



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)

December 24

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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Jenny Rohan

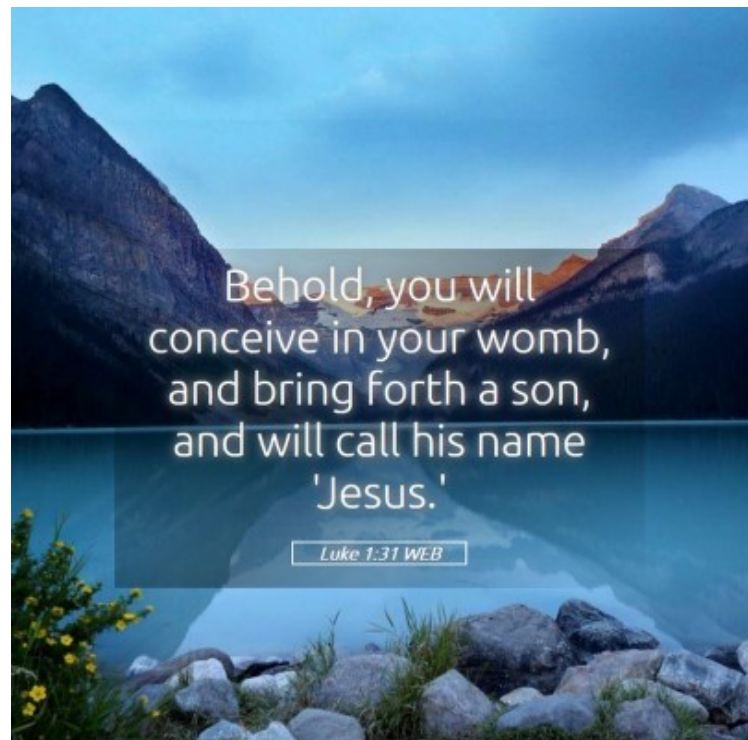
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A Dwelling Place for God

King David wanted to build a fine temple in which God would dwell among the people. But God did not choose a building made of stones and mortar for a dwelling place but the womb of the virgin Mary. God continues to dwell among us in Mary's son, Jesus Christ, whose body is the Church. Let us pray for a deepening of faith this Christmas that we, like Mary, may continue to give Christ to the world.



Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them: Peter Harris, Diane Wood

For those who have died recently

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Readings next Week

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9

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

Lk 2:22-40

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

Parish Ministries December 23/24**Lectors**

Saturday 5:00 pm Jennifer Tolcher
Matt Giuliano
Sunday 9:30 am Jim Fuller
Kate Coombs

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Margaret Roper

Sunday 9:30 am Jim Corcoran
Paula Corcoran
Tess Repalust

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00pm Guitar Group
Laptop: Royal Castellino
Sunday 9:30 am Our Lady's Singers
Laptop: Bob Munro

Flowers

Week 1 & 3—Polish Community
Week 2 & 4— Zomi Community
Week 5—Lyn & Merle

Linen: Pat Smith

Christmas Mass Times

**24 December—Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Our Lady's Ringwood St John's Mitcham

9:30 am

9:00 am

Christmas Masses**Christmas Eve 24 Dec**

Our Lady's Ringwood St John's Mitcham

5:00 pm

4:15 pm

8:00 pm

6:00 pm

8:30 pm

11:00pm

Christmas Day 25 December

Our Lady's Ringwood St John's Mitcham

9:30 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

Sunday 31st December

Our Lady's Ringwood St John's Mitcham

9:30am

8:30 am, 9:45 am

11:00am and Midnight Mass

Monday 1st January

Our Lady's Ringwood St John's Mitcham

9:00 am

10:00 am

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 on 0423 313 336 or e-mail loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au.

Parish Sacramental Program

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

Polish Mass 8:00am

Christmas Day

1st Sunday of the Month—January 7

December Community Masses—note change

Zomi Community Mass—No Mass

Filipino Mass: 4:00pm Dec 17

Extraordinary Ministers

If you are currently involved in the Mass as an extraordinary Minister and would like to continue would you please speak to Margaret Roper or call her on 98706796.

