



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 6 October 2024 —Year B

The love of children

Jesus had a way with children,
a welcome for them,
a love for them,
and saw in them
some of the qualities of
openness to God.

The innocence of children and their weakness
touch the strings of love in our hearts.
If we are people of love,
true followers of Jesus,
we will want the best for our children.

We want happiness and love for them,
good health and a meaning in their lives,
we want them to find friends.
We want to spare them the hardships of life,
and when we cannot,
we want to give them a light to guide them
in what will be the pain of life.

We hope also to give them a way through
the inevitable difficulties
of love and of growth which they will find
as they make their way through life.

Can we give them
the way of Jesus?

He had a way with children
because he is the Way to 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: Manuela Brambilla

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

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: Galatians 1:6-12	Lk 10:25-37
Tue: Galatians 1:13-24	Lk 10:38-42
Wed: Galatians 2:1-2.7-14	Lk 11:1-4
Thu: Galatians 3:1-5	Lk 11:5-13
Fri: Galatians 3:7-14	Lk 11:15-26
Sat: Galatians 3:22-29	Lk 11:27-28

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Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Weekday Masses

	St John's	Our Lady's
Tue	10am Mass	6pm Mass
Wed	10am Mass	
Thur	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Fri	9am Mass SJV 10am Mass SJM	



We pray for the freedom of children to approach Jesus and to be better members of his kingdom.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Robert Frank Heritage** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Kevin Megetti, Percy Alwis, Edward Chong, Melissa Greenwood, Katherine Callinan-Moore, and Josephine Frances Wilson**



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



Oct 12/13	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	L Hennessy M Solomons	M De Almeida M Campbell	V Burnie T Wursthorn	T Black C Black	S Solomons M Day
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart S Harrison V Menon N Wursthorn	J Rea J Kiekebosh N Nguyen S Kuruppa	
Laptop operator	C Kohomban.	G Campbell			
Children Liturgist			N Christina	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

*Lord, I especially thank You this day
for my friendships. I offer my friends to You
and ask for an abundance of grace to be poured out
upon them. Lord, I especially offer this particular need
in my friend's life (identify a need). I thank You for Your
unwavering love for each of us, dear Lord, and for Your
own perfect gift of friendship in our lives.
Jesus, I trust in You.*

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.

ST JOHN'S CAFE

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

When: Tuesday 15th October
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am



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



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

**Rylee Hadden, Kiera Hadden, Gwendolyn
Grace Hutchison, Zoe Adeline Fernando**

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

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*



Our next meditation gathering will be on Monday evening, **7 October at 7.30pm**. 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

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Please join us to pray the Rosary to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary every Friday in October at 9:30am before the 10:00am Mass.



RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's A Journey in Faith

Come and See

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery.

See what the RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

What do you seek?

And Much More.....



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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR LITURGY ROSTER

St John's is looking for volunteers who
are available to help as laptop operators
during the weekend Masses.
Your availability is requested once a
month. If you are interested please contact the Parish
Office at 9401 6366.



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





ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP

We hope you are enjoying our cards which are available from the Piety stand in the Narthex, House of Books and the Parish Office.

We will be adding cards from some new creative card makers; these will include original watercolour cards and photo cards so keep an eye out over coming months and leading up to Christmas.



Our card makers take pride in their work and we recognise the time and artistic talents that are achieved in their contributions. Please remember all profits from our card sales support the dedicated work of St Vincent de Paul, Mitcham Conference. We strive to maximise the amount we donate each year. Our prices will be \$3 or as marked.

We are very happy to create a card for a special occasion you are celebrating so please contact us via the Parish Office to discuss your requests.

With sincere thanks for your continued support.
St John's Card Making Group.

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.

MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our at our Discovery Online session Wednesday 9 October. Explore unique opportunities matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at

palms.org.au/events

Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm



02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au

ACCOMODATION NEEDED

An elderly single female parishioner from Ringwood is looking for a room to rent preferably close to the public transport. If you are able to help please contact the parish office at 9401 6366. Thanks.

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

If you are a volunteer at St John's and you have not done the Safeguarding Essentials online training yet, we encourage you to do it asap as it is a compulsory requirement to comply with the Safeguarding policies and procedures. You can access it at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?> Let's work together to keep children safe!

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

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 083343

ACCT NO. 515 469 035