



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 28 September 2025 —Year C



Not just a story

In one of the world's poorest cities
I saw a young boy
selling fruit at the railway platform.
He would make a few pence a day,
enough maybe to stay alive,
and God knows where he would sleep.

The inequality of opportunities in the world,
Dives and Lazarus -
not just a story but real life.

We don't all start life on a level playing field;
some walk uphill from the very beginning,
and Jesus was among the poorest of us.

Our heart must wince
at children who are hungry and homeless from birth,
at people who want a job and cannot get one,
at homelessness, addiction, and any form of abuse;
for parents who cannot give to their children
the best of life and love they wish for them;
for the elderly who are poor and neglected,
and we wonder what can we do.

For we are not the problem:
neither you nor I have caused the poverty of so many,
but we can be part of the solution.

We can join our hearts with the heart of God
and urgently wish to make things better;
we can join our hands to the hands of God
and urgently work to make things better,
and create within parish, neighbourhood, city and world,
places where a more just and caring society is created.

Can we hear the cry of people who feel neglected
so that our hearts are moved with compassion
and our energies moved to give
time, love, and care
to those who need help and support,
for they are the brothers and sisters of Jesus?



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: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Jn 1:47-51
Tue: Zechariah 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
Wed: Nehemiah 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Thu: Nehemiah 8:1-12	Mt 18:1-5, 10
Fri: Baruch 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16
Sat: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29	Lk 10:17-24

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

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	

If his brothers heard from Abraham himself,
surely they would pay attention
to God's message.
But no. There's the messenger,
and the message,
and then there's the heart that is ready—or not.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Rose Franklin, Tom Saliba, Cath Gartland, Peter Kuek, Tan Tien Kay, Lee Lai Kuan, Don Baldwin Kuruppu and Joy 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."

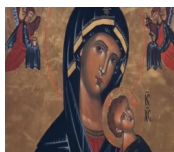
ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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 4/5	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	C Cowan	M McMahon	D Vecci	A Menon	A & F Puls
Lectors	P Cowan	J Magree	L Ung	P Spencer	S Solomons
Eucharist	C Irvin Y Martin C Ringin	T McLaughlin J McCarthy N Almeida	G Gill R Elliott J Paisley G Wain	C Bantawig J Bantawig A Wilson B Bartling	B Belot D Lim
Laptop operator		C Vymel	T Wang	T Borges	
Children Liturgist					

**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



LET'S PRAY THE 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.

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

WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no Mass on

Tuesday 30 September

Normal weekday Masses will resume on

Wednesday 1 October.

**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.

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 7** 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!

**RCIA – ST JOHN'S AND OUR LADY'S
A JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season.



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.

**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 6th, 13th and 20th October

from 7pm till 8.30pm

plus 'wind down' and social

All are welcome!

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 1 October**. For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 29 September. All are welcome.





Save the date
Saturday 15th November 2025

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**.

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.

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. 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.

A TREATY FOR VICTORIA

A Treaty For Victoria between First Peoples of Victoria and the State of Victoria is almost here. This is long overdue and been in the making for almost a decade. It follows six years of consultations and negotiations and is good news for First Peoples and all Victorians. The Statewide Treaty Bill 2025 was tabled in the Victorian Parliament in early September and is awaiting debate then ascent. There is much information on line. To find out more visit the First Peoples Assembly website at <https://firstpeoplesvic.org/>, the Treaty Authority <https://treatyauthority.au/> and Victoria Government websites <https://www.firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/treaty>

Will you help by showing your support? Consider writing to your State Member of Parliament showing your support of Treaty for Victoria. There is an excellent template on the First Peoples Assembly site at <https://firstpeoplesvic.org/walk-with-us/>. If you would like help or for more information contact Georgina Gartland 0412 396 388 / gegart21@gmail.com

FINDING SOLUTIONS

Looking at how to cope with what life throws at you? Trying to find peace and happiness in a troubled time? Call Clare to have a chat in a safe place. I can do face to face, online or phone counselling.

Email: counselling.findingsolutions@gmail.com

Phone: 0409 990 907

Registered Counsellor with Australian Counselling Association. Change is only a conversation away.

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— 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**



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 083347
ACCT NO. 459 634 437