



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 1 December 2024 —Year C

Another Christmas

Advent is waiting for the birth of Jesus,
but it's a strange waiting;
we are waiting each year
for someone we know is here!

We recall in Advent
that the Lord Jesus has come among us,
is present all the time
and will come again in glory.

He is the child who is born each year,
for the world always needs its God and saviour.
He is the child awaited each year,
for our lives are new each year,
and we need him
in different ways at different stages of life,
and the world has different needs of God
at different times.

We need the child of peace to be born
in our wars and violence,
the child of wisdom
in our search for truth and meaning,
the child of gentleness
in a world which can be harsh and greedy.

We need to know in Jesus that birth and life
are the most precious gifts of God,
and that in the birth of Jesus each year,
is the everlasting promise of God to be with us.

And Advent looks ahead,
letting us see that the life of Jesus is never over,
that the truth of Jesus is always spoken,
and that he will one day be seen in glory.

For we are people of Advent and Easter,
of waiting and of resurrection;
we are people of earth and Heaven,
as he is the Son of God and Son of Mary,
and leads us through our life on earth
to the eternal glory of Heaven.



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

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: Isaiah 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11
Tue: Isaiah 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
Wed: Isaiah 25:6-10	Mt 15:29-37
Thu: Isaiah 26:1-6	Mt 7:21. 24-27
Fri: Isaiah 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31
Sat: Isaiah 30:19-21. 23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1. 6-8

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

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	

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are beginning our time of waiting—for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us. A waiting that is charged with hope and God's promise made to Israel and fulfilled to all of us with the birth of Jesus. God is bringing light into the darkness with the birth of the Christ child, a miracle worth the waiting.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Mary (Hermina) Hesse, Augusto Bayoco and Anita Purdea** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Gerard Mendes, Gerard Archer, Daniel Jose Tchea, Kathleen Young, Maureen Collins, Edward Chong, Gwen Bourke, Mark Rasmussen, Philip Wallis, Keith Wallis and Donato Palangio**



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**



Dec 7/8	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	D Kuruppa C Black	E Umashankar M Day
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart S Harrison V Menon N Wursthorn	J Rea J Kiekebosch N Nguyen S Kuruppa A DSilva	S Solomons
Laptop operator	C Kohomban.	G Campbell			
Children Liturgist			N Vernal	S Jeyanayagam	

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

BAPTISM WELCOME



Today we welcome

**Hudson Henry Hopkins
and Sebastian Olguin**

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

FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S



Mary (Hermina) Hesse

Tuesday 3d December at 11.30am

"EVERYDAY COMFORT REFLECTIONS"

*We are not human beings on a spiritual journey.
We are spiritual beings on a human journey.*
Stephen Covey

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.

FINAL CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 2024

"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 last gathering for this year will take place on Monday
evening, **2nd Dec at 7.30pm**, after an absence on Nov 18th.
Join us for hospitality afterwards. 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!

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH



The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass
(including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held
on **Wednesday 4th December**. For catering
purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to
confirm your attendance by Monday 2nd December. 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: Tuesday 17th December
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

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.



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 CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The St. Johns Music Ministry are about to start
practicing for this year's 8.30pm and 11.00pm
Christmas Eve services. We are extending an invitation to
Parishioners who would like to be a part of the Ministry for
these services. If you are a singer or someone who plays a
musical instrument other than keyboard or guitar and is
available for practices in the church on Tuesday evenings
from 7.30 to 9.00pm then please contact the Parish Office.

CHILDREN ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PACK



Advent/Christmas packs for children are
available after all Masses this weekend.
Please feel free to take one per family. They
are available at all exits from the Church.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY MASS

The 4.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be a
children's Mass. We will begin at **4.15pm** with a
Christmas Nativity Tableau. We invite all children
attending to come dressed as shepherds, angels,
stars or anything representing the Nativity as all children will
be invited to be a part of our Nativity Tableau. We require
some children and parents to take on some of the lead roles
during the Tableau and Mass. If you and your children will be
attending this Mass and are willing to be involved, please text
or call Diane on 0418 128 408 or Jenny on 0413 826 468.



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**

Bloke's BBQ

We want to bring together blokes from across the parish community and as such a few current and former Dads of students at St John's Primary School are organising a Bloke's BBQ. Here are the details:

When: Sunday 1st December 2024
Time: 4pm till 7pm
Where: Zebedee area at St John's
BYO: Your drinks
RSVP:
Nick McKay 0417 032 833 OR
Rohan Sutton 0403 199 100 or rohansutton@gmail.com

HOUSE OF BOOKS

Dear House of Books volunteer,
The date for the Christmas lunch has been settled.

It will be held on

**Saturday 7th December at 12.30 pm
at the Mitcham Hotel.**

Volunteers past and present welcome.
Sign up sheet will be in the bookshop -
please complete this so Kitty knows
how many will be attending.

Keith Harvey
Committee Secretary.

ST JOHN'S CARD MAKING GROUP

Our card makers have been busy creating beautiful Christmas cards for you to purchase. We are excited to let you know the cards are now on sale from the House of Books, the Piety Stand in the Church and in the Parish Office. We take great pride in the work and recognise the artistic talents of all our contributors. Our cards are priced \$3 or as marked. ALL Profits from our card sales during the year support the dedicated work of St Vincent de Paul, Mitcham Conference. The profits from our Christmas card sales are an extra important boost to funds we donate at the end of the year. Please shop early whilst stocks last. We thank you for your support of our Card Making group especially at this time of the year

COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

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

THE MANGO FUNDRAISER

Mangos are ready for collection at St John's school. You can pick them up next week during school hours. If you are unable to collect your orders during this time please contact Donna vjf111@icloud.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We are again requesting the donation of Gift Cards the recipients of our Christmas hampers can use to choose their own gift.



Cards from Big W, Kmart or similar retailers offering a wide range of products would be best.

Gift cards can be left after Mass in a basket at the Piety Stall in the Narthex or with the Parish Office. It would be appreciated if these could be delivered by **December 15th**.

Thanks, The Vinnies team.

Share the Joy of Christmas

You are invited to the

Christmas Lunch

**at St John's
on Monday 25th December at 12.30pm**

If you are spending Christmas by yourself or if you simply want to share the joy of this day with other people please join us at the Christmas lunch that will be held at St John's in the Coghlan centre.

The food will be offered by the Parish and you are invited to bring a sweet plate that you normally love to eat at Christmas to share.

If anyone feels to give a donation for the lunch please contact the parish office and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

RSVP by Friday 20th December
at the Parish office by phone 9401 6366
or by email mitcham@cam.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—DECEMBER—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
BSB 083343
ACCT NO. 515 469 035**