



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 7 December 2025 —Year A



He will make his home among us

We need a place we call home;
where there is acceptance,
a place we can just be ourselves.
Home is the place of family, friendship and of faith.
In the love of family, we find we can be ourselves,
and relax into the mystery of being loved for who we are,
and that is what home is.
In the love of friendship we also find our home,
accepted and affirmed for who we are,
loved for what is strong and weak within us.
And in faith there is the love of God,
accepting, affirming, forgiving all we are and need.

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Home is more than bricks and mortar,
more than a garden and a house;
it is the place of warmth and acceptance.

And Jesus said to many he met
'Today I want to stay in your house'.
He makes his home within you,
in the warmth of your heart and
in the centre of your personality,
bringing with him
gifts of affirmation, affection,
acceptance and forgiveness.

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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: Genesis 3:9-15. 20	Lk 1:26-38
Tue: Isaiah 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed: Isaiah 40:25-31	Mt 11:28-30
Thu: Isaiah 41:13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Isaiah 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Sirach 48:1-4. 9-11	Mt 17:10-13

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Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

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	



*A time yet to come,
a vision of life
and not death.
Do I believe
that this new, bright
world is on its way.*

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Teresa Piacquadio, Matthew Walsh, Anthony Toffel and Tony La Lama** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Veronica Austin, Phillip Wallis, Charles McCarthy, Israel Bulseco Sr, Leen Cheah, Gerard Archer, Leo Hortin, Edward Chong, Annunziata "Nancy Avignone", Julie Faye McBean, Warren David Spencer, Jusith Anne Morris, Michael Francis McGuire, Marianne Jacoba Van Ewyk, Catherine Mary Dowling and Rodney Gerard Brown**



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**



December 13/14	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 C Cowan	M De Almeida M Campbell	V Burnie T Wursthorn	T Black C Black	E Umashankar M Day
Eucharist	C Pearson B Meehan J Phoa	R Smith G Smith T McLaughlin	P Taggart N Wursthorn L Iacobucci	J Rea J Kiekebosc N Nguyen S Kuruppa T Luna	S Solomons M Kristan
Laptop operator	C Kohomban	A Bogoda	G Gill		
Children Liturgist			A O'Reilly	A O'Reilly	

**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

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

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

The Parish Office will be closed from **24th December** till **12th January** and will reopen on **Tuesday 13th January**. If you wish to include in the newsletter an anniversary name during the holiday closure please contact the Parish office at 9401 6366 or send an email to mitcham@cam.org.au by the 19th December.

During the closure for emergencies or urgent matters please call the office mobile on 0402 330 128, send an email to mitcham@cam.org.au or call Fr Dispin on 0413 683 153



**CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS
AT CHRISTMAS MASSES**

We need volunteers to assist at Christmas Masses as special ministers, lectors, commentators and laptop operators. You can register your name on the list in the church or contact the parish office mitcham@cam.org.au or 9401 6366.

Thanks for your participation.



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

**Lennon Abram Sabalo, Bodhi Theodore Sabalo
Otto Jan Riha and Santino Villanueva Bajao**

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

FUNERAL SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S

Matthew Walsh

Monday 8 December at 12pm

Teresa Piacquadio

Wednesday 10 December at 11.30am

Peter Galli

Thursday 11 December at 11.30am



**Victoria's Treaty with her First Peoples',
an Australian first**

The State of Victoria has been on [the path to truth telling and treaty](#) with her First Peoples' for nearly ten years. The Statewide Treaty was signed, formalised & [became law in Victoria on November 13th](#). There is great joy in community. Treaty marks the beginning of a new era, one where First Peoples' knowledge and culture is respected and celebrated. Treaty is good news and will be good for all Victorians. For more information/to read the Treaty click [here](#) / <https://www.treatyvictoria.vic.gov.au/>

To mark this historic occasion St John's parish will be using our Aboriginal message stick throughout all masses this weekend.

Invitation to celebrate: Next Friday, December 12th, there will be a public and cultural celebration of Victoria's Treaty at John Cain Arena. All are invited to join this celebration. Time 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Why it's happening: To formally commence the treaty, to celebrate 60,000 years of culture and history of First Peoples, and the beginning of a new era. The event is free, but registrations necessary. The registration link is yet to be released for the link contact Georgina Gartland gegear21@gmail.com / 0412 396 388

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE



Advent Penitential celebration

Tuesday 16th December

7pm - Our Lady's Ringwood

Wednesday 17th December

7pm - St John's Mitcham

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve—Wednesday 24th December

4.30pm - St John's Mitcham

5.00pm - Our Lady's Ringwood

6.00pm - St John's Mitcham

8.00pm - Our Lady's Ringwood

8.30pm - St John's Mitcham

11.00pm - St John's Mitcham

Christmas Day - Thursday 25th December

8.30am - St John's Mitcham

9.30am - Our Lady's Ringwood

10.30am - St John's Mitcham

Wednesday 31st December

Midnight Mass (11.00pm)

St John's Mitcham

Thursday 1st January

9.00am - Our Lady's Ringwood

10am - St John's Mitcham



Share the Joy of Christmas

You are invited to the

Christmas Lunch

at St John's
on Thursday 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 **Tuesday 23rd December**
at the Parish office by phone 9401 6366
or by email mitcham@cam.org.au

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 will be sold after Masses this weekend or you can find them from the House of Books, the Piety Stand and in the Parish Office. 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.

Thanks you for your support.



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.



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

HOUSE OF BOOKS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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

It will be held on

Saturday 13th 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 VINCENT DE PAUL—CHRISTMAS FOOD

The Vinnies team provide Christmas food hampers to needy people in the area. Food donations of tinned ham, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, long life custard, biscuits, tinned fruit would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at the Parish Office from Tuesday to Friday between 9am-3pm, or in the Narthex in the Mass center. Thank you to all our parishioners who continue to generously support this worthy cause. All enquiries contact Ross Hancock on 0419 117 343.

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.

MANGO FUNDRAISER DELIVERIES

Thank you for supporting this year's St John's Mango drive. Great news, your ordered mangoes are on the Way! Delivery is set for **Tuesday, 9th December**. There will be two opportunities to collect your yummy mangos.

Date: **Tuesday 9th December** Time: 3pm-6pm

Location: Zebedee Room - Drive down Elizabeth St and it is the first door of the hall building. Look for the Mango pick-up signs on the door.

Wednesday **10th December** Time: 8am-9am

Location: Zebedee Room - Drive down Elizabeth St and it is the first door of the hall building. Look for the Mango pick-up signs on the door.

If you are unable to collect at these times, please reach out to **Jess on 0421961578** to arrange an alternative pick-up or drop off (to the local area) or if you have any questions, you are welcome to call or email. Thank you again for your support, and hope you enjoy your mangos and have a wonderful Summer.

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