



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19 (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

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

2 Wilana Street, Ringwood

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Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

Now I Can See!

In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is the Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.



Family Connections

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-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

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Barbara De Rosayro, Nora Fe Anciano

Readings next

Week

5th Sunday of Lent

Ezek 37:12-14

Ps 129

Rom 8: 8-11

Jn 11:1-45

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 18/19

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Frances Cassidy

Sunday 9:30 am Angela Lacey
Kerry Peterson

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: Maureen Platt

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—April 2 & 9

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.

Shalom Tidings

A new Catholic family magazine that provides insights on how to lead a life of faith in the midst of our daily struggles. Pick up a free copy in the narthex and subscription forms for free copies to be delivered to your home. See Tomy John for more details 0421 944 756

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 Dispín 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.janssencentre.org/about-jsc> email enquiries@janssencentre.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.

Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



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. 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 Website: 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 asking for forgiveness

Dear Heavenly Father,
I pray for Your forgiveness,
please remove the burden of sin from my heart.
I ask this in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Related Bible Verse 1: Acts 13:38

Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

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

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 8:00am Polish Mass
9:30 am —Easter Mass

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

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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