



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

December 17

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

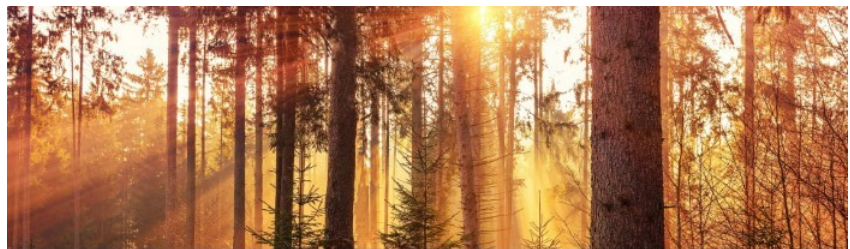
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Rejoicing in God, Our Saviour

Christmas is a feast of joy and light. We celebrate God who comes to dwell among us and save us. With the prophet Isaiah, we exult for joy in the Lord. With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our saviour. We do not deny the pain and evil that exists in the world, but we rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.



ISAIAH 61:10 KJV

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

“Dear God, guide us on this journey of life. Illuminate our path with Your wisdom, fill our hearts with love and grant us strength in challenges.

May we find purpose in each step and may Your grace lead us to joy and fulfillment. Amen.”



Please pray...

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

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Felix Perera

Readings next Week

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

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 16/17

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Frances Cassidy
Carla Jansen
Sunday 9:30 am Kerry Peterson
Angela Lacey

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Margaret Roper
Sunday 9:30 am Kath McCrae

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00pm Organ: Christian Gunawan
Laptop: Royal Castellino
Sunday 9:30 am Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Flowers

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

Linen: Pat Smith

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

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

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.



Special Collection—Thank you for your generosity \$567.65 was donated for the Melbourne Overseas Mission

Advent Penitential Celebration

Tuesday 19 December 7pm Our Lady's Ringwood

Extraordinary Ministers—Christmas Masses

If you are available as an Extraordinary Minister for a Christmas Mass please put your name and the mass of choice down on the clipboard available in the narthex.

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 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.



SVDP Christmas Appeal 2023

This weekend we will be delivering our boxes. The response has been amazing, considering the economy. You have opened your hearts, your wallets, with generosity, and without this we could not assist so many companions. (No longer called clients). We receive the joy from being able to deliver and know how much the gifts are appreciated.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn after 9.30 Mass this Sunday 17th Dec. Three prizes, no 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize as all are very similar and worth winning. So don't miss out, tickets available before and quickly after Mass.

Vinnies are now operating in Heathmont in a lovely new store. You may find some bargains to help with gifts for Christmas.

Meantime, thank you for all support, it is so appreciated.

Rosemary, Ringwood Conference SVDP

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.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Thank you for the continued generosity, \$63252.55 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.

Our Lady's Table Tennis - Resumes Monday January 8

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

Christmas concert, St Dominic's Church

Sunday 17 December 2023, 7.00pm–8.00pm

St Dominic's Church, Camberwell East, will be hosting a Christmas concert featuring composers from the 12th to the 21st century. The concert will also be broadcast live by the [Australian Digital Concert Hall](#). Tickets can be booked via [TryBooking link](#). For further information, call 0468 584 309.

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.

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.

Christmas Mass Times



Advent Penitential Celebration

Tuesday 19 December 7pm Our Lady's Ringwood

Wednesday 20 December 7:30pm St John's Mitcham

4th Sunday of Advent 24 December

Our Lady's Ringwood	St John's Mitcham
9:30 am	9:00 am

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

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.

God, thank You for this day and for the love shared by all on this Holy day.

We remain eternally grateful for the gift of Jesus into our world, and we pray that our eyes be opened to the ways in which He continues to be active in our lives, blessing us each day. Amen.

St Vincent de Paul—Piety Stall

For welfare enquiries please call Vinnies on 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10am–3pm

The piety stall has available items for Sacraments: stoles, cards, gifts.

Opened: After 5:00pm Mass Saturday and 9:30 am Mass Sunday.

CASH ONLY—Sorry.

Stewardship Corner

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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