



## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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### Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

24/25 December 2023—Year B

#### Parish Information

##### Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (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. **Lady of**

##### Perpetual Help School

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Dear Parishioners,

My heart is filled with gratitude as I look back at the year 2023. Grateful for the many blessings that God has showered upon our parish during this time. Many people comment on how vibrant our community is. This is a gift and we all contribute to sustain this through the many ways that we minister in our parish community. We are a welcoming community and this is evident in seeing the many new and younger families walking through our doors seeking God in the community. I believe that our churches are becoming very 'child friendly' in the way we have reorganised our church foyers (narthex) to make it a place of welcome and creating a space for children to play and learn about Jesus. A big thanks to our beautiful children's liturgy coordinators.

I would like to thank all our ministries and other volunteers in our parish who have worked tirelessly to bring Christ to all through their service. Your contribution makes our church a place where the mercy and compassion of Christ is present. Thank you!

Our parish FETE was a happy highlight where everyone came together to celebrate what we are as a community. A huge 'thank you' to all who made it possible, particularly the FETE committee and the stall holders and all the volunteers for their hard work and commitment.

Our parish staff are a wonderful team who make it their vocation to serve the community with generous hearts. I cannot thank them enough for their support throughout the year. It makes me very happy to see them joyful at work and always ready to reach out to parishioners. They have gone way beyond their call to attend to the needs of our people. Thank you!!!

Personally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your love and care, particularly on display for my 50th birthday. I am still reading some of your wishes and it makes me cry every time as I realise how much I am loved. I am humbled and overwhelmed by your pure love. I am forever grateful and indebted!

I do pray and hope that our God will continue to guide us in the new year 2024 as we endeavour to bring the joy, healing and comfort of the Lord to many. "Be happy at all times and pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body...God has called you and God will not fail you" (Thess 5:16-24. our second reading from last Sunday)

Merry Christmas and a happy new year 2024! God bless you and your families in this season of special grace.

You are in my prayers as I know I am in yours.

Dispin John





**24/25 December 2023**

### **Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas**

"The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us." Max Lucado.

### **'I bring you news of great Joy.'**

We share the joy of the angels and the shepherds as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. He is one with us, in times of darkness and hardship, in joy and celebration.

#### **Parish Ministries**

##### **Lectors**

Christmas Eve 5:00pm Children

Christmas Eve 8:00pm Val Prendergast

Christmas Day 9:30am Frances Cassidy  
Christian Gunawan

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

Christmas Eve 5:00pm Tess Repalust  
Josh/Ron

Christmas Eve 8:00pm Jim Corcoran  
Paula Corcoran  
Shiny Kurian

Christmas Day 9:30am Breeda Cleary  
Peter Cleary  
Amelia Mitchell

#### **Music Ministry**

Christmas Eve 5:00pm Guitar Group  
Laptop: Guitar Group

Christmas Eve 8:00pm Our Lady's Singers  
Laptop: Bob Munro

Christmas Day 9:30am The Scott Family  
Laptop: Dean Scott

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**9.30am - Our Lady's Ringwood**

**8.30am, 9.45am, 11.00am and midnight Mass**

**(11.00pm) - St John's Mitcham**

## **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**9.00am - Our Lady's Ringwood**

**10am - St John's Mitcham**

Please note there will be no weekday masses between Christmas – New Year or the first week of January other than listed for January 1st.

The Parish office is closed until Monday 15 January 2023

#### **PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ OUR LADY'S**

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

"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.

#### **A prayer for a fresh start:**

Lord, thank you for another year of life and all that you provided for us last year. We lay before you all the disappointments and unfinished work, and we ask for your mercy, peace, and joy as we look to the year ahead. May we delight in the gift of your presence as we discern the journey you have for us in this new year.

### **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

## **30/31 December 2023**

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

#### **Readings**

Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Ps 104:1-6, 8-9

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Lk 2:22-40

#### **Stewardship Corner**

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." -  
Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

#### **Parish Ministries**

##### **Lectors**

Saturday 5:00 pm John Noronha

Sunday 9:30 am Kathy Munro  
Andy Coombs

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

Saturday 5:00 pm Maureen Glennie  
Frances Cassidy  
Carmel Risson

Sunday 9:30 am Margaret Roper  
Amelia Mitchell

#### **Music Ministry**

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Maureen Platt

Sunday 9:30 am Zomi Choir  
Laptop: Zomi Choir

## **1st Sunday of the Month—January 7**

Polish Mass 8:00am

## **6/7 January 2024**

### **Epiphany of the Lord**

#### **Readings**

Is 60:1-6

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

#### **Stewardship Corner**

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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##### **Lectors**

Saturday 5:00 pm Val Prendergast

Wayne Lobo

Sunday 9:30 am Frances Cassidy

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#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

Saturday 5:00 pm Jennifer de Korte

Martin de Korte

Frances Cassidy

Sunday 9:30 am Jim Fuller

Bob Munro

Shiny Kurian

#### **Music Ministry**

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30 am Rohan Smith

Laptop: Jos Vandersman

**Table Tennis resumes Monday  
January 8**

13/14 January 2024

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings**

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19

Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

**Stewardship Corner**

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

**Lectors**

Saturday 5:00 pm Christian Gunawan

Carla Jensen

Sunday 9:30 am Andy Coombs

Wayne Lobo

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

Saturday 5:00 pm Carmel Risson

Sunday 9:30 am Peter Cleary  
Breeda Cleary  
Shiny Kurian

**Music Ministry**

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30 am Our Lady's Singers  
Laptop: Bob Munro

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

**Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham**

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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

**4th Sunday of the Month—January 28**

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm

Filipino Mass: 4:00pm

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ OUR LADY'S**

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**A prayer for our habits:**

Lord, we confess that we spend much of our day thoughtlessly consuming the things around us. Our habits often lack intention and cause us to live distracted, self-focused lives. Would you bring to our attention the unhealthy ways we spend our time, energy, thoughts, talents, and money? Show us old habits to turn away from and new habits to practice. Shape us by your Spirit into more merciful people who love you and neighbour with greater intention.

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**Readings**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 8:23-9:3

Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Mt 4: 12-23

**Parish Meetings**

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month