



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 December 2022—Year A

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

Deacon

Rev. Phil King

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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

First Thursday of the Month 11:00

Anointing & Healing Mass

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

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The Four Themes of Advent

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love



Finally, we come to the ultimate theme of Advent, the one that makes sense of everything else: love. The readings for this week focus on how the birth of Jesus through Mary is one of the deepest revelations of God's love. One of the antiphons in the leadup to Christmas reads: 'O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!' The coming of Jesus to live among us and to share our humanity confirms this truth: God really does love us.

Oh, Adonai, dearest Lord,
Compassionate God of justice,
so many areas of my life seem imprisoned
but you promise me real freedom
and peace in my life.
Renew my spirit and free my soul.
Please, open my heart
which you have bathed in the longing of Advent.
I am awe-struck as your glory fills the earth
and I want to follow you in caring for others.
Grant me the grace to see
how you shine your light on the poor
who have such a special place in your heart.

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families, and loved ones who care for them: Peter Harris, Carmel Vandersman

For those who have died recently: Ron Snell

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:



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 17/18

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 Kath McCrae

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am
Laptop: Maureen Platt
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 contract 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.

Polish Mass 8:00am Monday 26 December

Filipino Mass: 4:00pm -18 December

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm. Dec 25

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.

Morning tea will resume in 2023



Advent Penitential Celebrations—Wednesday 21st December

6:00pm—Our Lady's
7:30pm—St John's

The funeral service for Ron Snell will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday 21 December at Our Lady's

Advent Reflection Groups

The group will meet each Tuesday at 10:00am in the parish meeting room. Everyone welcome

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

"Kindness is the key to our hearts" St. Vincent de Paul

Thanks to all who have responded to our appeal: so far so good. For those who have boxes to drop off, please can we have them before Friday 16th Dec. We are happy to collect them, or, just phone me for a drop off time... 0438123041

We are planning to deliver the boxes and vouchers on Monday 19th Dec.



We will draw the raffle after 9.30 Mass, 18th Dec. There are three lovely hampers plus two bottles of wine with each prize. Tickets are \$2.00 each, so you still have time to enter the draw.

Christmas Vigil Mass

Children are invited to come to the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass dressed as angels and or shepherds, if any child would like to take part in the nativity please see Jen Tolcher prior to mass starting.



Blue Christmas

A quiet reflective service to acknowledge grief and loss at Christmas. A time to hold memories, pain, loss and hope. A space to remember and honour those we have lost and those for whom Christmas is a difficult time.

7.30pm. Tuesday 20th December. Ringwood Uniting Church. 30/32 Station Street, Ringwood.

COVID Safety

We all hear in the news about how the new wave of infections is impacting our hospitals and ambulance service. It is also impacting close to home with parishioners being affected and even our parish priest testing positive this week. There is an ever-present need for us to keep each other safe.

- * Here is a timely reminder about the Parish COVID Safety Plan:
- * Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance and around the church.

- * Wearing face masks indoors is recommended but not compulsory.
- * We maintain safe distances where possible and appropriate.
- * Ministers of Holy Communion must sanitise hands and wear a face mask.

Receiving Holy Communion in the hand helps to maintain a safe distance and avoid direct transfer of pathogens.

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 Deacon Phil.

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.

Our Lady's Table Tennis

Resumes Monday 9 January

Office Hours Christmas/January

Please note the parish office will close at 2:30 Friday 23 December and reopen Monday 16 January. The last parish newsletter of the year will be sent out as usual on that Friday and will resume Friday 20 January.

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

Mercy Connect Melbourne is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895

Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve 24 Dec

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

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.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus,
Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.



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Stewardship Corner

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

"MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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:

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

Phone: 03 9401 6366 or 0402 330 128

Email: Mitcham@cam.org.au

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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

[Let's get social @ St John's Mitcham](#)

December 2022

Wednesday 21st

Café @ St John's please come, enjoy a cuppa & chat with friends. Following the 10am Mass

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Venue: Church Narthex

Venue hire— St Johns

Call Manuela at St John's Parish Office for more information.

<https://stjohnsmitcham.com.au/venue-hire>

Christian Meditation—September 5

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.