



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary (Year C)

24 August 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

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THE POWER OF RESILIENCE - THE STRENGTH WITHIN

"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell and got back up again."

~ Nelson Mandela ~

Life's challenges can teach us valuable lessons and help us grow in ways we never expected. Even in difficult times, there are chances to discover new strengths and possibilities. Each setback is an opportunity to learn, reflect and use that experience to grow stronger.

History is full of people who found hope and strength in hardship:

Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison, yet he used that time to reflect, learn and prepare for a future of unity in South Africa. Instead of letting anger guide him, he chose forgiveness and reconciliation.

Albert Einstein didn't speak fluently until he was about four years old and struggled in school, but his curiosity and persistence made him one of history's greatest minds.

Malala Yousafzai after surviving an attack for speaking out about girls' education, she continue her advocacy, becoming the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate.

Nick Vujicic born in Melbourne without arms or legs, has become a global motivational speaker, showing extraordinary resilience and inspiring millions worldwide.

Richard Scolyer an Australian pathologist and 2024 Australian of the Year, was diagnosed with an aggressive brain cancer. Despite this, he has continued his groundbreaking work in melanoma research, applying his own discoveries to his treatment and inspiring many with his courage and determination.

Turia Pitt – An Australian ultramarathon runner who suffered burns to 65% of her body in a grassfire, defied the odds to survive and rebuild her life. She has become a motivational speaker, author and humanitarian, inspiring millions with her courage and determination.

Remember, resilience gives us the courage to keep going, no matter how hard the path.

Dear Lord, give me the strength to keep going when life is hard.
Help me learn from my challenges and grow stronger with each day.
Amen.

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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:
Celso Batallones

Readings next Week

22nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Sirach: 3:17-20, 28-29

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

August 23/24

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Matt Giuliano, Jennifer Tolcher

Eucharist: Cheryl Tay, Margaret Roper,
Maureen Glennie

Music: Christian Gunawan **Laptop:** Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Jim Fuller, John Noronha

Eucharist: Tess Repalust, Evelyn Randrup,
Kath McCrae

Music: Our Lady's Singers **Laptop:** Danae Villani

Children's Liturgy: Tess Repalust

Morning Tea: Team 3

August 30/31

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Andy & Kate Coombs

Eucharist: Frances Cassidy & 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:

Linen, August: Shiny Kurian

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

1st Sunday of the Month—September 7

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—August 24

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.



At Our School - Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Saturday, our school and parish community gathered in joy and prayer as twenty-one of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Surrounded by their families, sponsors, and friends, they were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened to live out their faith with courage and love.

We give thanks for the guidance of their teachers, catechists, and families who have walked with them on this journey of faith. A special thank you to Bishop Les Tomlinson and Fr Dispin for their continued support and making the Mass so reverent and joyful. Please continue to keep our newly confirmed in your prayers, that they may always be open to the Spirit's promptings and share Christ's light in the world.



2025 Parish Sacrament of First Reconciliation Formation Program



The 2025 Parish Formation First Reconciliation Program begins on Thursday 28th August 6:30 – 8:00pm at Our Lady's Church Ringwood. This program is intended for families wishing to prepare their child for First Reconciliation, especially those whose children are not enrolled in a Catholic school. Students must be in year 3 or higher to engage with this program. To enrol, or find out more about the program please contact Trish via this email address: trish.chaston@cam.org.au

Cake Stall Fundraising—7 September

We're excited to announce a Cake Stall before and after Mass on the 7th September to help raise funds for our young parishioners attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)!

Come along and treat yourself to a delicious selection of homemade cakes, slices, cookies, and other sweet goodies – all lovingly baked by members of our parish, including our Polish Community.

Your support will help our youth grow in faith, community, and leadership as they prepare to join thousands of other young Catholics from across the country at ACYF.

Donations of baked goods are warmly welcome! Please remember to label your baking with your name and all the ingredients that you have used.

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.

Archbishop's Campaign—collection this weekend and next.

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops_campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.



Proposed Changes to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017

Through the Department of Health, the Victorian Government has sought feedback on a list of proposed changes to the VAD Act. These proposed changes followed the Five-Year Review of the Operation of Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017 (the Review). However, these changes were not recommended by the Review and were outside its terms of reference.

Furthermore, the Department's consultation process provides insufficient detail of the proposed changes and inadequate time for the proper consideration required by such weighty matters. There are 12 proposed changes to the VAD Act 2017 but the following 6 are the most important. **An information sheet is available in the narthex. Petition available to sign.**

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Lilydale and Healesville Parishes will be hosting in September the First Class Relic of 'soon to be canonised' Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles that he documented. Flyer on noticeboard.

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 \$89102 raised. Thank you for your continued generosity including a recent donation of \$1000.

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.

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.

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

Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much.

St. Catherine of Siena

ST VINCENT de PAUL

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

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

<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

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

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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—September 10

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.

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.

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Safeguarding Committee: 7:30pm

Time Out : Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

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

Come and See.

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?

And Much More.....

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.