



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

February 18 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

admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au

2 Wilana Street, Ringwood

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LENT

“Lent is a time for renewing faith, hope and love.” – Pope Francis

In Lent's soft glow, a time to find,

A quiet space within the mind.

Let kindness bloom in deeds so small,

Embrace the journey, heed the call.

Release the weight that holds you tight,

In sacrifice, discover light.

Through prayer and love, let hope ignite,

A season's gift, a soul's respite.

In humble steps, a path unfurls,

Transforming hearts in quiet swirls.

Lent's tender touch, a chance to see,

The beauty in simplicity.

“Dear Lord, in this Lenten season, guide me on a path of reflection and transformation. Help me surrender the unnecessary, embrace humility and rediscover the joy of simplicity. May my journey draw me closer to You, renewing my spirit with grace and love.

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: Peter Harris, Diane Wood

For those who have died recently: Mary Wagner

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Madden, Margery Mary Burke

Readings next Week

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Ps 115:10, 15-19

Rom 8:31-34

Mk 9:2-10

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 17/11

Lectors

Saturday 5:00pm Frances Cassidy
Amelia Mitchell
Sunday 9:30am Kerry Peterson
Angela Lacey

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00pm Carmel Risson

Sunday 9:30am Kath McCrae
Paula Corcoran
Jim Corcoran

Music Ministry

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

Children's Liturgy

Tess Repalust

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.

Parish Sacramental Program

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

1st Sunday of the Month—March 3

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—25 February

Zomi Community Mass—2:00pm
Filipino Mass: 5:00pm

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 18—Team 3
February 25 – Team 4



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/>

Laptop Operators—More Volunteers Needed

Happy to run the PowerPoint on the laptop during Mass? Here is your chance to volunteer. Training will be provided if necessary. Call Bob Munro on 0424 212 420

Altar Servers Needed

If you are interested in being an altar server please speak to Fr Dispin or Ron Prendergast after Mass.

World Day of Prayer—Friday March 1

The service this year will be held at 10:00am at the Ringwood Uniting Church, Station Street. All welcome.

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 welcome.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Thank you for the continued generosity, \$66319.45 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.

Lent 2024 With the Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

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 our neighbours:

Lord, help us to notice our neighbours more this year. May we learn the names of those who live next door to us, the people who serve us coffee or other each week, and the families we run into at the park. Remind us to be a source of blessing, even in the most ordinary and simple ways, as we learn to abide in your love and extend it toward our neighbours.

Our Lady's is a nurturing and inclusive Catholic school. Our students are provided with a high quality education where the wellbeing of each child is paramount.



Open Day dates Tours at 9:30 am and 1pm

TERM 1

Tuesday 27th February
Wednesday 6th March
Friday 15th March

TERM 2

Monday 22nd April
Thursday 2nd May
Friday 10th May

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**First Sunday of Lent
17 & 18 February**



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Stewardship Corner

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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 choose where you wish your support to go.

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Safeguarding Committee: 7:30pm 21 February @ St Johns

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.

Lenten Formation - Prof. Green (ACU) 7 March at 7:00pm. Theme is St Mark's Gospel. See Noticeboard for more information.

Bookings : 94016366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

Online: <http://www.trybooking/CPCQD>



**JOIN US FOR
LENTEN PRAISE AND
ADORATION**

*praise and worship in song
quiet time of Eucharistic adoration*

**Monday February 19th
7.30pm**

music by Genevieve Bryant