



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles (Year C)

29 June 2025

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Fr Maurie Cooney (retired)

Parish Catechist

Trish Chaston

Pastoral Care Worker

Loredana Iacobucci

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:30-2:30

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Week Day Masses

Tuesday 6:00p.m. Mass and Novena

Thursday 9:15 a.m.

First Thursday—Healing Mass

Confessions

Thursday 9:45 a.m.

Baptism

Please contact the office.

Weddings

Please contact the office.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Jenny Rohan

admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au

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FINDING LIGHT IN DARK TIMES

"Life isn't just about darkness or light, rather it's about finding light within the darkness. All things, even the deepest sorrow or the most profound happiness are all temporary. Hope is fuel for the soul, without hope, forward motion ceases. Life is about the good and the bad."

~ Landon Parham ~

Sometimes life feels heavy, like we're walking through a time of darkness. Things don't go to plan, or we find ourselves facing worries, sadness or uncertainty. It's in these moments that we often discover the most about ourselves.

Even when we can't see a way forward, growth is still happening, quietly, gently, like seeds growing beneath the ground before they break through the surface. We don't always notice it right away, but often the hardest times help us become stronger, wiser and more compassionate.

The dark moments don't last forever. Little by little, light returns. It might come from a friend's gentle support, a peaceful moment or the simple act of getting through the day. Each small step matters. When we come out the other side, we might find that we've grown in ways we didn't expect. We may carry scars, but we also carry strength, courage and hope, and because of what we've been through, we might be able to help others find their way, too. No matter how dark it feels, remember that growth is still possible and light will return.



Dear God, guide me through the shadows.
Help me notice the small signs of hope – in kindness, in peace and in inner strength. Remind me that You are always with me, even in the hardest times. Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them.

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Monica Kirby, Mary Ticknell

Readings next Week

14th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Is 66:10-14

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

Gal Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

The Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Parish Ministries

June 28/29

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Andy & Kate Coombs

Eucharist: Volunteers Please

Music: Guitar Group **Laptop:** Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Kathy Munro John Noronha

Eucharist: Volunteers Please

Music: Zomi Choir **Laptop:** Zomi Choir

Children's Liturgy: Jennifer Tolcher

Morning Tea: Prudence Graf

July 05/06

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Val Prendergast, Prudence Graf

Eucharist: Jennifer & Martin de Korte,
Brian Dubois

Laptop:

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Kathy Munro, Maria Cruz

Eucharist: Jim Fuller, Bob Munro, Shiny Kurian

Music:

Laptop:

Morning Tea: Team 1

Linen June: Marie Woodward

Flowers: Week 1 & 2—Polish Community
Week 3 & 4— Zomi Community

Link for Readings of the Day

[https://universalis.com/
australia.melbourne/20240301/mass.htm](https://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/20240301/mass.htm)

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RINGWOOD CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER WITH US

By working in groups within your community, you will be providing support to individuals and families by visiting them. We support by giving them a "hand up" by way of providing them with material aid.

Contact: Bridget (President)

Email: ringwood.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

The funeral for Grace Kearny will be held at 11:00am on Monday 30 June

This week's Readings

My apologies as I printed the readings for the Vigil Mass for this weekend. The following readings will be read at each mass: **Acts 12:1-11, Ps 33:2-9, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18, Mt 16:13-19**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Feast Day Celebration

Next weekend we will celebrate the Parish Feast Day. Note there will also be a whole school mass to celebrate on Friday 4 at 9:15. Parishioners welcome.

Special Collection This Week – Peter's Pence

Peter's Pence is an offering that may be small but has a profound symbolic value: it expresses love and trust for the Holy Father, Peter's successor. It is a tangible gesture of closeness to the Pope's mission of bringing the Gospel and spreading charity and love all over the world.

The aims of your donation:

- to support the Holy Father's mission
- to support the Pope's charitable initiatives
- to provide aid in humanitarian emergencies

Thanks to donations to Peter's Pence, it has been possible to fund 236 projects in 76 countries.

Polish Mass 8:00am

1st Sunday of the Month—July 6
4th Sunday of the Month—June 22
Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm
Filipino Mass 5:00pm

Parish Sacramental Program

For those not attending the Parish School, email trish.chaston@cam.org.au

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

Our Lady's Table Tennis

Feel like a game of table tennis? Come along by yourself or bring a friend or two and join in the fun on Monday 10-12 in the Parish Hall. Wear appropriate footwear. We provide equipment and a cuppa. You give us \$3 and energy. New players welcome.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Donations are still trickling in with \$84751.20 raised. (Contribute by Direct Debit to our **Repair and Maintenance Account: BSB 083 347 Account 534233044** use your surname in reference line OR Envelopes are available if you would like to contribute by cash/cheque. Thank you to a generous donation of \$1000 this week.

