



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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## Third Sunday of Lent

March 12 (Year A)

### Parish Information

#### Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

#### Deacon

Rev. Phil King

[Philip.King@cam.org.au](mailto:Philip.King@cam.org.au)

#### 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

#### Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Wednesday 9:15 am

Friday 9:15 am

#### Confessions

Thursday 9:45 am

#### Baptism

Please contact the office.

#### Weddings

Please contact the office.

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Jenny Rohan

[admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au)

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### The Water of Life

Jesus is the saviour of the world. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of her town about him. We, who have received the life of God in Baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come to see Jesus.

### Family Connections

Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others.

Take this opportunity to reflect upon the importance of Baptism with your family. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. After you have spent some time talking about Baptism, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/third-sunday-of-lent-cycle-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

For those who have died recently: Adam Kirwan, Eustace Clements, Martin Van-Os

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Scrofano

### Readings next

#### Week

#### 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ps 22

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

**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 March 11/12

#### Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Christian Gunawan

Sunday 9:30 am Frances Cassidy

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Carmel Risson

Sunday 9:30 am Peter Cleary  
Breeda Cleary

#### Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Laptop: Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30 am Our Lady's Singers  
Laptop: Bob Munro

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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—April 2

Polish Mass 8:00am

### 4th Sunday of the Month—March 26

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.

March 19—Team 4

April 2—Team 1



### Anointing & Healing Mass

There will be an Anointing and Healing Mass on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00am.

### Stewardship Envelopes

The next set of envelopes are available in the Narthex.

### Parish Pastoral Council Report

The PPC met this week on Wednesday 1st March. The main points discussed were:

- Carpeting of the Church, Narthex, Sacristy and Crying Room; we are going to begin fundraising for new carpet, with work beginning after Easter.
- Centenary celebration – since we had to cancel most of our centenary celebrations because of COVID-19, we are proposing to produce a Centenary Magazine, with our Parish's history and photos included.
- Renewal of Parish Ministry – after COVID-19 and the return to Mass, we want to start renewing our Parish Ministries.

### TRIUMPH Lenten Program Reflection Group

Take the opportunity to quietly reflect on the readings of Lent.

Meet in the Narthex 10a.m. on each or any Tuesday in Lent.

Check for availability of books at the piety stall

### Easter Liturgy Planning

With Easter approaching we are planning the services for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. If you would like to be a member of the planning group please see Fr Dispin or Deacon Phil.

### The Janssen Spirituality Centre

Offer Prayer and meditation programs based on interfaith sharing, Christian meditation, adult formation and contemplative spirituality. For more information visit :

<https://www.janssentre.org/about-jsc>

email [enquiries@janssentre.org](mailto:enquiries@janssentre.org) or phone 9762 6625.

### 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.

### Book and Plant Sale

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Book and Plant Sale, Saturday 18 March 9 am – 2 pm. 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details.**

**28 – 30 April 2023** in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

### 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.

### Prayer for hope

Dear Lord, I can't see a light at the end the tunnel.

Please show me the path back to hope.

Walk with me so I don't feel so alone.

Lead me. You are my God and I know You can deliver me.

I ask this in the name of your son, Jesus.

Amen.

Related Bible Verse: [Psalm 25:5](#)

*Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.*

*Fiat*  
A WEEKEND OF PRAYER  
24-26 MARCH 2023



Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has called for a weekend of prayer throughout the whole Archdiocese on Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March 2023. Fiat – A Weekend of Prayer coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation. As we continue to walk the journey of Take the Way of the Gospel, Archbishop Comensoli has asked us to begin the year in prayer together as one local Church community meditating on Mary's total 'yes' – as individuals, as parish communities and as a local Church of Melbourne.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend - "Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

## Third Sunday of Lent— Priscilla, Zimbabwe



Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

Priscilla lives with her husband and two grandchildren in the Hwange region. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla and her community learnt conservation farming to grow drought-resistant crops.

Her increased harvest allowed Priscilla to sell her crops and start poultry farming, selling eggs to grow her income stream and pay for her grandchildren's education. Caritas Hwange also helped rehabilitate the dip tank in her community so that Priscilla's cattle can be healthy and free from tick-borne diseases.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange has helped Priscilla acquire the knowledge and skills

she needs to diversify her income and support her family during the current food crisis.

"Today we have knowledge and skills that we didn't have before and are able to use to earn a living," Priscilla said.



## Stewardship Corner

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."  
John 4:13  
Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

## 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.

To 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: 14 March 7pm  
Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month  
Time Out : Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

## Holy Week and Easter Timetable



## Our Lady's

**Wednesday 29 March 7:30pm**

Lenten Penitential Celebration (St John's Mitcham)

**Holy Thursday 6 April 6:00pm** — Mass of the Last Supper

**Good Friday 7 April 3:00 pm** — Commemoration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday 8 April 5:00 pm** — Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday 9 April 9:30 am** — Easter Mass

## Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Website: [www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au](http://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

## Stations of The Cross

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



## 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.

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