or email aidanoriley76@gmail.com to organise the pick-up of donations for the Fete plant stall. Donations will be picked up on Friday 14 November.



Plants can also be delivered to St John's school Mitcham from 11am on Friday 14 November and from 9am Saturday 15 November.

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.

A TREATY FOR VICTORIA

Hear all about Treaty for Victoria! What is it, why is it important, what will change?

Rueben Berg, co-chair of the First Peoples Assembly, will talk to Treaty, followed by a panel with Uncle Glenn Loughrey, Wiradjuri man and Archdeacon for First Peoples Recognition, Reconciliation and Treaty, and Sherry Balcombe, Olkola/Djabugay woman, former manager of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria 2015 -2023 and current Victorian representative on the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council . Facilitated by Uncle Charles Pakana.

Date: **October 18th (3.00- 4.30pm)**

Venue: Mumong First Peoples Gathering Place

100 High St, Glen Iris, adjacent to St Oswald's church) <https://events.humanitix.com/mumong-for-treaty>

CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

Columban calendars are now available at the Piety Stall or at the Parish Office at \$11 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—OCTOBER—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

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