



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Sunday 9 November 2025 —Year C



Fete Day... Saturday 15th Nov!

Come and Celebrate

We'll have rides, stalls, delicious food, captivating performances on the main stage, showbags, the greatest display of Bric-a-brac a community has ever put together, fashion, fun and frivolity.

So we can celebrate here's a few important items for the coming week.

Be a helper – sign up now!

There are still numerous opportunities to help before, during and after the Fete. Follow the Fete links on the Parish website and sign-up early. Or, ring or call into the Parish office for a little help.

Important events in the coming week to consider;

Final Drop off day pre loved items: Sunday 9 Nov. 9am -12pm. – parish garage

Sip n Sort for pre-loved clothes: Sunday 9 Nov - 2.00pm – 4.00pm &
Tuesday 11 Nov 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Come for some or come for all of the time.

Help bring the Fete to life! Set-up tasks to suit everyone.
Sunday 9 Nov – Fete Set-up 11am – 12.30pm

Plants: Drop off on Friday – from 1.00pm

Cakes : Drop off on Friday - from 11.00am

Set-up & pack-up times to note:

Friday 14th November 9.00am – 9.00 pm

Saturday 15th November 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Sunday 16th November 9.00am – 1.00pm

Come and Celebrate
Saturday 15th November 2025.
10.00am – 4.00pm



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: Wisdom 1:1-7	Lk 17:1-6
Tue: Wisdom 2:23-3:9	Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Wisdom 6:1-11	Lk 17:11-19
Thu: Wisdom 7:22-8:1	Lk 17:20-25
Fri: Wisdom 13:1-9	Lk 17:26-37
Sat: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9	Lk 18:1-8

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

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	

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Sheila Imam** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Douglas Chapman, Ruby D'Souza, Joe D'Souza, Christine Kelly and Shaun Kelly**



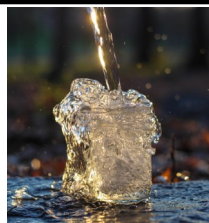
Tuesday Mass for healing of the sick



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**



*Would it help our prayer
this week to imagine
ourselves standing
in a fresh stream
that overflows
with God's love?*

November 15/16	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	G Rodrigues S Rodrigues	A Buchanan C Ryan	N Vernal H Wursthorn	D Kennedy KJ Kiekebosc	K Harvey M Lambert
Eucharist	M Webb M Pinto Y Martin	M Coghlan R Smith G Smith	T Harkin A Martonyi H Wursthorn	M Battagello C Brindle A Glenn C Lowry A Jose	M Kristan S Partridge M Campbell
Laptop operator	T Tan	C Almeida	L Wursthorn		
Children Liturgist			A & D Rivadillo	S Jeyanayagam	

**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

**Jonathan Le, Jennifer Le,
Aleix Zion P. Tecson, Alina Atharson**

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

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*



Meditation returns to St John's church in November. 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. Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **10th Nov at 7.30pm**, followed by our final session for the year – **Mon 1st Dec**. Looking forward to seeing you!



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 28 November

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.



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**

ST JOHN'S REMEMBRANCE MASS

This Mass is held on **Monday 24th November at 7pm**, for families who have farewelled a loved one during the last 12 months and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time.



Our remembrance month of November leads to the season of Advent in December when we celebrate the birth of Christ. We are conscious that this will be a time when grief is especially present as we cherish the memory of past Christmas seasons spent together. To those who mourn, we do hope this Mass will bring the peace of Christ to you and that He will give you comfort. We invite any who have loved ones they wish to be prayed for at the Mass to call or email the parish office with their names. There will be a photo display in the church of those who have died in the last 12 months. This will be in the form of a copy of the cover of their Funeral Booklet. If you would like your loved one remembered in this way, you are welcome to leave their photo (named on the back) at the Parish Office. Please contact Loredana on 0423 313 336 should you have any queries.

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.



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.



St John's Parish Community Fete Sponsorship

We are seeking donations of goods / services for our Fete Silent Auction. Please contact Rob - 0419 379005 – if you can assist or have any questions. We are also creating hamper, so consider smaller items that could be combined to make a 'Stay in on a Friday Night Hamper', 'Welcome to your New Home Hamper', 'Beauty Hamper' or a 'Sporting Hamper'. Use your imagination. Please place any donations in the red and white box in the Narthex.

ST JOHN'S FETE CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION!

Calling all young artists! The St John's Fete is hosting a Colouring Competition for children. Come show off your creativity and enjoy some colourful fun!

Pick up a colouring sheet from the Narthex and bring it to the Fete day on the 15th November. Let's celebrate the wonderful talents of our parish children — we can't wait to see your colourful creations!

St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle

Raffle Books will be available after all Masses until the Fete.

Please consider taking a book of 10 tickets to sell to your family and friends.

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

1st \$ 1500.00 Gift Card.

Donated by Biggin and Scott Mitcham

2nd \$ 700.00 Gift Card

Donated by Manchester Road Dental Surgery

3rd \$ 500.00 Gift Card.

Donated by Whitehorse Medical Centre

Time to return all raffle books. Tickets can be returned at each of the weekend Masses, or to the Parish Office during the week.

We need to account for all tickets

Tickets are still available after each Mass or at the Fete.

Many thanks for your support

in this important fundraising effort.

Still need help with Raffle Ticket sales at the Fete.

Contact: Robin Smith 0419 379005

'TRUTH BE TOLD': RESPONDING TO YOORROOK AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

(In person or via zoom next Wednesday 12th November 11.30am -2.30am AEDT

Forum presented by Catholic Social Services Victoria and Australian Catholic University

The Yoorrook Justice Commission was Australia's first formal truth-telling process, shedding light on the parts of Victorian history that have been silenced. After four years of hearing evidence, the Commission delivered its final reports in June 2025. [The Victorian Government recently passed the first ever Treaty with First Nations Peoples in Australia. "For the first time, the voices of Victoria's First Peoples are entering the public record on their own terms." - *Yoorrook Truth be Told, 2025*

Come and consider the process of truth-telling, what Yoorrook brought to light and how we can respond.

Join others in the Catholic community at this forum to learn from those directly involved about... Being part of the truth-telling process. Powerful truths of the past coming to light. How the past has shaped the present. Changes institutions, organisations and individuals can make for a better future. Why truth and treaty matter

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

11.30AM - 2.30PM AEDT

Location: Greg Craven Centre, Australian Catholic University Level 7, St Teresa of Kolkata Building, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy Victoria 3065

The forum will also be available online.

Please select **in person** or **online** ticket type when registering. A meeting link will be sent to those who register for an **online** ticket prior to forum

For more information and to register click [here](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1491871) / <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1491871>

CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS (\$11)

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— NOVEMBER—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.



Turning pages, building community: 25 years of Mitcham House of Books — Melbourne Catholic <https://share.google/gfQX1a6olordRaxzd>

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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