



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

28 December 2025 (Year A)

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

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

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My dear parishioners,

As we gather in this holy season of Christmas, our hearts are drawn once more to the quiet wonder of Bethlehem, where God chose to dwell among us as a child. In the simplicity of the manger, we see the depth of God's love—humble, gentle, and given freely for the life of the world.

Christmas reminds us that no matter the joys or burdens we carry, we are never alone. The Light of Christ shines in our darkness, offering hope, healing, and peace. May this Light strengthen our faith, renew our trust in God's promises, and inspire us to share kindness and compassion with all we meet.

Special prayers for those who lost their loved ones this year. As you face this joyful season without them, please remember to draw strength from their beautiful memories, and I pray that the Lord will fill you with new courage and hope.

I give thanks for each one of you and for the life of our parish community. Your prayers, service, and love make Christ present here every day. As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, may your homes be filled with peace, your hearts with joy, and your lives with the grace of Emmanuel—God with us.

Special, thanks, also to are parish staff who work tirelessly for the life of our parish. We are so blessed with the great wisdom and pastoral zeal of our priests Maurie Cooney and Michael Kelly; thank you.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and holy Christmas, and every grace in the coming New Year 2026. I am looking forward to another year of grace with you all.

With prayers and blessings,

Dispin John



27/28 December

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Ps 127:1-5

Col 3:12-21

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Stewardship Corner

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

Parish Ministries

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Matt Giuliano, Jennifer Tolcher

Eucharist: Cheryl Tay, Margaret Roper, Brian Du Bois

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Maureen Platt

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Bob Munro, John Noronha

Eucharist: Tess Repalust, Evelyn Randrup,

Kath McCrae

Music: Our Lady's Singers

Laptop: Danae Villani

Morning Tea: Joyce Dean & Sarah



Wednesday 31st December

Midnight Mass (11.00pm) - St John's Mitcham

Thursday 1st January

9.00am - Our Lady's Ringwood

10am - St John's Mitcham

Please note there will be no weekday masses from **26th of December till the 8th of January** other than those listed above.

The Parish office is closed until Monday 12 January 2025

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

Our Lady's Table Tennis—Resumes 12 January

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.



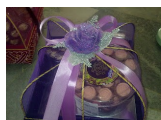
Child Safety

The Child Safety Officers, will no longer be wearing the orange vests but can be identified by a name tag which they will now be wearing. 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.

1st Sunday of the Month—January 4

Polish Mass 8:00am

Winners of the Christmas Raffle Hampers



Congratulations to:
Kathy Munro, Paul Tonna & A Browne.

St Vincent de Paul Thankyou

The SVDP committee wishes to thank every parishioner for the generous response to the Christmas appeal. There were many families who benefited from your generosity and brought some Christmas joy in these difficult times.

3/4 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings

Is 60: 1-6

Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6

Mt 2: 1-12

Stewardship Corner

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” MATTHEW 2:11 The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Val Prendergast, Prudence Graf

Eucharist: Jennifer & Martin de Korte, Brian Dubois

Music: Alys Cavanagh

Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Frances Cassidy, Maria Cruz

Eucharist: Glynis Misquitta, Bob Munro, Shiny Kurian

Music: Rohan Smith

Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Morning Tea: Danae & Rod Allison

10/11 January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Readings

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Ps 28:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

Stewardship Corner

“John tried to prevent him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?” MATTHEW 3:14 The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Carla Jansen, Christian Gunawan

Eucharist: Brian Du Bois, Frances Cassidy, Margaret Roper

Music: Christian Gunawan

Laptop: Joshua Berketa

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Evelyn Randrup, Kate/Andy Coombs

Eucharist: Peter & Breeda Cleary, Shiny Kurian

Music: Our Lady’s Singers

Laptop: Bob Munro

Morning Tea: Max Lennox & Evelyn Randrup

The Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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.



2026 Sacramental Program

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 2026. Classes for First Eucharist begin on Thursday 19th February 2026, Confirmation on Thursday 19th March and First Reconciliation on Thursday 6th August. To enrol or find out more please email Trish: Trish.Chaston@cam.org.au

Everyday Comfort Reflections

Make one person happy each day and in forty years you will have made 14,600 human beings happy for a little time, at least.

Charley Willey

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 Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month
Parish Finance Council:
Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month

Parish Sacramental Program

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

4th Sunday of the Month—January 25

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

Readings -18 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6
Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

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