



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

3 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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#### Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Pilgrims who came to Jerusalem for the great festivals and who could not find lodging in the city often stayed the night on the Mount of Olives, just outside the city gates.
- On the Mount of Olives is a garden area called Gethsemane, which means 'oil press' in Hebrew.
- The Mount of Olives offered a spectacular view across to the temple.
- The death penalty for adultery is stipulated in both the book of Leviticus (20:10) and in Deuteronomy (22:22), but both these texts make clear that both parties should be thus punished. In this text, the man is missing.

#### Making connections- Opportunities for personal prayer

- Have you ever been too hasty in your judgment and condemnation of others?
- Have you ever been forgiven by someone for an offence you committed against them? How did you feel?
- What do you think Jesus wrote on the ground? The text does not tell us. What might it have been?
- Are there times or situations when you find yourself being judgmental or self-righteous? What is the best corrective to this attitude? Have you ever experienced the condemnation of others? How did you feel? Share your reflections.
- Is there someone who is on the outer to whom you can offer support this week?
- Use the psalm response as your prayer this week: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

#### Symbols and images

The question posed to Jesus by the Pharisees was meant to trick him. If he condoned her stoning, the act would break Roman law; if he refused to condone it, he would be holding religious law in contempt. In his response, God, in Jesus, is offering a new way. He does not condemn the sinner but invites her to leave her past behind and begin again. This imagery of forgiveness is consistent throughout the Lenten readings.

#### Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them: Spencer Dutt, Breeda Cleary & Ron Snell

For those who have died recently.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Shannon Risson, Frank Campbell

#### Readings Next Week Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Entrance: Lk 19:28-40

Is 50: 4-7

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56

Should you need immediate/emergency assistance from a Priest please call Dispin on 0413 683 153 otherwise Janine on 0468 589 039

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 2/3

#### Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am Frank O'Connor  
Julie Zaar

#### Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm Vincent Cassidy  
Frances Cassidy  
Jennifer de Korte

Sunday 9:30 am Jim Fuller  
Bob Munro

#### Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30 am Laptop:

### 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.

### Church Alarm

**If you have a key and have not done so already please contact Janine to organise a code.**

#### Project Compassion Boxes

As is the Tradition at Our Lady's the Project Compassion Boxes can be brought up at the Offertory at the Holy Thursday Mass.

#### Stewardship Envelopes

If you normally receive envelopes for Stewardship donations they are ready for pick up in the Narthex. Apologies for the delay. Please note new sets of envelopes will be provided twice a year from now so these will last for 6 months. Please notify the office of any change please. If you give monthly or less your envelopes are available this 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.

#### Easter Liturgies

In planning for Easter Liturgies we are looking for people to take part as; singers, readers, special ministers, singers and more singers! Please see Deacon Phil if you are interested in helping.

#### Stations of the Cross

Following an old Catholic tradition, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm on Fridays during Lent at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Ringwood.

#### 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.

#### Vinnies Bin

Now that the SVDP bin has been removed, please do NOT leave clothing in the Narthex, but drop off at Vinnies store.

#### 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

PowerPoint on the laptop during Mass. Training will be provided if necessary. Call Bob Munro on 0424 212 420

### Readers Needed

Be an active part of the Liturgy, join the roster of readers. Please see Merle Smith, Phil King or contact the office.

### Lenten Reflection Group—Thursday 10:00am

We are meeting in the Narthex during Lent. We will reflect on the gospel, share our faith with each other and pray together. Come if you can. Come when you can. Everyone is welcome.

### 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.

### Lectio Divina

Lectio is on each Monday and repeated the following Tuesday morning. All gatherings are on Zoom. Any questions phone Frances 0404 054 425 or Vincent 0400 808 545 or email [francescassidy7@hotmail.com](mailto:francescassidy7@hotmail.com) Join the meeting by computer using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87454569315?pwd=NWZxTHo1Y2lGdldPSk55MHJsSWgzQT09> Meeting ID: 874 5456 9315 Password. 692882

### 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.

### Appeals Commended by the Archbishop

Flood Appeal— Society of St Vincent de Paul  
[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/Flood\\_appeal/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/) or by calling QLD (07) 30101000 or NSW (02) 9569 0262

### Caritas Australia—Ukraine Emergency Appeal

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> Or contact 1800 024 413

### Something to make you smile!



At Sunday Mass during his homily, the priest looked down and noticed a middle-aged man who he had not seen at Mass before, sitting in the front row of the church. He thought to himself, I must introduce myself to this chap at the end of the service. When Mass was over he hurriedly moved to the back door in an effort to catch the attention of the man as he was leaving.

The priest moved towards the man and introduced himself. "I'm sorry, I don't know your name. Is it your intention to attend church on a regular basis?"

"Oh no father," the man said, "I'm the local bus driver and wanted to see how you get the parishioners to sit up the back!"

Courtesy of Bill Tysoe and Majellan Press

### Project Compassion



**Shaniella 23**, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities 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:  
Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month

### Stewardship Corner

“...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

### 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! The next Parish meditation gathering in the church will be at 7.30pm on Mon 4 April.

#### 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.

## Holy Week and Easter Timetable

### Our Lady's

**Wednesday 6 April 7:30pm**

Lenten Penitential Celebration (St John's Mitcham)

**Holy Thursday 14 April 7:30 pm** —Mass of the Last Supper

**Good Friday 15 April 3:00 pm** —Commemoration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday 16 April 5:00 pm** — Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday 17 April 8:00am**—Polish Mass

**Easter Sunday 17 April 9:30 am** —Easter Mass

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