



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

26 January 2025

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

admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au

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EQUAL IN WORTH - STRONGER IN UNITY

"Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up."

~ Jesse Jackson ~

As we step into the new year, it's a good time to reflect on how we treat one another. No matter our backgrounds, roles or circumstances, we all share the same humanity and the same value. The person serving meals or mending roads is just as important as the one leading meetings or creating policies. Each person carries their own hopes and challenges, even if we don't always see them. We never truly know what someone might be facing, so kindness is always the right choice. A smile, a kind word or a small act can have the power to uplift and connect us. It costs nothing but can mean so much. As the year begins, let's strive to treat others with respect, empathy and fairness, just as we'd hope to be treated. When we view everyone as equals and start by showing kindness, we can all make a meaningful difference in each other's lives.



Dear God, help us to start each day with kindness, seeing the value in every person.

May our actions reflect compassion and empathy, strengthening our bonds and uplifting those around us. Guide us to create a world where we all thrive together in

Your love and grace.

Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them, Theresa Curran, Moria Hatchett, Peter O'Shannessy

For those who have died recently: Raymond Tat Chow Choong

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank & Annie Kelly

Readings next Week

The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3: 1-4

Ps 23: 7-10

Heb 2: 14-18

Lk 2:22-40

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

January 25/26

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Matt Giuliano, Jennifer Tolcher

Eucharist: Sian Giuliano, Margaret Roper,
Maureen Glennie

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

Morning Tea: Team 4

February 1/2

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Val Prendergast, Prudence Graf

Eucharist: Jennifer & Martin de Korte,
Sian Giuliano

Laptop:

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Frances Cassidy, Ianthe Lim

Eucharist: Jim Fuller, Bob Munro, Shiny Kurian

Music:

Laptop:

Children's Liturgy: Jennifer Tolcher

Morning Tea: Team 1

Flowers

Week 1 & 2—Polish Community

Week 3 & 4— Zomi Community

Link for Readings of the Day

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

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

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

1st Sunday of the Month—February 2

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—January 26

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

Parish Sacramental Programme



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 2025? Classes for First Eucharist begin on Thursday 20th February 2025, Confirmation on Thursday 6th March and First Reconciliation on Thursday 28th August. To enrol or find out more please email Trish: Trish.Chaston@cam.org.au

World Day of Prayer 2025

This year Our Lady's is hosting the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 7 at 10:00am. Mark the day in your calendars. The focus this year is on the Cook Islands.

Lenten Program 2025

Metanoia—the Lenten Program from the Wollongong Diocese has been ordered and will be available from the Piety Stall once it arrives.

SVDP Christmas Appeal Thank You

The response for donations to help those in need for Christmas was nothing short of overwhelming, again, Our Lady's Parishioners, family, friends, donated more than we expected and this enabled us to deliver over 80 Box/Hampers to Companions.

The Christmas Gift Tree was hard to keep up with tags, every item donated helped fill boxes. Our storeroom is filled with non-Christmas goodies and this gives us a good start to the year.

The Raffle, every item was donated by our conference members and the high quality deserved a profit of \$1400, and this was donated to Fr. Dispin for the building fund.

A further \$1150 was donated from Parishioners for SVDP.

To each and every one who donated, you opened your hearts and love to the less fortunate, gave joy to many. May God Bless you all and sincere thanks from all our members of Our Lady's Conference SVDP.

Rosemary Campbell
President SVDP

Our Lady's Netball Club

Our netball club is looking for boys & girls (aged 6-10) to join the Club. We train on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm-6pm and are looking for players to join our Under 9 & Under 11 teams for 2025. For more information, please call Sara Love on 0400 988 727 or email ourladysnc@gmail.com

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 \$76788.15 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

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER



The Child Safety Officers, no longer wear the orange vests but 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.

Everyday Comfort Reflections

Let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings.



Henry Ward Beecher

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 email loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au.

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 or email Mitcham@cam.org.au.

Our Lady's
Netball Club

4.00pm
to
6.00pm

NETBALL

Open Training

Join Our Lady's Netball
Club training sessions

Wednesday afternoons

@ HE Parker, Heathmont

Need more details?

● Call Sara on 0400 988 727
Email: ourladysnc@gmail.com

BOYS (7y-11y)
GIRLS (7y-16y)

Stewardship Corner

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." - Nehemiah 8:10
Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

<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. 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](#) or use the QR
Code
Please chose where you
wish your
support to go.



Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month
Parish Finance Council:
Safeguarding Committee: 7:30pm
Time Out : Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

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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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. Gold coin donation welcome.

Christian Meditation

We meditate fortnightly. You are most welcome to join us. Lockdown can sorely test our endurance and spirits. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to know what God wants of you at present, you must try this.

To indicate your interest or for any enquiries:

Chris Ryan, 9401 6366.

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.