



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Second Sunday of Advent

5 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
admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au
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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 diffi-
cult world
and those who are so in need of an
end to violence.
My heart begs for this as my Ad-
vent prayer today.

Readings Next Week

Third Sunday of Advent

Zeph 3: 14-18

Phil 4: 4-7

Lk 3: 10-18

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.

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

Parish Catechist—Kaye Clancy

For sacramental prepara-
tions for those not attending
the Parish School, please
contract 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 4/5

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Ursula Harris
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 Rohan Smith
Laptop: Bob Munro

Parish Notices

Cuppa in the narthex

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.

Children's Liturgy Returns

Children's Liturgy returns to 930am mass with the start of Advent and we welcome all children 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

It was good to see everyone "in the flesh" at Masses last weekend. 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. Most of the tapes have been removed from the benches and they will be all gone by Christmas.



St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

This year, once again we are appealing for donations to fill Christmas boxes, last year was very successful thanks to a great response from Parishioners of Our Lady's Parish.

We are kindly asking you to donate some of the following Christmas Treats: boxes of chocolates, lollies, popcorn, potato chips, nuts, small Christmas cake, pudding, short bread, custard, jelly, tin of fruit, tin of ham, tea/coffee, savoury biscuits.

Small gifts for single Mums or Dads. E.g. soap, deodorant.

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.

Boxes are available on request and we will deliver for you to fill. Otherwise, there will be a drop off box in the Narthex for you to deliver Christmas food.

We are hoping to provide as many as 70 boxes, similar to last year and we need your help to reach this target to those who need help and a Hand Up.

Thank you for generosity shown in the past.

Liturgy Planning for Advent and Christmas

There will be a meeting to prepare for Advent and Christmas at 7.30pm on Monday 6th December in the parish office. Any questions, please see Deacon Phil.

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

Stewardship Corner

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

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](#).

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Finance Council
Parish Safeguarding Committee

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.

QR Code—Favourites Link

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.

Maroondah Carols

Saturday 4 December | Croydon Town Park |
7.30 to 10pm |

FREE event | No bookings required

Come along and spend time with family and friends while enjoying the wonderful Christmas atmosphere.

There will be spectacular performances, a special visit from Santa, and a stunning fireworks show that will light up the Maroondah sky.

Food vans will be available onsite or you can bring along a picnic hamper.

We will end the celebrations with an amazing fireworks display at about 9.45pm. This event is being run in line with current Victorian Government health advice. We encourage everyone to scan in on arrival via the Service Victoria app for contact tracing purposes only. This is a smoke and dog free event.

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

5:00pm

St John's Mitcham

4:30 pm

6:00 pm

8:30 pm

11:00pm

Christmas Day 25 December

Our Lay's Ringwood

9:30 am

St John's Mitcham

8:30 am

10:30 am

Sunday 26 December

Our Lay's Ringwood

9:30 am

St John's Mitcham

8:30 am

9:45 am

11:15 am

Penitential Celebration 15 December

St John's Mitcham 7:30 pm