



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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## First Sunday of Lent

February 26 —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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### A Time of Preparation

The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the Season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.



### Family Connections

#### Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil

##### Matthew 4:1-11

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favourite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favourite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying the Lord's Prayer.

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

### Readings next

#### Week

#### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 12:1-4

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

2 Tim 1:8-10

Mt 17:1-9

**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 25/26

#### 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 Replust

#### Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm	Laptop: Maureen Platt
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—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.

March 5—Team 3

March 19—Team 4



### Anointing & Healing Mass—2nd March

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

### Rite of Election

Congratulations to Jake Beckwith, Hein White and Matthew Lapira who will be enrolled in the Book of the Elect at St Patrick's Cathedral today (Sunday) Jayke, Hien and Matthew are preparing for the right of Christian Initiation when they will receive Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist here at Our Lady's as part of the Easter Vigil Service.

### 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 began on 21 February, Confirmation will begin on 3rd May and first Reconciliation on 11 July. Contact Kaye Clancy via email [ringwood.catechist@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### The Janssen Spirituality Centre

Offer Prayer and meditation programs based on interfaith sharing, Christian meditation, adult formation and contemplative spirituality. The 2023 Lenten retreat begins Saturday 25 February for more information visit : <https://www.janssencentre.org/about-jsc>  
email [enquiries@janssencentre.org](mailto:enquiries@janssencentre.org) or phone 9762 6625.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:mcf@melkite.org.au) or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

### Lent 2023 With the Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>

Go to [BruceDownes.org](https://BruceDownes.org) for more info

### 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.

### Thanksgiving

Dear Creator, I believe I exist only because of You and I want to thank You for the gift of life. I've been blessed with many wonderful people and things in my life. I'm eternally grateful for everything You've provided for me.

Related Bible Verse: Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

### First Week of Lent—February 25/26 February



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.



**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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### Stewardship Corner

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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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