



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

July 23

### 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

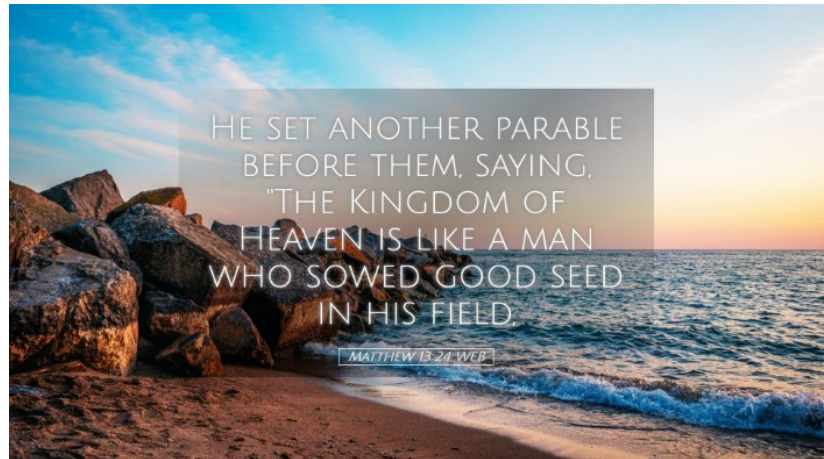
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#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Jenny Rohan  
[admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au)  
2 Wilana Street, Ringwood  
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### Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.



### Wheat Among the Weeds

The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

### Family Connections

As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-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, Jenine Foster, Kevin Nix

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

### Readings next Week

#### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-42

**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 July 22/23

#### Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Jennifer Tolcher  
Matt Giuliano  
Sunday 9:30 am Lyn Crane  
Jim Fuller

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm Margaret Roper  
Sunday 9:30 am Jim Corcoran  
Paula Corcoran  
Tess Repalust

#### Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00pm 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 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—August 6

Polish Mass 8:00am  
Zomi Community 12:00pm

### 4th Sunday of the Month—July 23

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.

August 6—Team 1  
August 20—Team 2



### Healing Mass—Change of Time

The "Healing Mass" every first Thursday of the month at 9:15.

### 100 Year Booklet

The 100 year booklet will be available @\$5 at the Piety Stall or the Parish Office. Cash only, sorry. Sale of the booklets has contributed \$530.00 towards the renovation fund.

### 100th Anniversary Video

If anyone would like to obtain a copy of the video that is running on the TV in the narthex, then please bring a USB stick with 3.4GB free. After Mass, take it to the PowerPoint operator who will copy it from the laptop to your USB.

### Renovation Fundraising Update

**Thank you to the Time Out Group for their generous donation towards the renovations**

We are about half way there, with \$48941 in funds raised. (See chart on the doors.) There are boxes in the narthex for donations.

Contribute by Direct Debit to our **Repair and Maintenance Account: BSB 083 347 Account 534233044** and put your surname in reference line OR Envelopes are available if you would like to contribute by cash/cheque.

### Cake Stall

Thank you in advance to the Polish Community who will be putting on a cake stall on Sunday 6 August.

### Trivia Night - Saturday 26 August

Come one, come all and enjoy quizzes, games and fun. 6:30pm for a 7pm start in the Parish Hall. Tickets \$10 each, children under 10 free.

### St John Bosco Relic

St John Bosco founded the Salesians who are celebrating 100 years in Australia. As part of the celebrations they have a relic of the Saint that is touring the country. The relic will be at Ringwood on Sunday August 6th . There will be a Mass in the Zomi language at 12pm.

### Tutor Required

Student or Adult needed to assist a year 11 young lady in the subjects of Maths and English. Payment will be given. Please ring Sr Carmel 0420905566

### Piety Stall

At this stage the Piety Stall does not have access to Eftpos so is only accepting cash payments.

### **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

### **Pews for Sale**

As planning for the Our Lady's Ringwood continues, we are offering 20 pews for sale (6' 3") 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 Sale of pews adds to the renovation fund.

### **Forum on the "Voice to Parliament" Referendum**

Do you feel you know enough about the upcoming **Voice to Parliament Referendum**? Would you like the chance to explore its implications and ask questions?

If you are seeking more information or understanding this is the forum for you. It will be presented by Dr Heather Wearne who is a volunteer educator with the "Yes 23" national campaign. Heather is a retired academic who worked in tertiary and secondary education and she has much experience with Indigenous issues. She will provide background information about the "**Uluru Statement From the Heart**" and the "**Voice to Parliament**". She will share her understanding and knowledge about **Constitutional recognition** and the reasons why it matters so much to many First Nations Peoples. She will speak to the role and function of the Voice to Parliament and discuss what is at stake with the **Referendum**. Heather will make sure that there will be time to answer your questions and uncertainties about the Voice.

**Date and Time:** The Forum will be held at St John's Church, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham on Sunday 6th August from 12:00 noon (after the 11:15am Mass) until

about 2:30pm. Light lunch provided. For catering purposes, can you please inform the Mitcham Parish Office if you are attending, at [mitcham@cam.org.au](mailto:mitcham@cam.org.au) / 9401 6366.

### **Are you interested in the study of Scripture?**

If you are interested, you are invited to join the Scripture Study Group at the Divine Word Missionaries Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Rd, Boronia. The Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10:00am to 11:30am.

We are beginning a new study, the Letters of St Paul, using the New Collegeville Bible Commentary Series, starting in August. No prior experience needed!

Enquiries: Peter Cowan (Group Facilitator) – 0438 662 095 or 9736 1763

Fr Sunil Nagothu SVD (Director of JSC) 9762 6625

### **World Youth Day—Lisbon Portugal August 2-6**

Just because you're not going to World Youth Day (WYD) doesn't mean you can't go on a little pilgrimage of your own right here in Melbourne. A number of sacred shrines around Melbourne provide the opportunity to spiritually refresh ourselves and pray for Melbourne's WYD pilgrims.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/shrines-to-visit-in-melbourne-for-stay-at-home-pilgrims-this-wyd>

### **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.

### **Come as you are**

Come as you are, with all your flaws, the Lord loves you for who you are.

Come as you are because we are God's children.

Come as you are because God is love and wants you to come as you are.

(St John's anonymous parishioner)

### Stewardship Corner

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."-Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

### 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

## 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

### 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.

## 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.

### CASH ONLY

### Eastern Emergency Relief Centre.

This centre has been of great assistance when we need to ask for furniture, washing machines, fridges, beds and mattresses, etc. It is run by volunteers, and will accept the above, so long as it is in good condition. They have more access truck wise to picking up good quality donations.

Please consider them when you want to clear your home or downsize. Contact them on this No. 9874 8433

Many refugees have their homes filled from cutlery, dishes, furniture, all that is needed. Mattresses of all sizes are accepted as long as they are stain-free. They are also helping the environment.