



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

August 27

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Parish Catechist

Kaye Clancy

Pastoral Care Worker

Loredana Iacobucci

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:30-2:30

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9:30am

Week Day Masses

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass and Novena

Thursday 9:15 am

First Thursday—Healing Mass

Confessions

Thursday 9:45 am

Baptism

Please contact the office.

Weddings

Please contact the office.

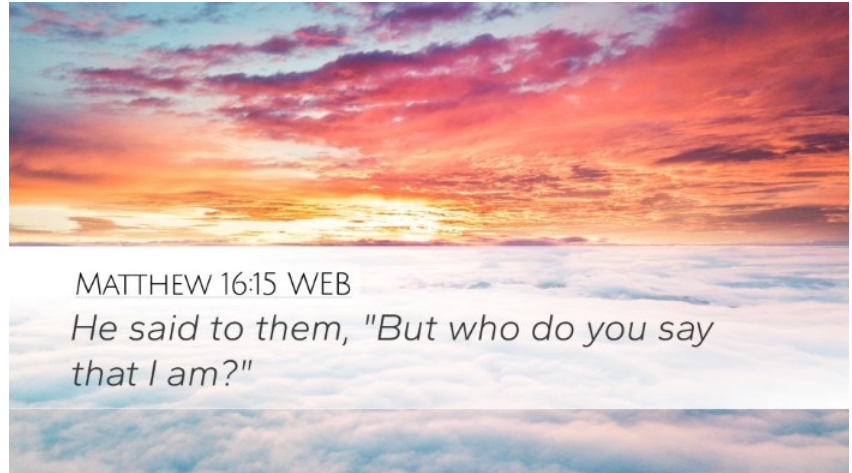
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MATTHEW 16:15 WEB

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

'Who do you say I am?'

Jesus asks his disciples this question in this week's Gospel. He asks us the same question. He is not seeking a textbook response or for us to repeat what others have said about him. He wants to hear our personal response. May we answer his question as truthfully as possible, and then listen as he speaks to us.

Family Connection

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

As you gather together as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an Act of Faith (on page 3).

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/>

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them: Peter Harris, Diane Wood, Jenine Foster, Kevin Nix, Carmel Risson

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Readings next Week

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9

Ps 62: 2-6, 8-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 21-27

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 August 26/27

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	
Sunday 9:30 am	Jim Corcoran Paula Corcoran Tess Repalust

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00pm	Laptop: Maureen Platt
Sunday 9:30 am	Our Lady's Singers Laptop: Dean Scott

Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

Dear Parishioners,
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 .
God bless Loredana

Parish Catechist- Kaye Clancy

For sacramental preparations for those not attending the Parish School, please contact Kaye via email Kaye.clancy@cam.org.au

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—September 3

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—August 27

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.

September 3—Team 3
September 17—Team 4



Office Closed

As Janine recovers from surgery, she will be working from home. Any queries email or call 0468 589 039.

100th Anniversary Video

If anyone would like to obtain a copy of the video that is running on the TV in the narthex, then please bring a USB stick with 3.4GB free. After Mass, take it to the PowerPoint operator who will copy it from the laptop to your USB.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Thank you for the continued generosity, we are over half way there, with **\$54,953** in funds raised. (There are boxes in the narthex for donations.)

Contribute by Direct Debit to our **Repair and Maintenance Account: BSB 083 347 Account 534233044** and put your surname in reference line OR Envelopes are available if you would like to contribute by cash/cheque.

Piety Stall

As the Parish/SVDP was given a donation of handmade scarves and beanies, it was decided to sell them through the piety stall with the proceeds donated to the church. Thank you to all who purchased them. \$150 dollars was raised for the parish.

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.

New to the Parish?

Please fill out a parish census card available in the Narthex and return to the office. Also you might like to consider participating in the Stewardship Program—forms available.

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

Pews for Sale

Yes there are still pews available for a donation to the renovation fund. If you would like to put in a request for one, please contact the Parish Office at ringwood@cam.org.au



Parish and School Fete Bookstall Reminder

A special thanks to the parishioner(s) who donated the large selection of fabulous cook books. Cookery books are always very popular on Fete Day. Please continue to bring in those books, DVDs, CDs and records to the school office. Remember, all proceeds go to our school and our Church.

Our Lady's Fete 2023— Calling for Support

The 2023 Our Lady's Fete is only two months away and we are still seeking a Stall Coordinator to run the Rides and Chips stalls. If you are able to assist, please contact Midge Phillips, our Stallholder Coordinator to discuss.

Do you own a business or know a of business who may be interested in sponsorship for our upcoming Fete? The Fete Committee are seeking sponsorship to assist with the running of our annual Fete. Attached is our sponsorship flyer, please feel free to offer this to any business you feel comfortable to contact. Any additional support we can secure prior to the running of our Fete greatly assists us in the attractions we can provide on the day and the funds we can return to our School and Parish after the event.

Special Collection next Week—Priests Retirement Fund

The Foundation's mission is to provide complete care to the retired clergy within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, due to either age or sickness. This includes, but is not limited to the provision of suitable accommodation and health care and medical out of pocket costs. Today, the Foundation in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Melbourne, cares for about 90 retired priests. It is anticipated that over the next five years, there will be an average of 5 priests retiring each year. It will cost \$3m annually, to support these priests in various places and in varying degrees of care, from low care to high care.

Social Justice Sunday—August 27

The last Sunday in August is Social Justice Sunday. To mark the occasion this year, Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek 'a new engagement' with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In launching this year's statement, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, [Bishop Vincent Long said one of the objectives of the statement](#) was for Catholics to realise Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises.

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For more information

email. national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or phone 89124818.

Dates to remember

Child Protection Week (Safeguarding Sunday): 5–11 September

Children's Week: 21–29 October

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.

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive

nor be deceived.

Amen.



Stewardship Corner

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"-Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

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 CDFPAY and choose how you wish to support the parish.

to support our parish click [HERE](#).

Please nominate 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

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>

Christian Meditation

We meditate fortnightly. You are most welcome to join us. No experience needed. Free of charge. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you must try this. To indicate your interest or for any enquiries: Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366. Or simply turn up on the night. Looking forward to seeing you!

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.

St Vincent de Paul

For welfare enquiries please call Vinnies on 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10am -3pm

Piety Stall 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

Eastern Emergency Relief Centre.

This centre has been of great assistance when we need to ask for furniture, washing machines, fridges, beds and mattresses, etc. It is run by volunteers, and will accept the above, so long as it is in good condition. They have more access truck wise to picking up good quality donations.

Please consider them when you want to clear your home or downsize. Contact them on this No. 9874 8433

Many refugees have their homes filled from cutlery, dishes, furniture, all that is needed. Mattresses of all sizes are accepted as long as they are stain-free. They are also helping the environment.