



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

18 October 2026

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

admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au

2 Wilana Street, Ringwood

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CHOOSING PEACE

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt ~

We live among people with different backgrounds, beliefs, opinions and experiences. We will not always agree, and perhaps we are not meant to. Peace does not require everyone to think the same way. It asks us to recognise our differences without allowing them to pull us apart.

At a time when disagreement can quickly become anger and division, there is value in finding common ground. Families, neighbourhoods and communities are stronger when people can live alongside one another with respect, even when they see things differently.

The hope for a more peaceful world belongs to every generation. We may not have control over events happening far beyond our own lives, but we can influence the kind of community we help create.

May we look beyond what divides us and remember how much we have in common. A better tomorrow begins when peace becomes something we value not only in the world, but in the way we choose to live.



Lord, help us to live peacefully with one another, especially when we do not agree. Teach us to respect our differences and recognise what we share. May there be greater understanding between people, communities and nations, and may peace have a lasting place in our world. Amen.

Sourced from www.majellan.media

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

October 17/18

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Maria Cruz, Noah Berketa

Eucharist: Margaret Ryan, Kate & Andy Coombs

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Joshua Berketa

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Angela Lacey, Kerry Peterson

Eucharist: Paula Corcoran, Sean Peterson, Rob Zaar

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Bob Munrp

Children's Liturgy: Jennifer Tolcher

Morning Tea: Glynis Misquitta & Christine O'Leary

Vacuuming: Jerome Naiht

October 24/25

No Mass—Fete Day

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Jim Fuller, Samantha David

Eucharist: Tess Repalust, Evelyn Randrup,
Jim Corcoran

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Danae Villani

Children's Liturgy: Jason & Jina Pashalidis

Morning Tea: Joyce Dean & Sarah

Vacuuming: Vinnie

Flowers

Week 1 & 2—Elizabeth & Regina (Polish Community)

Week 3—Jasmine

Week 4—Tung and Friends

Week 5—Glynis & Pol (Filipino Community)

Linen: October—Sofia Sobelska

Parish Sacramental Program

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

Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

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

Community Masses

Polish Mass 8:00am—**November 1**

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm—**October 25**

Filipino Mass 5:00pm —**October 25**

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them: Marg Roper, Lyn Bolton, Jos Vandersman



For those who have died recently:

For those whose memories are sacred to us:



No Saturday 5:00p.m. Mass next weekend because of Fete Day!

Our Lady's Community Fete is on next Saturday! Please tell all your friends!

There are many fun ways to get involved or help:

- Anyone who can, please volunteer to help at the fete: set up, pack up or on the day. We would love to hear from you. Speak to Dean, Ingrid or Midge
 - Clothes - Donations can be brought to the hall, school office or church
 - Plants - please bring donations to the stall on Friday, or the hall during the week
 - Books donations - see notice below
 - Silent Auction Donations: Goods or services that people can bid for - please contact olringwoodfete@gmail.com
 - raffle tickets: please sell tickets to neighbours, friends and family (see below)
- We are also looking for people to:
- make cakes, baked goods and other home-made treats for the cake stall. Kits are now available in the narthex.
 - bake scones for the Devonshire teas stall (speak to Ingrid or Sara)

Wristbands (for unlimited rides!) are for sale, early bird \$40 if pre-purchased from the school office or on Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1656831>

See our facebook page [Our Lady's Community Fete](#)

Any questions? More info from the school or parish office, Dean or Ingrid Scott (0401 864388) or Midge Philips (0439 218447)

Book stall

Our fete is almost here!

We will be sorting all your generous donations in the hall during the week. So, it is time to bring in your donations. If the hall is open, drop them in with us. Otherwise, please drop them in at the school office.

Thank you for your generosity.



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. **Note that there will be no table tennis on Monday 12 & 19 October as the hall is being used for fete preparations.**

Are your children in the playground after Mass?

Just a reminder to be respectful of our neighbours and ensure that the children are not banging on the fences annoying the dogs, or throwing things over the fence which could hit the small children playing their backyard.

