



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)

November 26

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Parish Catechist

Trish Caston

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

admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au

2 Wilana Street, Ringwood

98707227

Readings next Week

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37

Welcome into the Kingdom Prepared for You

Neither Baptism or the profession of faith in Christ guarantees you entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

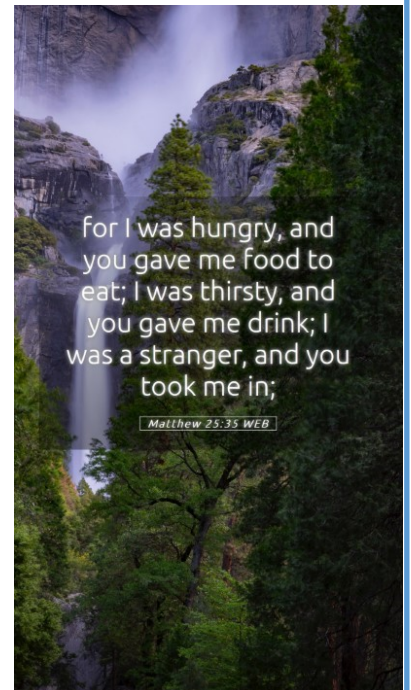
Family Connection

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

As you gather as a family, recall the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Talk about some concrete examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.) Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us. Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured. Amen.

<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: Ann Asschert Peter Harris, Diane Wood

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alfred McCrae, Desh Fernando, Catherine Fitzpatrick

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 November 25/26

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Jennifer Tolcher
Matt Giuliano
Sunday 9:30 am Lyn Crane
Jim Fuller

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 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:

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

1st Sunday of the Month—December 3

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—November 26

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.

December 3—Team 1



Ministry Training Night—Thursday 30 November 7:30 p.m.

This evening is for all volunteers; those presently involved, those who wrote their names on the lists, and any one interested in participating but haven't yet indicated their intention. This will be an evening that continues where Elio Capra left off. Dispin will give some basic training on each Ministry and Safeguarding requirements will be covered. Light refreshments will be served.

World Day of Prayer—Volunteer Needed

The 2024 World Day of Prayer is to be hosted by the Uniting Church Ringwood. Preparations are starting soon and they have asked for a volunteer or two from Our Lady's to be on the committee to prepare this day. If you think you can assist contact Janine.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Prayer Cards for Peace in the Middle East have been produced and are available. Please take one.



SVDP Christmas Appeal 2023

This weekend we are putting up our Christmas Gift Tree, please take a tag or two with request for items to help fill boxes. Donations can be returned and placed in the large SVDP Box in the Narthex.

Thank you to all who have taken boxes, and to those who have donated money to shop for you. It is a pleasure especially sourcing the specials.

We visited a single mother 2 weeks ago, she was so grateful to know that her 4 children would receive a Christmas gift bag and Box. She had told her children that she could not do Christmas this year for them. She is not the only mother having to explain this to her children.

If you have any soaps or gifts in your cupboard that you have not used we will accept them.

I am well aware of rising costs, but please, give what you can afford.

The Vinnies new store in Heathmont will open Tuesday 12 December. Fr. Dispin will bless the store that morning.

If anyone has a spare pusher pram for a 2 year old please ring me, Rosemary Campbell 0438 123 041

Christmas Raffle: Tickets available before and after every Mass.

November Masses

Names of deceased loved ones can be written in the Prayer Book which will be placed by the cross for the month of November. Names can be added throughout the month. Masses throughout November will be offered for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available if you wish to make an offering.

Advent Reflections

Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with 'The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023'—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024). Available at the Piety stall for \$5.00

Columban Calendars

The 2024 calendars are available from the piety stall for \$10. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information

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, **\$62467.05** 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

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.

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

Immaculata Mission School 2024: FISHERS OF MEN

Start the new year by going deeper in God's love through awesome speakers on the Catholic faith, daily Mass, Adoration and the Rosary, praise and worship, fellowship and more! There are two different programs, so there is something for everyone ...

Youth & adults (14 years & up): 1-6 January 2024

Married couples & families (specifically designed for married couples. Includes childrens and teens program): 7-10 January 2024

Special guest speakers: Dan & Stephanie Burke from the USA (co-founders of the Avila Institute, presenters on EWTN & Dan is an author of over 15 books on Catholic spirituality)

Where: NEGS (New England Girls' School), Armidale NSW

For costs, additional information and TO REGISTER visit: <http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>

..and just for a giggle

I read that by law you must turn on your headlights when it's raining in Sweden, but how am I supposed to know when it's raining in Sweden?

I know a bunch of good jokes about umbrellas, but they usually go over people's heads.

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.



Holy Father, we adore You, we praise You and we worship You.

As we approach the Advent Season, help us prepare for the birth our Lord and be blessed with God's love.

(John's anonymous parishioner)



Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact.

www.globalgifts.org.au

Give a gift card that represents a donation



Stewardship Corner

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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

St Vincent de Paul

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 night and after 9:30 am
Mass Sunday.

If we do not have what you are looking for, please advise, we are more than happy to order requests. Please note we will no longer be opened on the afternoon of the fourth Sunday of the month.

CASH ONLY—Sorry.

Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

Phone: 03 9401 6366 or 0402 330 128

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

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.

FINAL CHRISTIAN MEDITATION for 2023

"Come and see" John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God"... The disciples asked "Where do you live?"... "Come and see", Jesus replied. Jn 1:36-39 For our last meditation gathering this year, we will be in the boardroom immediately behind the parish office, on Monday evening, 27th Nov at 7.30pm. Light refreshments available afterwards. No experience needed. Free of charge. All welcome. All enquiries Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366 - or simply turn up on the night. Looking forward to seeing you!

Visit HOUSE OF BOOKS—Mitcham

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