



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Third Sunday of Advent

12 December 2021—Year C

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by
Fr Michael Kelly CSsR
Fr Len Size (retired)

Deacon

Phil King

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

Reconciliation

TBA

Baptism

Please contact the office.

Weddings

Please contact the office.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Principal: Adrian Scutt
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A Prayer for Joy

With the start of this third week of the season of Advent, we are halfway to Christmas.

Lord Father, what was dark is getting brighter, and joy is on its way. We can hardly wait to rejoice and sing at Christmas. With the wonder of the season push all our sadness and sorrow away, so we start to feel that special feeling of Joy that the coming of your Son brings

Father in heaven, help us hear again the voice of John the Baptist crying out in the desert. Help us make straight the pathways of our own lives so that those paths lead to eternal life with you.

God above, do good and avoid evil is so easy to say, yet so hard to put into practice. Be with us in each and every moment of each and every day so that we remain blameless and worthy of your coming.

Help us, Lord, not to dampen the joy of others. Remind us this week to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing.

Holy Spirit, guide us so that our lives may be testimony of the wonders and the love of God, so that others might believe through us.

Amen

<https://majellan.media/majellan-family-prayers-page/>

Readings Next Week

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5: 1-4

Heb 10: 5-10

Lk 1: 39-44

For your Prayers

Please pray for those who are sick and suffering serious illness and their families and loved ones who care for them.

For those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Duncan Thomas Brown.

Should you need immediate/emergency assistance from the Parish Priest please call Dispin on: 0413 683 153

Parish Catechist—Kaye Clancy

For sacramental preparations for those not attending the Parish School, please contact Kaye via email kaye.clancy@cam.org.au

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

December 11/12

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Diane Wood

Sunday 9:30 am Vincent Cassidy
Frances Cassidy

Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm Gary Crozier

Sunday 9:30 am Maureen Glennie
Peter Cleary
Breda Cleary

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Maureen
Christain & Singers

Sunday 9:30 am Pol & Singers
Laptop: Bob Munro

Parish Notices

Cuppa in the narthex Sunday

Let's celebrate Laudate Sunday the 12th December with a cuppa in the Narthex after 9.30 Mass . Why not linger longer and say "Hi" to somebody you would like to know better. It's a way to say goodbye to past lock downs and welcome Christmas and a better New Year.



Flowers for the Altar

We need some volunteers to help decorate the church with flowers, especially for Christmas. No previous experience required. Contact the office either by email or phone.

Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

Phone: 03 9401 6366 or 0402 330 128

Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

Website: www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au

Weekend Mass Times

St John's Mitcham: Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:15am, 5pm (No vaccination status)

HOUSE OF BOOKS

Looking for a good book to read? Visit the House of Books, located at 508 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham, next to St. John's Church. Staffed by volunteers, the Bookshop supports St. John's Parish and the work of the Mitcham Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. 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. Our friendly volunteers are happy to assist with any enquiries and can help locate your favourite author or direct you to books on your favourite subject. The Bookshop is currently open from 10am to 1pm Monday to Saturday but will resume normal hours on Monday 29th November. It will then operate from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. It will close on 22nd December and reopen January 2022. Customers will be required to abide by Government public health requirements and to check in using the Victorian Services App.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy 930am mass all children welcome to join in.

Gospel Reflection Groups for Advent.

An opportunity to prepare for Christmas by taking time to reflect on the Advent gospel readings, faith-sharing with your fellow parishioners and praying together.

Daytime: Tuesdays 10am in the narthex. Led by Lyn Bolton.

Evening: Thursdays 7.30pm in the narthex. Led by Bob Munro.

Safe Return to Mass

No bookings are needed and there is no limit on numbers. Wearing face masks is optional. We still have to register every time with the QR code and show proof-of-vaccination if visiting for the first time.

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Many thanks for the generous support for our Christmas appeal. If you still have a box at home please return it this week at the latest.



Christmas Raffle

Look out for ticket sellers after Mass this weekend. Tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each with first prize being a basket/hamper of goodies and second prize a bottle of Red and White wines. Drawn after 9:30 Mass on 19th December.

Lectio Divina

Lectio is on each Monday with a repeat on 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

Join the meeting either:

- By phone (no computer required). Dial (03) 7018 2005 and enter meeting ID 874 5456 9315 when prompted. When you are asked for a passcode take the second option, and wait for the meeting host to let you in.

- By computer, use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87454569315?pwd=NWZxTHo1Y2lGdldPSk55MHJsSWgzQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 5456 9315

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.

Phone calls & Office Hours

Please note parish phone is unattended outside the office hours of Mon, Tues & Fri 9:30-2:30. Leave a message, and Janine will get back to you at the earliest convenience. If immediate attention is required ring Fr Dispin. Details in bulletin

Christmas/New Year Office Hours

Please note the Parish office will be closed from 24 December to 14 January inclusive. If immediate attention is required ring Fr Dispin directly.

Stewardship Corner

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

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.

Remember to support our parish collection by clicking [HERE](#).

Please nominate where you wish your support to go.

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Finance Council
Parish Safeguarding Committee

QR Code—Have you Made Our Lady's a Favourite!
Make Our Lady's one of your favourites and you won't need to scan each time. You can just tap the place name from your list of favourites to check in.

Child Safety

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the safety of all children in our Parish, you may notice Child Safety Officers in high-vis vests at masses from now on. These CSOs will 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.

Immaculata Mission School 2022

You are invited to spend the first 9 days of 2022 with us as we discover what it means to Be A Saint! Program includes talks on the faith, praise & worship, daily Mass, Adoration & the Rosary, recreation, community & friendship. Families welcome and children's ministry available! Come and join us for an amazing time to grow in faith, and love for God and to make new friends!

When: 1-9th January, 2022 (Children's ministry available 4th-9th)

Where: New England Girls' School, Armadale, NSW

Cost: \$450 - includes accommodation, food, speakers, talks and activities.

For family rates, additional information and TO REGISTER see:

<http://www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims>

Link for the promo video is here: <https://youtu.be/iBWqtF-0lBc>

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

This month can you provide Transport for Pastoral Care in Malawi? Your support will help priests and religious to visit their people and aid their ministry to administer the sacraments and to keep the Faith alive. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.

Confirmation

Keep the children of the Parish in your thoughts and prayers this week as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 6 December and Tuesday 7 December.

Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve 24 Dec

Our Lay's Ringwood	St John's Mitcham
5:00 pm	4:30 pm
8:00 pm	6:00 pm
	8:30 pm
	11:00pm

Christmas Day 25 December

Our Lay's Ringwood	St John's Mitcham
9:30 am	8:30 am
	10:30 am

Sunday 26 December

Our Lay's Ringwood	St John's Mitcham
9:30 am	8:30 am
	9:45 am
	11:15 am

Penitential Celebration 15 December

St John's Mitcham 7:30 pm

St John's will have a Mass for people with unknown vaccination status on Christmas day 25th December at 12pm. Bookings are required to attend this Mass. Here is the link <https://www.trybooking.com/BNRRU> to book or call the Parish Office on 9401 6366.