St. John's Parish Mitcham

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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15 November —Year A



Each of us has different qualities, gifts:
all are given by God
and are valued in God's love:
gifts of music, sport and art,
of conversation and humour,
of compassion and leadership;
gifts of friendship, prayer and
caring for others,
of listening and encouraging;
whatever your gift, your talent;
your gift of being a caring parent,
of being able to help a younger generation in any way;
be grateful,
each of us has a 'bit of God' within us;
and each of us can offer to God
in our love and care for others
what God has given to us.

God looks on us, and loves each of us;
sees us as we are and loves us,
sees us as we can be
and calls each of us,
in our own personality and talents,
to grow in love,
to offer our talents in his service,
and to become more like him.

SYNOD REFLECTION

"The word synodal means 'walking together'. The church is no longer to be viewed as a hierarchical organisation but a broad and gathered community of baptised believers walking together with Jesus, and each other, through life's varied experiences. Last week we spoke of the Samaritan woman as a wonderful metaphor for the Synod. Before she receives the living water she must confront her own truth. Without truth and humility there can be no living water or renewal. Synodality is the truth that we find God at the well – the well of our shared faith, our intentional 'listening' to each other, and our 'active care' for each other and our larger community."

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 Maurie 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: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5	Lk 18:35-43
Tue: Revelation 3:1-6.14-22	Lk 19:1-10
Wed: Revelation 4:1-11	Lk 19:11-28
Thu: Revelation 5:1-10	Lk 19:41-44
Fri: Revelation 10:8-11	Lk 19:45-48
Sat: Revelation 11:4-12	Lk 20:27-40

CHRIST THE KING
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Matthew 25:31-46

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	

The Light of the World speaks to us,
asking us to shine bright
and help others to find their way.

AMONGST OUR PARISH FAMILY



We ask for the grace and peace of Eternal life for those who have died recently especially **Luigi Luongo, Linda Seedsman and Corazon Kwek** and for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time including **Lymraina D'Silva, Shirley Gathecole, Pearl Hanlan,Corazon Santiago Aranguren, Muriel Egan and Louise Bright**

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

Nov 21/22	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	P Abeynaike	H De Kauwue	M Gartland	D Wates	C Lobo
Lectors	M Bredhauer	R Andrews	D Kuruppu	B Rudin	M Harman
Eucharist	R McIntosh T Tan	A Tham	G Gartland M Lafferty C Bramble	A Glenn S Dowd C Lowry	C Kook M Kristan
Laptop operator			J Curtis	J Crawford	
Children Liturgist				A Alphonse	

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

LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY



Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St John's every Friday in October at 9.30am.

MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS WANTED



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.

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 YOUTH GROUP ✨

1st Sunday of Every Month
5PM–8PM
Next gathering will be held Sunday 8 November
We start at **5PM Mass**
Then head to the Zebedee Room for:
🍕 Pizza 💬 Real conversations
📖 Bible reflections (Sunday readings)
🎉 Games + good vibes
A place to belong, to grow and to have fun.
Bring a friend & come through!
For more info please contact the Parish Office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

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
Friday 27 November from 10:30am to 11:30am

BAPTISM



Today we welcome

Max Buchmasser

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

FUNERAL SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

Luigi Luongo
Wednesday 18 November at 11.30am

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FOR 2026

"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
Free of charge. All welcome. All enquiries Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366 - or simply turn up in the church on the night. Our next gathering will be on Monday evening, **23 November at 7.30pm**. Looking forward to seeing you!

"An Evening with …"

The next in our series will be on
Thursday 3rd December, 7-9pm at St John's.

"An Evening with Mary" :
is that Mary, Mother of Jesus? Mary Magdalen? Both have such experiences of Gospel faith to teach us and draw us into.

Led by Dorothy Lee -
an Anglican priest in the Diocese of Melbourne; formerly Professor in New Testament (Gospel Studies) with the University of Divinity.

ST JOHN'S REMEMBRANCE MASS.



Monday 30th November 7:30 pm. This Mass is held 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. We invite those who mourn, in the hope that this Mass will bring the peace and comfort of Christ. There will be a photo display in the church of those who have died in the last 12 months. 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. Contact Jenny on 0413 826 468 if you need to know more information.

SENIORS GROUP MASS & LUNCH



The next St. John's Seniors monthly 11am Mass (including anointing of the sick) & Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 2 December.** For catering purposes please call the Parish office 9401 6366 to confirm your attendance by Monday 30 November. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC COLUMBAN CALENDARS ***($11)***

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

Bendigo Community Bank Diamond Creek Major Supporter of the St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete
Free Home Loan Health Checks

In these uncertain financial times, home loans are a huge challenge to families. James Fernandes, parishioner and Business Development Manager at Bendigo Community Bank Diamond Creek, is offering free home loan health checks. James will be in the Narthex after each of the weekend Masses, and at the Bendigo Community Bank Stall on Fete Day to commence a conversation. With the current cost of living, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

Update from the Fete Christmas Handcrafted Gift Stall.

A very sincere thank you to everyone who has been busy producing beautiful handcrafted items for our stall.
Time to start thinking about your Christmas gift giving list. We will have an wonderful array of quality handcrafted gifts and cards made by our very generous parish community and will be ideal for any age group. And don't forget Teachers' end-of-year gifts and gift card and money card holders. Please don't hesitate to contact me before Fete Day if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing you all on Fete Day! With sincere thanks, Monika

What kind of Victoria can we hope for?

The full statement can be found at https://css.org.au/dignity-hope-and-drawing-closer-to-the-margins-cssv-priorities-for-the-61st-parliament-of-victoria/ Media release of October 22nd here. Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) launched its 2026 Victoria Election Statement, *Dignity, hope and drawing closer to the margins*, inviting political leaders, candidates, people of goodwill, and those who will form the 61st Parliament to work in a spirit of constructive partnership for those disadvantaged and doing it toughest in our state. The statement has been formally endorsed by more than thirty Catholic organisations across social services, education and health, reflecting a shared commitment to policies that address the failures of our current systems, uphold human dignity and support those experiencing disadvantage for a real chance to flourish.

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

Women at the Well:
Finding Hope & Connection this Advent

All women of the parish are warmly invited to join us at **Our Lady** for a two-part Advent reflection series, launching our new monthly Women at the Well gathering.

- **Session 1 (First Week of Advent):** Quenching the Thirst of Hope — Reflecting on the Samaritan Woman at the Well
  When: **Wednesday, 2nd December** | 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Session 2 (Fourth Week of Advent):** Mary's Magnificat & Rejoicing in Hope
  When: **Wednesday, 23rd Dec|** 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Come as you are for prayer, scripture, and warm conversation. We will continue meeting monthly starting in the New Year!
To Register/Inquire: Contact the Parish Office, call/text Frances on 0404 054 425, or simply turn up on the night!

The 2026 St John's Mitcham Parish Community Fete Raffle

Raffle Books will be available after all Masses
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
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
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

St John's Fete Online Silent Auction

The St John's Fete Online Silent Auction will commence Sunday night as a lead into our Parish Community Fete on Saturday 21st November.
Over forty amazing items are available for auction.
Great bargains for everyone.
New auction items will be added throughout the week.
A sample of auction items will be on display in the Narthex this weekend.
All items will be on display at the Fete.
Fete Silent Auction closes
4pm Saturday 21st November.

Online Silent Auction –
https://www.32auctions.com/stjohnsfetesilentauction2

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**

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