



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19 October 2025 —Year C

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

For World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025, the central message of which is hope (cf. Bull *Spes Non Confundit*, 1), I have chosen the motto: **“Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples”**. It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. I trust that it will be for everyone a time of grace with the faithful God who has given us new birth in the risen Christ “to a living hope” (cf. 1 Pet 1:3-4).



In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, “the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts” (*Gaudium et Spes* 1).

Impelled by this great hope, Christian communities can be harbingers of a new humanity in a world that, in the most “developed” areas, shows serious symptoms of human crisis: a widespread sense of bewilderment, loneliness and indifference to the needs of the elderly, and a reluctance to make an effort to assist our neighbours in need. In the most technologically advanced nations, “proximity” is disappearing: we are all interconnected, but not related. Obsession with efficiency and an attachment to material things and ambitions are making us self-centred and incapable of altruism. The Gospel, experienced in the life of a community, can restore us to a whole, healthy, redeemed humanity.

Faced with the urgency of the mission of hope today, Christ’s disciples are called first to discover how to become “artisans” of hope and restorers of an often distracted and unhappy humanity.

So let us renew the mission of hope, starting from prayer, especially prayer based on the word of God and particularly the Psalms, that great symphony of prayer whose composer is the Holy Spirit (cf. *Catechesis*, 19 June 2024). The Psalms train us to hope amid adversity, to discern the signs of hope around us, and to have the constant “missionary” desire that God be praised by all peoples (cf. Ps 41:12; 67:4). By praying, we keep alive the spark of hope lit by God within us, so that it can become a great fire, which enlightens and warms everyone around us, also by those concrete actions and gestures that prayer itself inspires.

Dear sisters and brothers, let us turn to Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ our hope. To her we entrust our prayer for this Jubilee and for the years yet to come: “May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!” (*Bull Spes Non Confundit*, 6).

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January 2025, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Pope FRANCIS

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 4:20-25	Lk 12:13-21
Tue: Romans 5:12, 15, 17-21	Lk 12:35-38
Wed: Romans 6:12-18	Lk 12:39-48
Thu: Romans 6:19-23	Lk 12:49-53
Fri: Romans 7:18-25	Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Romans 8:1-11	Lk 10:1-9

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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	



‘Unless prayer
is seen as essential,
it is meaningless.’
Fr Henri Nouwen

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Gail Northey, Maria Stow** for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Zsolt Martonyi, Manuela Abreu, Joao Pereira, Teresa Cró, Cipriano Torres, Vera Barden, Theresa and Edward Kenny**



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."

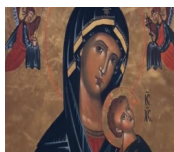
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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 25/26	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 A Livy	B Mills H De Kauwue	L Kho M Gartland	B Rudin D Wates	C Lobo
Eucharist	M Livy E Booth R McIntosh	A Tham B Mills	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble R Jess J Curtis	A Glenn P Darmody S Dowds D Kuruppa	C Kook M Kristan
Laptop operator		J Phoa			
Children Liturgist			N Christina	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



BAPTISM

Today we welcome

**Hugo Elliot Ravida, Phoebe Jay Ravida,
Zai Isaac Kowal, Eleanor Yeung**

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



FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Maria Stow

Wednesday 22 October at 11.30am



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

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 3 December For catering purposes
please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your
attendance by Monday 1 December. All are welcome.



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!

**FAITH FORMATION NIGHT
WITH FR MAURIE COONEY**

The last session on formation and faith will be held
by **Fr Maurie Cooney** in the **Narthex**
on **Monday 20th October**
from **7pm till 8.30pm**
plus 'wind down' and social
All are welcome!

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 this 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.

**A Pastoral Letter to the
Catholics of Victoria on
Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide**

The State Government is seeking to amend
Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws.
If passed, the new laws would further weaken
protections for vulnerable patients and reduce
protections for nurses, doctors and other medical
practitioners who conscientiously object.
In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written
a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local
Members of Parliament and urge them to vote
against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find
out more by scanning the QR code or
via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



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.

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.



VOLUNTEERING WITH THE VINNIES TEAM AT ST. JOHNS

The Saint Vincent de Paul team at St. Johns has been serving the community since **1947**—over 70 years of compassion and care. To continue this vital work, we need more volunteers.

The heart of our work is the **Home Visitation Program**, where our members go out in pairs to visit individuals and families who have reached out to us for help. These visits happen on weekday afternoons where we focus on providing food and essential items to help people get through the week.

The people we assist are often facing unexpected hardship—illness, family breakdown, job loss—situations that can quickly turn lives upside down. Many never imagined they'd need help, but find themselves struggling to make ends meet.

Last year, the St John's Conference in Mitcham made nearly **300 visits** and provided assistance to those in need.

Here's what volunteering looks like:

- **Home Visitation Team:** Around 6 hours per month, spread over 4 days.

- **Bread Run Team:** About 2 hours once a month, on Saturdays.

Piety Stall: About 1.5 hours a month.

If you feel called to give a few hours to make a meaningful difference in the lives of struggling families and individuals in our community, please visit the **Piety Stall in the Narthex after Mass today**. We'd love to share more information and answer any questions you may have.

The mission of our members is beautifully captured in the words of Christ from Matthew's Gospel:

"When I was hungry, you fed me.

When I was naked, you clothed me.

When I was lonely, sick, or in prison, you visited me."

Finally, we want to thank our Parish members for the generous support you've shown to the Society over the years. Your kindness has made a real difference in the lives of many.

Danny Rafferty, President.

0437 498 877

CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

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

St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle

Ten amazing prizes available.

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

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

Second Prize - \$ 700.00 Gift Card donated by Manchester Road Dental Surgery

Third Prize - \$ 500.00 Gift Card donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre

Raffle tickets are available after each Weekend Mass

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 379005

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

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**



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

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