



St. John's Parish Mitcham

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Sunday 6 August 2023 —Year A

He saw a large crowd and had compassion on them



When Jesus saw the crowd without food
He asked only *how to feed them*.
No complaint as to
Why they had come without food,
Their lack of plans,
Not even a suggestion of impatience.

In poverty Jesus never asks why you're poor,
His heart goes out to your poverty.
His heart goes out to the unemployed person,
Not first asking why you have no job.
His heart goes out to the single parent
Without question, without comment.
Or with sins, the first movement of the heart of Christ
Is to forgive, to be compassionate, in relation with you.

He saw a large crowd and had compassion on them

A marriage going badly,
A relationship being abused,
A conflict with parents,
Jesus sees the suffering of the heart,
And wants to help.

He gives that sense of wholeness,
Never judging a person on one aspect of personality.
Faults are struggles,
And in knowing you're fully known and accepted,
You can accept the bread of strength
And move on stronger, whole, loved.

**"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: Andrew Buchanan

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

Furniture Pick-Ups contact Eastern Emergency Relief Network on 9874 8433'

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: Nr 11:4-15	Mt 14:13-21
Tue: 1 Kings 17:7-16	Mt 6:25-34
Wed: Nr 13:1-2. 25 - 14:1. 26-29.34-35	Mt 15:21-28
Thur: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10	Jn 12:24-26
Fri: Deuteronomy 4:32-40	Mt 16:24-28
Sat: Deuteronomy 6:4-13	Mt 17:14-20

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:9.11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Weekday Masses

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



The proof of a spiritual experience is in how we have changed and what we then do afterwards.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY

We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Luigi Dalla Gatta and Valerie Rankine** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including, **Claire Shelley, Gerard Shelley, Stephen Miridakis, Joseph O'Sullivan, Marie O'Sullivan, Pat Donnellan, John and Mary Bateman**



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



August 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	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 Kiekebosh N Nguyen	S Solomons
Laptop operator Children's Liturgists	C Kolomban.	G Campbell	G Wong	J Kearney	

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 Wed: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

9.15am Thurs: Mass

9.15am Fri : Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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

Spread God's love

**We have eyes to see the beautiful world
that God has made for us.**

We have hands to help other people.

We have a voice to communicate with others.

We have a heart to love one another.

**We thank You Lord for these gifts in our lives
and to spread God's love. Amen**

(St John's anonymous parishioner)

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.

MORNING TEA IS BACK!



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.

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH

The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 6 September**.

For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 31 July. All are welcome.

CAFÉ @ ST JOHN'S

Please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends.

Following the 10am Mass. All are welcome

When: Wednesday 16th August

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Venue: Church Narthex



BAPTISM WELCOME

Today we welcome

**Aria D'Costa, Kai Levi Nguyen,
Victoria Hopkins**

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

The Funeral Mass for

Luigi Dalla Gatta

will be celebrated on

Thursday 10th August at 11am

Valerie Elaine Rankine

will be celebrated on

Friday 11th August at 11am



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

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.

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances there will be **no meditation on July 24th**. Our next meditation gathering will be in the church on Monday evening, **7th August** at 7.30pm. We normally gather fortnightly. No experience needed. 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!



HOLY ROSARY



Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's every first Friday of the month at 9.30am.

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING MODULE

A REMINDER

**The Safeguarding Essential
group training sessions
will be held on**

8th August at 10.45am

9th August at 7.30pm

and will be held in the church

This is an invitation for all volunteers who have not completed the online training yet.

If you are attending one of the sessions or if you have any question and please contact Manuela at the Parish Office 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

Friday 4 August is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.

The theme this year is **"Little Voices, Loud Futures"** where they are raising awareness for the bright futures of First Nations children and the potential for their voices to pave a new path for our Nation. They support the voices of our children in calling for a future where they are proud and empowered by their culture to speak their truth and be listened to by everyone.

In support of this day St John's Parish are holding a leaving collection for Opening The Doors Foundation.

**OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION (OTDF) .
Leaving Collection this weekend 5-6th August 2023.**

The Foundation is Aboriginal led and listens to the diverse needs of Victorian Aboriginal families. The Foundation helps provide Aboriginal families with basic educational needs which helps to provide a safe education support system. Kids feel good about themselves when they have essential/ basic educational items.

Families are most grateful for the support and have said, "The Foundation's grant allowed us to purchase all of his books, stationery, and uniforms to make it easier for Max to undertake his current year level. The grant is excellent and allows us to give our children a better opportunity to strive and achieve results and feel comfortable doing it."

"Opening The Doors is doing a great job in supporting Koorie youth to stay at school and get the best education possible."

"I am grateful for these grants for our children and the kind people who donate to them, If it was not for the Opening The Doors Foundation, I would really struggle with school costs. So thank you very much!"

Your Donation will be used to empower and support Aboriginal families. No matter how big or how small, your contribution helps. Donations of over \$2. are tax deductible. Leaving collectors are by the doors this weekend and envelopes (by all church exit points) can be filled out and placed in the collection / you can also donate directly at [online](https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/donate) at <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/donate> Many Thanks.

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

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential.

The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
6-13 August**

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall has received new stock and these items are now on sale. Please note, now that people can exit the Church through the Narthex after Mass, the Piety Stall has reverted back to opening after Mass. The stall carries a range of Christian items such as gifts, for Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Eucharist; devotional items; greeting cards, Christmas cards and prayer cards.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL— AUGUST—FOOD

Donations can now be left in the plastic tub in the **Narthex**. We are currently requesting: **coffee, rice, biscuits, long life milk.** All Enquiries to Ross Hancock 0419 117 343



HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARISH

The QR Code is unique to St John's and will give parishioners direct access to our CDF pay web page. To make a payment, parishioners simply scan our CDF pay 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. The minimum is \$10. All you need to do is 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**