Safeguarding Essentials Training

Volunteers are required to complete the **Safeguarding Essentials training and SCYP Code of Conduct every three years.**

The purpose of the Safeguarding Essentials training is to provide simplified and streamlined information for all Church personnel about safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk from abuse and harm. **Safeguarding is more than knowledge — it requires action.** By completing the training, Church personnel will understand their responsibilities and be better equipped to recognise, prevent and respond to child safety concerns within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

In-person training sessions

If you receive, an email advising that we have no record of your online training, or that your training has expired, you are invited to attend one of the following group sessions at **St John's Church on 21 October:**

11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Please book your attendance by contacting the Parish Office:

Phone: 9401 6366 **Email:** mitcham@cam.org.au

OR

Complete the training online

If you prefer to complete the training online, you can register for the **Safeguarding Essentials training** and sign the **Code of Conduct** here: <https://cam-parish.tribalhabits.com/accounts/register>

To register, you will need:

- An email address
- Your unique **Working with Children Check (WWCC) number** or **VIT ID number**

Registration token: enter the word **SAFEGUARDING** when prompted.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in our parish community.

Can You Help People Who Have Suffered Church-Related Abuse?

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. In recent years, generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways e.g. counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities.

You could help this important work both by simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating a motor vehicle, if possible in roadworthy or near-roadworthy condition and which for whatever reason is no longer required, or contact:

Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Damian Coyne (0400 170 374 or dkcoyne@hotmail.com)

Scripture Readings Next Weekend 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

1 Thess 1:5-10

Mt 22:34-40

Daily Readings

There is a link on the parish website to the Readings of the Day. It can be found using the dropdown menu under Services tab located in the top right hand corner.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/ringwood>

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

If you or someone you know would like to have a chat, a visit or receive communion at home please call Loredana on 0423 313 336 or e-mail

loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au .

Morning Tea

Why not stay awhile after 9:30 Mass for a cuppa and find someone you haven't met yet? A good way to grow our community.



Synod Corner

Synodality and young people



Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.

Time Out Gathering

A great opportunity for older members of the parish to get together.

We meet and share a lunch in the narthex at 12 noon on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

On the 1st Wed. we gather to Dine Out at a local venue. (contact Alan/ Maree 0467 683 051)

Morning melodies (Contact Barbara Cosgriff 0412 522 865)

More information call Lyn Bolton 0478787480 or Margaret O'Loughlin 0400 984 647

Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers identified by a name tag should be the 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.**

Stewardship Corner

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. - Matthew 22:21
Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God.
We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

<https://resources.archstl.org/article/717499/weekly-bible-reflections>

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>

ST JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP ✦

1st Sunday of Every Month 5PM–8PM

We start at **5PM Mass** then head to the Zebedee Room
For more info please contact the Parish Office at
9401 6366 or mitcham@cam.org.au

Journey through loss—2nd Wednesday of the Month

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.

House of Books

Monday—Friday 10am - 4pm Saturday 10am-1pm
Closed Sundays & Public Holidays.

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.

Supporting the Parish/Church Donate using:

Direct credit/debit
QR Code
Click [HERE](#)

Envelopes placed in collection
Tap and Go Machines



Supporting the Priest/Presbytery

Loose cash in the collection.
Direct Debit /credit card

Direct deposit: Account name: St Johns Presbytery Account
BSB 083347 ACCT NO. 459 634 437

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month
Parish Finance Council:
Safeguarding Committee: 18 November 7:30pm
Time Out: Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

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RINGWOOD CONFERENCE DONATION OPTION

If you wish to donate directly, our Bank Account details are:
A/C Name: SVDP Vic-Conf Gift Account
BSB: 063003 A/C No: 10081787 Ref: Ringwood Conf 447
behalf of the Conference thank you for your donation.

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.

RCIA – St John's and Our Lady's A Journey in Faith

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?**

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 email: mitcham@cam.org.au.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri People as the traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge that this land continues to be sacred to them.