



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 5 (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

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Oases on the Journey

As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way—moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John. Matthew 17:1-9

Family Connections

As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty.

<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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7

Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

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 March 4/5

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

Frank O'Connor

Julie Zaar

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Saturday 5:00 pm

Jennifer de Korte

Frances Cassidy

Sunday 9:30 am

Jim Fuller

Bob Munro

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm

Laptop: Matt Giuliano

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. 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—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 5—Team 3

March 19—Team 4



Anointing & Healing Mass

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

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.

2023 Parish/School Fete

The School and Parish Fete for 2023 is a community event and so we need your support. If you are interested in joining the Fete committee, please come to the first meeting on **Monday 6th March commencing at 7.00pm** in the school staffroom. We all have talents to share and so please come along and share them for the benefit of the school. The Fete can only happen with the help of many volunteers including parents willing to be on the Fete committee. It would be a shame to have to cancel the fete due to lack of support.

2023 Sacramental Program

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

TRIUMPH Lenten Program Reflection Group

Triumph : The beautiful name of the Lenten program booklet. Take the opportunity to quietly reflect on the readings of Lent. Meet in the Narthex 10a.m. on each or any Tuesday in Lent.

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 or phone 9762 6625.

Children's Liturgy

We are inviting people to join the team either as a leader or as an assistant. Please see Deacon Phil or Fr Dispin.

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.

Book and Plant Sale

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Book and Plant Sale, Saturday 18 March 9 am – 2 pm. 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

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 for strength

Dear Lord, my heart is weighed down with anxiety. Please help me turn this over to You. Give me the strength to let go and accept the outcome, whatever it may be accordingly to Your will. I ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Related Bible Verse: **Isaiah 40:29**

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.



Second Sunday of Lent—4 & 5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children. Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Stewardship Corner

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

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
Time Out : Third Wednesday of Month 12 noon

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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Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

Website: 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.

Something to make you smile!

Believe it or not but the following actually appeared in church bulletins:

Announcement in the church bulletin for a National Prayer and Fasting conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

