



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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Second Sunday of Advent

4 December 2022—Year A

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

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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

Second Sunday of Advent: Preparation

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths' (Luke 3:4). As we dwell on these words of St John the Baptist, our sense of anticipation begins to ramp up in the second week of Advent. The promises of God continue, and there's a greater focus of one promise in particular: 'he is coming to save you' (Isaiah 35:4). The message this week is clear: get ready to be saved.

Dear Lord,

Through the darkness, I look for your wisdom.

I want my heart to be open to you.

But sometimes in these days, it seems that

so many things come between us.

Help me to be awake and aware
of the radiance you bring to my life.

Help me to be grateful each day
for the blessings of family and friends.

Let me be a peacemaker

in my own life, and in the world.

Let me pray especially for this difficult world
and those who are so in need of an end to violence.

My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.



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: Tony Pilirone

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Raffaella Lamanna

Readings Next Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6, 10

Ps 145:6-10

James 5:7-10

Mt 11:2=11

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 3/4

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

Sunday 9:30 am Jim Fuller
Bob Munro

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am Laptop: Matt Giuliano
Rohan Smith
Laptop: Jos Vanderman

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—December 4

Polish Mass 8:00am

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.

December 4 (Team 3)



Anointing & Healing Mass

There will be an Anointing and Healing Mass on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00am. No Mass in January

Advent Penitential Celebrations—Wednesday 21st December

6:00pm—Our Lady's

7:30pm—St John'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

Last Christmas we gifted 80 boxes and food vouchers to Families in need, this was thanks to the generosity of Our Lady's Parishioners, our Primary School, and Aquinas College.



This Christmas we are kindly asking you to donate towards our appeal. We all have been affected by rising costs, but with your help, our aim is to assist as many families as possible.

Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated:

Christmas cake, Short bread, Pudding, Box of Chocolate, Lollies, Nuts, Jelly, tin of fruit, Ham, Savoury biscuits etc.

Boxes are available on request to fill with Christmas Treats or donations can be dropped off in the Christmas Box in the Narthex. If you prefer to donate money, we are more than happy to shop for you. Remember, watch for the specials when you shop

Rosemary Campbell Contact No. 0438123041.

President of SVDP Conference.

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.

Lifting of General Dispensation

This week, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli [released a pastoral letter to the Church in Melbourne](#) called 'Welcome Home'.

Reflecting on the sadness of being unable to gather physically in our communities during the pandemic, he pointed us towards Jesus Christ, 'the Word who became flesh' and who 'left for us his sacramental presence'. This bodily reality at the centre of our communities draws us in and binds us together.

In light of this, the Archbishop announced that the time has come for us to return home. **As of the 1st Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022, the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations will be lifted.**

A link to the letter is also on the website.

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

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 and bring your vaccine certificate. We provide equipment and a cuppa. You give us \$3 and energy. New players welcome.

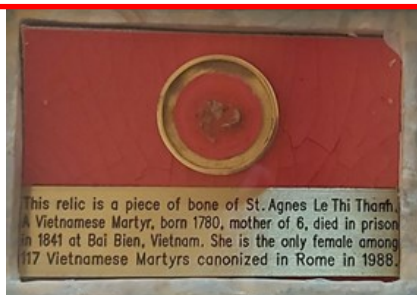
Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

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

St Agnes died for her Christian faith in a Vietnamese prison in 1841. She was 40 years of age and a mother of six children. During the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries there were 53 official decrees in Viet Nam that launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions.

117 of these heroes (those whose sufferings were cruellest and best documented) were canonized by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988. St Agnes is the only woman in the group. Our Altar at Our Lady's Church contains a relic of St Agnes (a piece of bone) and her feast day is 24 November.

There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population. And we have much to be grateful for when we see the vigour and vitality that the Vietnamese people have brought to the Church here in Melbourne.



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.

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

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

OLPH GAMES AFTERNOON!

**First Sunday of every month—Dec 4
1:30 – 4:00pm**

Meet in the Narthex for some games of cards, checkers, board games etc.

All ages Welcome—Make it a family event

Bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea.



Stewardship Corner

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10
Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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

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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 7th

Seniors' Group includes the following:

Mass, anointing of the sick, Christmas' lunch and sing-a-long Christmas Carols with St John's Primary School students

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Church

Booking essential by Dec 5th

Please call the Parish Office on 9401 6366 to book and to let us know of any dietary requirements



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