



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

28/29 December 2024 (Year C)

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

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Merry Christmas!

Dear parishioners,

The joy of this great feast of the birth of our Lord beckons all of us to open our hearts to a world of new hope! In our increasingly secular world, where Advent seems forgotten and the Christmas season 'begins' in early November, Christmas decorations appear and lights shine on our summer nights, we, the people of faith are seeking out the light of joy, hope and peace. For us this time of celebrations means a time of renewal as we come to know, once again, that God is with us even through humanity's darkest moments. This is central to our belief.

There is so much darkness, despair and hopelessness in the world today. Not only born of conflict, political unrest, economic uncertainty, but for those whose livelihoods continue to be affected by violence, climate change and for those who struggle with personal demons and challenges, such as addiction and homelessness and poverty. In knowing that God is the light in the darkness, we are reminded of the call to be light in the world for others and to shine God's light into the darkness through our words, action and prayer.

In the midst of our struggles and challenges, we are reminded of God's amazing mercy and love that fill us beyond our capacity to fully comprehend. This generosity of love shown through the incarnation of Jesus Christ is the true gift of Christmas. It is my prayer that we all experience this true joy of God's love throughout this season.

As we come to the end of the year 2024, my heart is filled with so much gratitude for the many ways in which I experienced your love this year. I feel loved like a son, brother and friend and for this I am very grateful. A special thanks to our parish staff who worked with so much love and dedication for our community. We really bonded together as a good team, supporting each other in our efforts to reach out to our wonderful parishioners. I am amazed at their spirit of generosity. Thank you!

Thanks to our beautiful volunteers (we are blessed with so many!!!) who make it possible to celebrate our liturgies, social events and many other good things in our community. I believe that our community is truly 'the place to be'; thanks to the warmth generated through our welcoming and nurturing spirit. I am really pleased that we have tried to live our calling as a community of the disciples of Jesus this year and it is my hope and prayer that we continue to commit to this in the new year with renewed hope.

A special thanks to our priests; Fr Michael Kelly and Fr Len Size for their shepherding. We also welcome Fr Maurie Cooney to our team.

As we enter into the new year 2025, I pray that the Lord bless you and your families with peace and joy!

Take care and stay safe.

Prayers and blessings,

Dispin John

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Readings

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 86: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24

Lk 2: 41-52

Stewardship Corner

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Parish Ministries

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Andy Coombs
Kate Coombs

Sunday 9:30 am Kathy Munro
John Noronha

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00pm Volunteers Please

Sunday 9:30am Volunteers Please

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Maureen Platt

Sunday 9:30 am Zomi Choir
Laptop: Zomi Choir

Tuesday 31st December

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

Wednesday 1st January

9.00am - Our Lady’s Ringwood

10am - St John’s Mitcham

Please note there will be no weekday masses other than those listed above.

Weekday Masses resume the week beginning 20 January.

The Parish office is closed until Monday 13 January 2025

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them, Theresa Curran, Moria Hatchett, Peter O’Shannessy

For those who have died recently

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Our Lady’s Table Tennis—Resumes 13 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.

Renovation Fundraising Update

Donations are still trickling in with \$76422.60 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.

1st Sunday of the Month—January 5

Polish Mass 8:00am

4/5 January 2025

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

Saturday 5:00pm

Lectors: Val Prendergast, Prudence Graf

Eucharist: Jennifer & Martin de Korte,

Sian Giuliano

Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30am

Lectors: Frances Cassidy, Ianthe Lim

Eucharist: Jim Fuller, Bob Munro, Shiny Kurian

Music: Rohan Smith

Laptop: Jos Vandersman

Morning Tea: Team 1

Stewardship Corner

“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

11/12 January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Readings

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11

Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Saturday 5:00

Lectors: Carla Jansen, Christian Gunawan

Eucharist: Carmel Risson, Frances Cassidy,

Laptop: Joshua Berketa

Sunday 9:30

Lectors: Evelyn Randrup, Kathy Munro

Eucharist: Peter & Breeda Cleary, Shiny Kurian

Music: Our Lady’s Singers

Laptop: Bob Munro

Morning Tea: Team 2

Stewardship Corner

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” - Luke 3:16

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.

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.



Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties.

There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis.

This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts.

Please

Donate today: <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

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 26

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm

Filipino Mass: 5:00pm

Readings -19 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62: 1-5

Ps 95: 1-3, 7-10

1 Cor 12: 4-11

Jn 2: 1-11

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