Children's Liturgy Helpers

There are many ways to help out in our parish. One rewarding way is in Children's Liturgy. We have a dedicated team of leaders, but as the number of children attending is increasing, it would be great to have a few helpers from among the parents or parishioners. Please speak to one of the leaders; Jenny, Tess or Ingrid, or contact the parish office.

Memorial Garden & Wall

The Memorial Garden was established a number of years ago to commemorate deceased members of Our Lady's who spent time to build up the Parish and/or come to worship in our Church. The Memorial Wall carries niches to accommodate cremated remains of the deceased people who belonged to Our Lady's Parish Community.

There is also an area where a simple plaque can be placed on the wall to remember those who have died and are interred elsewhere. Call the office for further information.

Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers, no longer wear the orange vests but can be identified by a name tag. They should be a first point of contact for any concerns regarding child safety. Remember we ask that children be accompanied by a parent or older sibling when they leave the church to go to the toilet in the Narthex.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

ACYF is a three-day festival bringing together thousands of young people from all across Australia. The Festival offers young people a chance to come together in fellowship, grow in their faith, strengthen their relationship with Jesus and be inspired to live out their Catholic values in everyday life. The Festival will include opportunities for

engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, bishops, musicians and speakers.

If you are from year 9 to 25 years of age and would like to attend this wonderful event, St John's is organising a group to go and live this experience together. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact the Mitcham parish office at 9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au.

More information and links on Our Lady's website.



Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

The theme of this Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope. If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, you are invited on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time. Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. Besides the Cathedral as a Pilgrim Place, Sacred Heart Church, Croydon is the closest to us. A not too distant pilgrimage location, which offers various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration.

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RINGWOOD CONFERENCE DONATION OPTION

If you wish to donate directly, our Bank Account details are:

A/C Name: SVDP Vic-Conf Gift Account

BSB: 063003

A/C No: 10081787

Ref: Ringwood Conf 447

On behalf of the Conference thank you for your donation.

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

Pastoral care is available @ Our Lady's, if you or someone you know would like to have a chat, please don't hesitate to call me (Loredana) on 0423 313 336 or e-mail loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au.

Everyday Comfort Reflections

He never disappoints anyone

Take a moment to entrust your life to Jesus in the depths of your heart. Think about times you trust money, relationships, or power more than Him. Give those temptations over to the Lord.



Daily reflections with Pope Francis- 2013

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People as the traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to their Elders. We acknowledge that this land continues to be sacred to them.

Stewardship Corner

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."

<https://resources.archstl.org/article/359120/stewardship-bulletin-inserts>

Supporting the Parish

Through the Stewardship Program, parishioners are asked to pledge a regular amount to the upkeep of the parish. This allows the parish to pay utility bills, insurance premiums, Archdiocese levies, purchase church supplies and pay staff wages. This amount is given as the "Thanksgiving Offering" and placed in the appropriate envelope or given as a direct debit. Any loose cash contributes to the support of the Parish Priest. A percentage of the Presbytery collection is also required to be sent quarterly to the Archdiocese. Become part of the Stewardship Program, please contact the office for further information on how this can be done or click the link below to take you to the 'donate' page on the parish website and choose how you wish to support the parish.

to support our parish
click [HERE](#) or use the QR
Code
Please choose where you
wish your
support to go.



Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month
Parish Finance Council:
Safeguarding Committee: 7:30pm
Time Out : Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

St Vincent de Paul Piety Stall

CASH ONLY—Sorry.

The piety stall has available items for Sacraments: stoles, cards, gifts. Opened: After 5:00pm Mass Saturday and 9:30 am Mass Sunday. For welfare enquiries please call Vinnies on 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10am–3pm

Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00a.m.

Weekend Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:15am, 5pm

Venue hire— St Johns

Call Manuela at St John's Parish Office for more information.

<https://stjohnsmitcham.com.au/venue-hire>

Journey through loss—July 9

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. Gold coin donation welcome.

ST JOHN'S DINNER DANCE '25

Dance the night away with... *Summer Breeze*

Guest Performance *Genevieve Bryant*

Saturday 5 July 2025 from 7pm to 12 midnight

St John's Parish Hall, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham

Donation: **\$50 per person**

Sumptuous buffet dinner by Sanni 18—BYO drinks

Proceeds to assist St John's Parish

Contact: Max—0478 323 037 Anton—0408 950 334

Parish Office—9401 6366

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