



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Twenty– fifth Sunday in Ordinary (Year C)

21 September 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 JOY THROUGH THANKFULNESS

"The more you practice the art of thankfulness, the more you have to be thankful for."

~ Norman Vincent Peale ~

Being thankful means pausing to notice the good things around you.

Even small moments, like spending time with family, listening to a song you love, taking a walk along the beach, pottering in the garden or watching a beautiful sunrise or sunset, can bring gratitude and joy.

It's easy to forget these moments when life gets busy, but making a habit of stopping and saying "thank you" for the good things can change how we feel inside. Thankfulness helps us focus on what we already have, reminding us that even ordinary days can hold small wonders.

Try thinking of three things you are thankful for each morning or night. You could write them down or share them with someone. Over time, these small moments of gratitude can help you feel happier and stronger each day.

~ A THANKFUL HEART IS A HAPPY HEART ~



Dear God, thank You for Your constant presence in my life.
In every joy and in every struggle Your love is always with me.
Help me to always see the good in my life and be thankful.
Amen.

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 Peter O'Shannessy
Ion Emanuel Adalia, Jacob Wheeler

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Candido Anciano, David Smith, Lilian Cosgriff

Readings next Week

26th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Ps 145:6-101

Tim 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

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

20/21 September

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Maria Cruz, Frances Cassidy

Eucharist: Kate & Andy Coombs

Music: Alys Cavanagh

Laptop: Maureen PLatt

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Angela Lacey, Kerry Peterson

Eucharist: Paula & Jim Corcoran, Sean Peterson

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Bob Munro

Morning Tea: Glynis Misquitta & Christine O'Leary

27/28 September

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Matt Giuliano, Jennifer Tolcher

Eucharist: Cheryl Tay, Margaret Roper,
Maureen Glennie

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Joshua Berketa

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Jim Fuller, John Noronha

Eucharist: Tess Repalust, Evelyn Randrup,
Kath McCrae

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Danae Villani

Morning Tea: Joyce Dean & Sarah

Linen: September—Sofia Sobelska

Flowers

Week 1 & 2—Elizabeth & Regina (Polish Community)

Week 3 & 4 — Margaret & Friend (Zomi Community)

Week 5—Glynis & Pol (Filipino Community)

Link for Readings of the Day

<https://universalis.com/>

australia.melbourne/20240301/mass.htm

1st Sunday of the Month—October 5

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—September 28

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.

TIME OUT—DON'T BE LONELY

Come and join our Time-out Group: a few laughs and good company. We meet on the **3rd Wednesdays** of the month for luncheon/meeting at 12 noon in the Narthex. Bring a plate to share and a gold coin donation.

Also join us on:

The **1st Wednesdays**: a dine out lunch at one of the eateries in the area. Phone Allan Jones or Maree to book on 98704831 or 046783051.

The **4th Wednesdays**: "Morning Melodies" at the Dorset Gardens Hotel, Croydon. Meet at 10:00am in the Foyer. \$15 includes morning tea and the show. Contact Lyn Crane on 0438021143

There are two Book Clubs in the area held on the **1st Fridays**: call Merle Smith on 98703517 for details.



Our Lady's Community Fete is coming soon!

Saturday 25th October (please save the date)

Dean and Ingrid will provide regular updates on how to help.

Contact: dean_ingrid@yahoo.com

- **Pre-loved clothes:** please start sorting through your wardrobes! Donations can be dropped off at the school office or the church.
- **Pre-loved Books:** we are accepting donations (see notice below)
- We would love to hear from anyone who can **volunteer to help** at the fete: set up, pack up or on the day.
- If you're good with **plants**, please grow us some!
- **Sponsors & Silent Auction Donations.** If you know any businesses who'd be interested, please contact olringwoodfete@gmail.com
Dean (0490 384314) and Ingrid (0401 864388)

Fete Book Stall

Once again, it's time for our Parish Fete and its popular Book Stall. And once again, we need your donations. So it is time for the big Spring Clean. Our most popular sellers are Children's Books and Adult Fiction. But our patrons enjoy books on Gardening, Cooking, Arts & Craft, Travel and Hobbies. We also sell CDs, DVDs and Records. Please drop off your donations at Our Lady's School or the Parish Office. Thank you.



Fete Cake Stall

Time to start thinking about what you can contribute to the Fete Cake Stall. Kits are now available in the narthex with suggestions for delicious goodies to bake. Grab one this weekend! Extra bags, labels and ribbons will be available at the school office if required (after school holidays).



Morning Tea

You're invited to after 9:30 Mass for a cuppa and chat with fellow parishioners; a good way to grow our community.

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 \$91174 raised.

Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers 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.

Social Services Sunday: Anchors of Hope

Sunday 21 September 2025 marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each



year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society.

Reflection question: How might we better support each other to support those doing it tough in our communities and society?

Online Information Session on The Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 23 September 2025 7-8pm via [ZOOM](#)

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

Catholic Theological College

- * **Knox Public Lecture by Prof. Myriam Wijlens** Wednesday 15 October at 7.30pm For more information: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/



- * **October 2025 Engaging Your Faith online presentations** from \$25 per session. For more information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

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

Let us make best use of the fleeting moments. They will not return.

Marianne Cope

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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.



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

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

<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.

To 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. 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.

Any loose cash contributes to the support of the Parish Priest.

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

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Safeguarding Committee: 7:30pm

Time Out: Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

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



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

Phone: 03 9401 6366 or 0402 330 128

Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

Website: www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

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—October 8

Please join us: Every second Wednesday of the month at 10:30am St John's Parish Office. Gold coin donation welcome.



Faith Formation Night with Fr Maurie Cooney

During the month of October 3 sessions on formation and faith will be held by Fr Maurie Cooney

in the **Narthex**

Gideon (Old Testament Book of Judges) was a believer... and wanted GOD to be clearer about 'being present and active' in life. This is about having a sacramental perspective on life: which is a basic characteristic of our Catholic tradition. Let's explore that in the next in our series of 'Formation in faith. **Monday 6th, 13th and 20th October** from **7pm till 8.30pm** plus 'wind down' and social. All are welcome!

House of Books

Finished your 'to be read pile'? Looking for a good book to read? Visit the House of Books, located at 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, next to St. John's Church.

All books, CD's and DVD's have been donated and there are books for every taste, including fiction and non-fiction and an extensive children's section. Prices generally range from \$1-\$5. The Bookshop is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays.

RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's A Journey in Faith

Find out about this journey of faith and discovery. See what the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program can offer you.

Do you ever ponder:

Who is Jesus?

Why a Church?

What do you seek?

The Parish RCIA program will commence mid October. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the program please contact the Office on 9401 6366 email: mitcham@cam.org.au.