



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19 —Year A

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Deacon

Rev. Phil King

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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

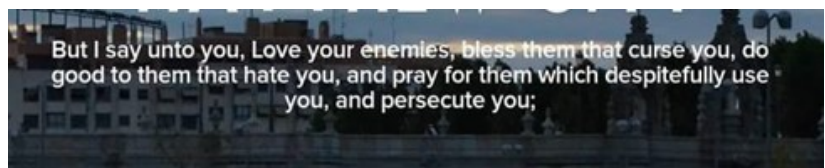
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Be Holy! The word 'holy' can conjure up the image of someone who is always praying and, perhaps, cut off from everyday earthly realities. Today's readings however, remind us that holiness is not measured by the calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God's gift. We are a holy people because God loves and dwells among us making us the temple of God.



Family Connections

Family life teaches us many things. It is often at home that we learn practical skills such as cooking, riding a bike, and making repairs. Talk about some of the things that the members of your family have learned to do at home. We also learn about caring at home. Talk about times when you have learned a lesson about sharing, forgiving, or loving through an experience that happened at home.

Remind your children that Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. Explain that what Jesus wants us to do is to love others as if they were Jesus himself. If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like.

My God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured.
Amen.

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

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Janine Honan

Readings next Week

1st Sunday of Lent

Gen 2_7-9, 3:1-7

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

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 February 18/19

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Frances Cassidy

Sunday 9:30 am Kerry Peterson
Angela Lacey

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Margaret Roper

Sunday 9:30 am Kath McCrae

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Christian Gunawan
Laptop: Royal Castellino

Sunday 9:30 am
Laptop: Jos Vandersman

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—March 5

Polish Mass 8:00am

4th Sunday of the Month—February 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.

February 19—Team 2

March 5—Team 3



Ash Wednesday February 22—Mass 9:15am

Anointing & Healing Mass—2nd March

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

2023 Sacramental Program

Applications for 2023 sacramental programs are open for those children not attending Our Lady's Parish School. Lessons for First Holy Communion begin on 21 February, Confirmation on 3rd May and first Reconciliation on 11 July. Contact Kaye Clancy via email ringwood.catechist@gmail.com

TRIUMPH Lenten Program 2023 Book

Copies of the Wollongong Lenten Program are available from 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.

Children's Liturgy

As the new school term begins we are refreshing the roster for people to lead Children's Liturgy at Sunday Mass. We are inviting people to join the team either as a leader or as an assistant. Please see Deacon Phil or Fr Dispin.

Thank you

As many of you know, Diane Wood is ill in hospital. Diane has been a great contributor to the parish over many years and in particular she has had responsibility for running the piety stall. We thank Diane for her many years of service and we welcome Maureen Glennie who has taken on the role.

Fundraising Committee

We are preparing a fundraising campaign to raise money for new carpets in the church. If you would like to be on this committee please see Fr Dispin or Deakin Phil.

Stewardship Payments

Thank you to all those contributing to the upkeep of the parish through their stewardship pledges.

Over November/December the archdiocese transferred the Parish of Our Lady's to new platforms for the parish data base and the processing of direct debit and credit card payments which had been set up by the Parish Office. This has not been without some hiccups! Apologies to those parishioners who found that they had been charged twice. You should now have received your refund for the second payment. If you are making direct debit or credit card payments set up by

the Parish and elected to split payment between the presbytery and stewardship these are now displayed as two payments rather than one. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the office in office hours. The changes do not affect payments set up by an individual.

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.

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please

visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal.

For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to:

MCF DGR Account

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email : mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

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 during doubt

Dear Heavenly Father, I feel in my heart that You might be real, but my mind fills me with doubt. Please help me find the path to You. Open my ears and my eyes for signs of You. I want to feel the love and peace that comes from knowing You.

I pray this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Related Bible Verse: **John 20:29**

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."



Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Stewardship Corner

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

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

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.

Before and after the Zomi and Filipino Masses held on 4th Sunday of the Month.

If we do not have what you are looking for, please advise, we are more than happy to order requests.

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

The Who, What, Why, When and How of many Ministries of the Liturgy

You are invited to a night of renewal and formation

MONDAY 27th February at 7pm

followed by light supper

St John's Parish Hall

Coghlan Centre

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham

(Parking in the school ground via Elizabeth Street)



Presenter: **REV DR ELIO CAPRA SDB** is a member of the Department of Systematic Theology and Department of Pastoral and General Studies at Catholic Theological College. He lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology. He is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco (sdb).

1. Jesus Christ: The central 'Minister' of the Liturgy
2. Our Full, Conscious and Active Participation at the Liturgy
3. Being a Minister at the Liturgy as a Vocation, Response, Privilege and Blessing
4. Many Ministries – One Purpose
5. The Link between our Ministries and Our Life

Here is a perfect opportunity to 'live the gospel' by participating in the liturgies and outreach ministry of St. John's in a fuller way.

Come and listen, be inspired and take action.

RSVP <https://www.trybooking.com/CFUIV>

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