



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27 August 2023 —Year A

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

'He must be joking', the others thought
when Jesus said,
'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church'.

They knew him well.
A rather mediocre fisherman,
a hot-tempered husband and father,
the centre of everything going on,
but could you rely on him?

They wouldn't be surprised later
that he would deny that he knew Jesus,
or that he would run away when the going was tough.

What they didn't think of
was that they would all run away as well!

Jesus saw into Peter's heart,
recognised his generosity,
his enthusiasm for a cause,
his love for family and friends,
and named him 'Rock'.

Maybe he recognised also that Peter
knew his faults and failings and weaknesses;
and isn't that a great security in life -
to know yourself well;
and that's what makes good leaders.

On the rock of Peter, Jesus built his Church,
and his Church is little different from Peter:
strong at times or weak,
enthusiastic and courageous,
sinful and unreliable,
for his Church is you and me,
our parish community,
the community of God's people,
confessing with joy
that Jesus is the Christ of God.



**"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 1:1-5, 8-10 Mt 23:13-22

Tue: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Mk 6:17-29

Wed: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32

Thur: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

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



We can see the seeds in an apple, but only God sees the apples contained in the seeds.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Jenny Lobo** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Thomas Barden, William Victor Menezes, Ami Pinto, Tranquillo Piovesan and Gerard Perera**



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

**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

God's children

**We are God's children,
and He made us unique and individual.
Lord, You have made us with Your hands
and Your heart.
Father, we thank You for the life we have
and everyday we live.
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.



ST JOHN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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

When: Wednesday 30th August

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 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

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, 21st Aug 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!

HOLY ROSARY



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

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 near, 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. You can donate by using the envelope you can find in the church or [online](#).

**SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS
TRAINING MODULE**

Thanks to all volunteers who attended the training sessions in the church.

For those 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.

Offering Envelopes



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

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

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For an application form or further information telephone Annie Bond rsj 02 8912 4818 or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Applications close 8th September 2023. Pilgrims must be vaccinated

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

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>

COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$10)

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



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—AUGUST—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