



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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First Sunday of Lent (Year C)

9 March 2025

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Fr Maurie Cooney (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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Understanding Jubilee 2025

Jubilee years are a time of newness. They have been celebrated throughout the history of the Church, but their roots go back to the Old Testament, when the Israelites were commanded to celebrate a jubilee every 50 years. It was intended to be a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another and with all creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields. In 1300 the Church took up this tradition of a Jubilee (Holy Year) every fifty year, which in time became every 25 years. Holy Years have also been held at other times to mark special moments in the story of Christianity and special themes.

In the tradition of the Church, a jubilee is proclaimed by a Papal Bull of Indiction. This publication explores the particular themes and focus of the Jubilee. The Bull of Jubilee 2025 is titled [*Spes non confundit*](#) or 'Hope does not disappoint' (Rom 5:5). Pope Francis notes that we, as pilgrim people, need 'moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as a constant companion that guides our steps'. Jubilee years offer those moments of 'greater intensity', opportunities to reorient, refresh, and renew our relationship with the Lord and with our neighbours.

The Jubilee 2025 logo shows four stylised figures, representing all of the humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope and stability in life's storm.

The image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human being alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope—represented in green, the colour of hope.



We are but travellers here'

(St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

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

March 8/9

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Prudence Graf, Christian Gunawan

Eucharist: Carmel Risson, Frances Cassidy,
Glynis Misquitta

Laptop: Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Evelyn Randrup, Kathy Munro

Eucharist: Peter & Breeda Cleary, Shiny Kurian

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Bob Munro

Children's Liturgy: Tess Repalust

Morning Tea: Team 2

March 15/16

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Maria Cruz, Frances Cassidy

Eucharist: Margaret Roper, Kate & Andy Coombs

Music: Guitar Group

Laptop: Joshua Berketa

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Angela Lacey, Kerry Peterson

Eucharist: Paula & Jim Corcoran, Sean Peterson

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Children's Liturgy: Ingrid Scott

Morning Tea: Team 3

Linen: March—Shiny Kuran

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—March 2

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—March 23

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

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Readings next Week

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

Phil 3:17-4:1

Lk 9:28-36



Have you picked up your Thanksgiving Envelopes?

New sets of envelopes are available this week. They run from March 2nd 2025—February 22nd 2026. Please call the office if yours are missing! As the numbers of sets ordered was reduced some people have received a new number. This has been recorded in our records. It would be a good idea to throw out any older envelopes!

Lenten Program 2025—Now Available

Metanoia—the Lenten Program from the Wollongong Diocese is now available for \$9.00 from the Piety Stall.

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. Play occurs regardless of the weather.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Donations are still trickling in with \$80575.00 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, 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.

Our Lady's Parish School

Your parish primary school would love to invite you to their Open Days for Term 1 and Term 2. We would love to give families the chance to explore what the school has to offer. Come along and help us spread the word on how wonderful Our Lady of Perpetual Help Primary School is.

Enrolments are now open! We are looking forward to meeting you.

Book your tour today at

www.olringwood.catholic.edu.au

Prefer a private tour with Principal Jenny? Call us at **(03) 9870 7227**.

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	TERM 2
Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 30th April
Thursday 13th March	Friday 9th May
Wednesday 19th March	Monday 19th May

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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Everyday Comfort Reflections



And not only this, but we also celebrate in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:3-5)

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 e-mail loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au.



During Lent

4 sessions on formation and faith will be held by **Fr Maurie Coonie** in the **Coghlan centre, Mitcham Parish** from **7pm till 8.30pm** plus 'wind down' and social

Wednesday 12th March

The Basis of our Christian Faith in Jesus

Wednesday 19th March

Lent is approaching

Wednesday 26th March

The Series ahead

Come and explore how God is real and really part of who we are.

All are welcome!

Stewardship Corner

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

<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>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come and pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church every Friday during Lent at 9.15am from 7th March.

Journey through loss—March 12

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.