



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

February 4 2024

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.

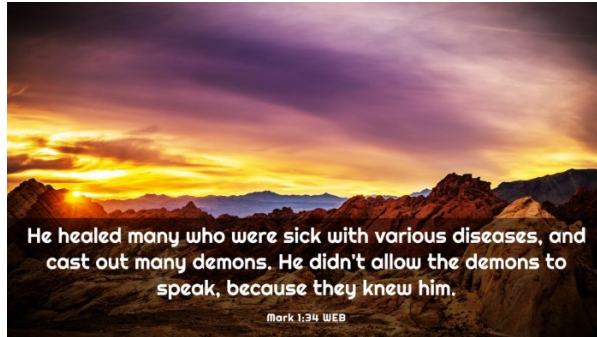
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Jenny Rohan

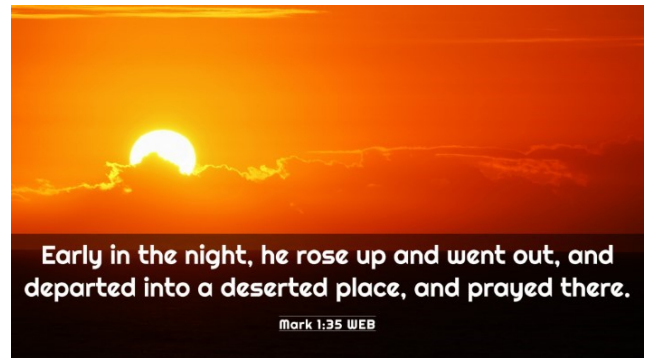
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We sometimes come to Mass poor, sick, troubled and much like the people who crowd around the door of Jesus in today's Gospel. In this Mass let us express our needs to Jesus. Let us ask him to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law. Then, with our spirits uplifted, we will go out from Mass with a renewed desire to share God's love with others.



We know from last week's Gospel that Jesus gathered and prayed with the community in the synagogue. Today we learn that Jesus also took the time to pray alone. Following the example of Jesus, we also pray together with our community, and we take the time to pray alone. Gather as a family and talk about the ways in which your family prays together (at Mass, grace before meals, bedtime prayers). Invite each member of the family to talk about his or her private prayer: When do you pray? Where do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray for?
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

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: Kathleen Murphy

Readings next Week

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

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 February 3/4

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Prudence Graf
John Naroona
Sunday 9:30 am Frances Cassidy
Ilanthe Lim

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Margaret Roper
Martin de Korte
Jennifer de Korte
Sunday 9:30 am Jim Fuller
Bob Munro
Shiny Kurian

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00pm Laptop: Matt Giuliano
Sunday 9:30 am Rohan Smith
Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Flowers

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

Linen:

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend. Leader 4 February: Ingrid Scott

Parish Sacramental Program

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

1st Sunday of the Month—February 4

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—25 February

Zomi Community Mass—2:00pm
Filipino Mass: 4:00pm

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.

February 4—Team 1
February 11—Team 2



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

Liturgy Meeting Tue 6th Feb @ 6:30pm in the meeting room—Lent preparation.

Ash Wednesday –14 February

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

9:00am Our Lady's, Ringwood
10:00am St John's, Mitcham
12:00pm St James Vermont
6:00pm St John's, Mitcham

Children's Liturgy at 9:30 Mass resumes this weekend. All school age children are invited to attend.

PIETÀ Lenten Program 2024

Copies of the Wollongong Lenten Program are now available at the piety stall at a cost of \$7.00. A digital copy is available at

<https://www.dow.org.au/product/pieta-lenten-program-2024-book-pdf-digital-download/>

Bedford Road Closure

A reminder that the level crossing at Bedford Rd is closed from until April. For more information - <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/level-crossing-removal-project/projects/bedford-road-ringwood>

Morning Tea

Stay for a cuppa and chat after 9:30 Mass. This year a cuppa will be available on a Sunday morning each week.

2024—The Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared 2024 as the Year of Prayer, reminding us of the importance of this timeless spiritual practice. Majellan Media has launched a new podcast series on prayer titled [Prayer is Life](#) which coincides with the start of a Year of Prayer announced by Pope Francis. It is aimed at giving listeners a better understanding about prayer and what prayer can do for them.

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 always welcome.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Thank you for the continued generosity, **\$66051.45** 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.

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. Children should be supervised by an adult.

Need To Dispose of A Vehicle?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

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 the lonely

Lord, you are the father of the fatherless, and you place the lonely in families.

This year, help us join you in that work.

Give us eyes to see those around us who may feel alone.

Help us to notice the orphans, single parents, the elderly, the incarcerated, the homeless, and the refugees in our midst.

Expand our capacity to be hospitable to those who desire belonging and family.

Janssen Spirituality Centre (JSC),

22 Woodvale Road, Boronia: resumption of programs for 2024. Our weekly Lectio Divina recommences on Monday 5 February, from 10:00am to 11:00am, Centering Prayer starts again on Tuesday 6 February from 11:30am to 12:30pm, while the Scripture Group, studying the Letters of St Paul will recommence on Thursday 8 February from 10:00am to 11:30am - the group meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month. We invite anyone who might be interested in joining any one or more of our groups at JSC this year - Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer and Scripture Study group - to come along to these meetings - new members are most welcome. For information regarding the groups, please contact Peter and Carmel Cowan for Lectio Divina and Scripture Study on 0429 979 376, and Ria Parlevliet for Centering Prayer on 0468 476 813.

Greetings from Magi Pilgrimages

Fr Richard Rosse would like to invite you for an 14-day pilgrimage departing on 21st May 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Siena, Rotondo and Rome for all-inclusive price of \$8190. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Stewardship Corner

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"
- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

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—Resumes February 14

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.

Lenten Formation - Prof. Green (ACU) 7 March at 7:00pm. More information soon.

St John's Parish Playgroup

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.

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

Eastern Food Rescue Ringwood

Eastern Food Rescue has moved from Mitcham to Ringwood and is now in the Salvation Army grounds off Wantirna Road (entry City Road). There is an abundance of food; bread, fruit and vegetables, eggs etc. Every day there are fresh deliveries from suppliers that would normally be sent to landfill. Thanks to the many volunteers who work hard to avoid this happening and ensure that the food goes to people in need. This is a non-denominational service with the Salvation Army kindly providing the grounds. There is off street parking, the food is free: a gold coin donation would be appreciated but wont be asked for. Open 7days a week from 11:30 and 5 nights (not open Saturday or Sunday evenings).