Christmas Eve 5:00pm Mass

All children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds, angels and wise men to the Christmas Eve 5pm mass. Children are welcome to take part in the mass and Gospel Nativity. Please see Jennifer Tolcher prior to the mass starting in the narthex. There will be some costumes available too.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Thank you for the continued generosity, **\$63404.55** in funds 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.

Morning Tea

Why not stay awhile and find someone you haven't met yet? A good way to grow our community after 9:30 mass.



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to the following who donated to the appeal: Aquinas College for toys, Philip Webb for hampers, Michael Sukkar for hamper, to those who donated to the raffle, to our family and friends who donated boxes, to Ringwood High Junior School for food, to Our Lady's School, the Mini Vinnies these were the very young group, made up 10 small hampers, which were given to elderly in aged villages. 20 gift bags from Mini Vinnies contributed to treats for children, which toys were added to, plus non-perishable food from the parents. Amazing result with donations food wise, our storeroom is full, which will be a great start to 2024.

70 companions have received boxes at this stage, these boxes, not hampers, to fill cost \$60 to \$70, to those who donated boxes, my sincere thanks, you donate year after year. With the Christmas Tree gift tags, every item is added to a box, the response has been tremendous and enabled us to fill so many more boxes.

To my Vincentian Conference Members, thank you, without your help I could not have got through this. You are my inspiration.

The Raffle result: Patrick Hanley, Paula Corcoran, Paul Toppa, apologies to the winner of the ham, I lost your raffle ticket. \$900 was raised, although we ran the raffle it was on behalf of the Parish and to be donated to our building renovations.

On behalf of Our Conference, I wish you all a Blessed Christmas, Peace, Love and Joy, and good health and happiness in 2024.

Rosemary Campbell, SVDP Ringwood President.

Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers (in high-vis vests) 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

Kid's Corner

Toys are available for children to play with in the "crying room" or the Narthex, located in the Narthex near the front door.

Table Tennis Table Available

If you would like a table tennis table please call Frances on 0400535234 as she has one she would like to donate to a parish family.

Our Lady's Table Tennis - Resumes Monday January 8

Calling all mums!



The Momnipotent program is an 8-week course designed to help women find joy, peace and balance in their vocation as a mother. It is a program dedicated to some time and space to draw breath and reflect upon the gift of their motherhood, and some sisterly solidarity for encouragement.

Dates for 2024: Mondays nights 7.45-9.30pm in the Narthex starting Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25. Cost: \$50 (includes Momnipotent book and journal)

Each session comprises a short time of prayer, a DVD which explores an aspect of motherhood, sharing, reflective journal writing and a time for supper (90 mins.)

Spaces are strictly limited. To book/enquire please contact lanthe at 0431118080 or Annie at 0423057297.

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 New Beginnings

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams.

Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.

Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do.

Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow.

Pope John XXIII

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

Stewardship Corner

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28
After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Supporting the Parish

Through the Stewardship Program, parishioners are asked to pledge a weekly/monthly 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. The 'Presbytery Offering' along with 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](#).
Please chose where you wish your
support to go.

Parish Meetings

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

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

Venue hire— St Johns

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

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

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

St John's Parish Playgroup

Come along on the 14 December at 10:30am to the St John's Parish Playgroup.

Location: St John's Church narthex

Children aged 0-5 with their care providers for one hour of play, fun and connection.

Visit HOUSE OF BOOKS—Mitcham

The House of Books is open: Monday—Friday
10am - 4pm Saturday 10am-1pm Closed Sundays
& Public Holidays.

Sacramental Program 2024



Do you have a child who does not attend a Catholic school, that you want to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation in 2024. Classes for First Eucharist begin on Thursday 15th February 2024 and Confirmation on Thursday 7th March. To enrol or find out more please email Trish at Trish.Chaston@cam.org.au