



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 1 (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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Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to you on the very important matter of the renovations to our church. I have been concerned with the possible renovations for some time and realise it is time to inform the community on the decisions made after meeting with the Parish Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council.

Our Lady's parish community is important because it allows our people to interact with each other, share experiences, develop valued relationships and work toward a common goal.

It has been many years since our church has had any major interior works carried out. As happens with our homes constant works are required to keep pace with wear and tear and the church is need of renovations and we hope with the support of all our parishioners we begin these works in 2023.

We have spoken with Archdiocesan property department, and they have given us contacts who can carry out the works to correct standards and in line with Archdiocesan policies.

The major works that we are undertaking will be replacing the carpet and painting the foyer. Also replacing all the lights in the church with LED is another major work as it requires the pews being unnailed from the floor and moved. This will be done as the carpet is laid. We are hoping that we can move the pews to one side of the church, complete that section and then move them to the other side. We also hope to move the ducted heating floor registers so that the central aisle will be wider and coffins can be easily moved through the church.

We were intending to start at the earliest opportunity as discussed at last Sunday's masses. Thank you for all the people who took the time to email, call or message your opinions on the matter. After listening I realised that starting anything before Easter would be a rushed job and would not allow us to plan properly and so works will commence on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April and probably take 6 weeks. Masses will move to the hall. I know you will work with me to ensure that all this work will be done smoothly, and they will be well worth the benefits we will receive at the end; a beautiful church ambience that all our parishioners can enjoy.

Please join me in bringing Our Lady's back to its splendid beginnings by contributing financially to our renovations program. All this work relies on your generosity.

You can contribute by Direct Debit to our Repair and Maintenance Account: BSB 083 347 Account 534233044 and please put your surname in reference line. OR

If you would like to contribute by cash/cheque, please put these in an envelope and put in the designated collection box in the foyer of the church: Renovations Fund 2023. OR

We will have two new Tap and Go machines in the foyer specifically for this that are standardised to \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 donations.

I take this opportunity to say thank you for all your love and support.

Together we can do this to make our community a happy vibrant place of God.

Take care. God bless.

Dispin John

Parish Priest

**Parish Ministries April 1/2**

**Lectors**

Saturday 5:00 pm TBC  
Sunday 9:30 am TBC

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

Saturday 5:00 pm Frances Cassidy  
Jennifer de Korte  
Sunday 9:30 am Jim Fuller  
Bob Munro

**Music Ministry**

Saturday 5:00 pm Guitar Group  
Laptop: Royal Castellino  
Sunday 9:30 am Rohan Smith  
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](mailto:loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au) .  
God bless Loredana

**Parish Catechist- Kaye Clancy**

For sacramental preparations for those not attending the Parish School, please contract 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 & 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.

April 2—Team 1  
April 16—Team 2



**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: Janina Sitkiewicz

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Campbell, Bernard Berthlesen

**The funeral of Brian Wood** will be held on Tuesday April 4 at 11:30am. Rosary at 11:00am

**The funeral of Leon McKieren** will be held on Wednesday 5 April at 11:00am.

**Thursday Morning Mass**

Please note there will no masses on Thursday morning for the first two weeks of April (6 & 13).

**Stewardship Envelopes**

Please collect your stewardship envelopes from the Narthex.

**Renovations— Help Needed**

If you have any time over the next three weeks to assist us in preparing the church for the renovations, please contact the Parish Office to register your support. You will be contacted accordingly. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support, Fr Dispin

**Pews for Sale**

As planning for the Our Lady's Ringwood continues, we are offering 20 pews for sale. They measure 3'6" and will be sold for \$300. If you would like to put in a request for one, please contact the Parish Office [ringwood@cam.org.au](mailto:ringwood@cam.org.au) and they will be sold on 'a first in, first serve' bases.

**100th Anniversary Magazine**

We are putting together a belated history of the Parish. We need a typist and sponsors and eventually a clever person to get it ready for printing. Every little bit helps. Please contact the office if you are able to assist .

**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.

**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

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

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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

### Good Friday Holy Land Appeal

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Envelopes are available this week



### Readings next Week

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20: 1-9

### PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ OUR LADY'S

For prayer requests, please call Loredana 0423 313 336 or contact the Parish Office.



### Palm Sunday

We praise You, O God,

for Your redemption of the world through Your Son.

He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph  
and was proclaimed Messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along His way.

Just as we carry these branches,  
may we follow Christ in the way of the cross that,  
dying and rising with Him, we may enter into Your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

### Project Compassion Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1 & 2 April

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.

With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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/envelopes available from your parish, or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phone 1800 024 413.

## Stewardship Corner

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbour. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbour and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

## 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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Email: [Mitcham@cam.org.au](mailto:Mitcham@cam.org.au)

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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