



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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## Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

24 April 2022—Year C

### 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

#### Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:30-2:30

#### Normal Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9:30am

#### Week Day Masses

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

Acting Principal: Lis Thompson

[admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au)

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### Exploring the Word

#### Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The period from Easter to Pentecost is known as 'the Great Fifty Days' and is an integral part of the Lent–Easter–Pentecost cycle.
- There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the Gospel as far east as India.
- The next few weeks feature readings from John's Gospel, the last of the written canonical gospels. While the Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are read through the normal three-year cycle, John is featured in particular seasons throughout the normal cycle.

#### Making connections- Opportunities for personal prayer

- 'The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.' What have been your feelings since the events of last week?
- 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' This is addressed to you! How will you nourish that belief in the future?
- Share experiences of doubt you have had in your life: times when you doubted the love of another or doubted your own abilities. What drove doubt away?
- Look for ways in which a simple gesture of touch can convey friendship, compassion or support this week.
- Repeat Thomas' acclamation of faith this week: 'My Lord and my God.'

#### Symbols and images

It is when Thomas is given the opportunity to touch Jesus that he professes his faith. Touch goes beyond verifying physical presence. It can provide healing and comfort; it can be an act of support or compassion.

#### Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them, especially our parishioners who are currently suffering with Covid and Ron Snell

For those who have died recently especially Mary Ponting.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Kevin Taggart and Jim & Lillian Kavanagh.

#### Readings Next Week

##### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Rev 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19

**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**

**April 23/24**

**Lectors**

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

**Special Ministers**

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

**Music Ministry**

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Royal Castellino  
Sunday 9:30 am Pol and singers  
Laptop: Bob Munro

**Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass**

Each Sunday during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

**St Vincent de Paul**

For welfare enquiries please call Vinnies on 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10am –3pm

**Piety Stall**

Opened after 5pm Mass Saturday night and after 9.30 am Mass Sunday.

If we do not have what you are looking for, please advise, we are more than happy to order requests.

**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)

Fr Kamil will be saying a Polish Mass at 8:00am on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Zomi Community Mass is held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 2:00pm.

**A Funeral service for Mary Ponting will be held on Thursday 28 April at 10:30 a.m.**

**Project Compassion Boxes**

Still have a box or envelopes at home? Please return them next week.

**Sacramental Preparation 2022**

Enrolments for first Reconciliation are now open for children who are in Year 3 or higher. Classes will be on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. starting on 24 May.

Enrolments for Confirmation also are now open for children in Year 6 or higher and who have already celebrated Reconciliation and first Holy Communion. Classes will be on Wednesdays 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. starting on 10 May. Please email Kaye for enrolment forms.

**SVDP: Request for donated food.**

With food items rising in price, families are struggling. Please donate the following: Cereal, tins of soup, pasta sauce, rice, tins of fruit, tea or coffee, tuna, beans, any non-perishable food is gratefully accepted. With your donations of food, you are helping SVDP to distribute food to the needy and we thank you for that.

**Laptop Operators—Volunteers Required**

Here is another opportunity to have greater involvement in the Liturgy. We need people who would be happy to run the Power-Point on the laptop during Mass. Training will be provided if necessary. Call Bob Munro on 0424 212 420

**Our Lady's Table Tennis**

Feel like a game of table tennis? Then the Time Out group is just what you need. Come along to the Church Hall each Monday from 10-12. Wear appropriate footwear and bring your vaccine certificate. We provide equipment and a cuppa. You give us \$3 and energy. New players welcome.

**Next Lectio Divina—April 25/26**

Lectio is on each Monday and repeated the following Tuesday morning. Any questions phone Frances 0404 054 425 or Vincent 0400 808 545 or email [francescassidy7@hotmail.com](mailto:francescassidy7@hotmail.com)

**Working With Children Check**

All volunteers are required to have an up-to-date Working With Children Check that is registered with the parish. If your WWCC has expired then you must renew it before undertaking any volunteer activities.

**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.

### Catholic Theological College - Engaging Your Faith

*Series of short sessions: online via Zoom*

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$25 per session, running 3 to 28 May 2022 Booking, payment and further information: [ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

### Special Masses in May—St Patrick's Cathedral

As we emerge from COVID, and reflect on the experiences of the past two years, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites the community to come together for:

#### Mass of Thanksgiving for Health & Aged Care Workers— 11am

##### Sunday 1 May

The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially on members of the aged-and health-care service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and **those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.**

#### Mass to Commemorate Those Who Have Died During the Covid Pandemic—Sunday 22 May, 11am

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.



### Project Compassion

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves 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 and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month  
Parish Finance Council: April 28  
Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The origins of this image are associated with the vision that Saint Faustina of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy had in the convent in Poland on 22nd February, 1931.

She wrote in her diary, "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. . . . After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature; Jesus I Trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated first in your chapel and then throughout the world." (Diary 47)

"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory." (Diary 48)

Jesus, when asked what the rays meant said, "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. . . . Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter." (Diary 299)

The words contained in the image, Jesus I Trust in You, are a reminder that we must totally trust in Him and show mercy always to others. Jesus said, "[The image] is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works." (Diary 742)

The veneration of the image is based on confident prayer joined with deeds of mercy, to which Jesus attached the following promises; the grace of salvation, great progress on the road to Christian perfection, the grace of a happy death, and all other graces and temporal blessings which people who practice mercy will ask Him for with trust.



## Stewardship Corner

“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

## 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.

## Sharing from St. John’s Parish Mitcham

Phone: 03 9401 6366 or 0402 330 128

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.



*“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them”*