



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 February 2022—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

Acting Principal: Lis Thompson
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Reflecting on this Week's Readings

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- This text is commonly known as 'the Beatitudes', from the Latin meaning 'blessing'.
- Both Matthew and Luke report this famous sermon of Jesus, but with slight differences.
- The main difference is that Luke balances the 'blessings' with a series of 'woes' aimed at would-be disciples who are still bound up with the signs of success in this world.

Making connections

Opportunities for personal prayer

- What are your ultimate pursuits?
- What would you see reversed in our present order?
- Choose one of the Beatitudes that is particularly applicable to you and live it out this week. Alternatively, if the language of the 'woes' seems aimed at you, take steps to make yourself a little less comfortable or to switch your attention to other things.
- Remember a time of difficulty or suffering in your own life. Was there a blessing for you hidden in that experience? How and when did you come to realise the blessing born of pain? Share your stories.
- This week, repeat the response to the psalm often: *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

Readings Next Week

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Ps 102, 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 15:45-49
Lk 6:27-38

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 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

February 12/13

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 Christia & Ianthe
Laptop: Royal Castellino

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

Children's Liturgy

Children's Parish Liturgy Sunday 9:30am Mass during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022— This Weekend

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Fr Dispin's Holiday

Just a reminder that Dispin is away until the middle of February. All being well, he will back in the parish for masses from the weekend of 19/20 February.

Fr Tony's Farewell—February 13

The 9:30 Mass will be celebrated by Fr Tony, followed by a presentation and light refreshments. All parishioners welcome.

Flowers for the Altar

We need 3 more teams to arrange flowers. It would involve at least 2 people and each team would be rostered once a month. There is a budget which may help. If anybody feels a bit unsure there are those who are experienced here to help. A gentle and privileged way to help the Parish grow. If you would like to help just contact the Parish office or call Lyn Bolton

Lenten Reflection Groups

Ash Wednesday is 2nd March and we are planning to run some Reflection Groups during Lent. We will meet once per week to reflect on the gospel, to share our faith with each other and to pray together. We will use the booklet "Remember" by the Diocese of Wollongong. There are three choices: daytime, night and Zoom. If you are interested in taking part in one of these groups, please write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheets on the table at the entrance door.

Remember—Lenten Program 2022

Short daily reflections and longer form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer— perfect for Lenten groups and individual devotions. Books are available at the Piety Stall: \$6.00 each

Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

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Weekend Mass Times

St John's Mitcham: Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:15am, 5pm

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.

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 open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. Customers will be required to abide by Government public health requirements and to check in using the Victorian Services App.

Our Lady's Table Tennis – Cancelled

Unfortunately we need to cancel the Table Tennis on Mondays for now as the school requires the use of the hall during the month of February.

Lectio Divina—Returns this week

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
Join the meeting by computer using 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.

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.

This week on the Journey

Fr Anthony Crook says that the question is not whether we should be concerned that we might be happy, well fed, materially comfortable, or that we might be well-known and respected, but whether we put these things ahead of knowing, claiming, proclaiming and following Jesus .

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Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

Mercy Connect Melbourne – Mercy Works Ltd. 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 four 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.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)
Website: www.mercyworks.org.au
Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

Stewardship Corner

“Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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.

Fr Kamil will be saying a Polish Mass at 8:00am on the first Sunday of each month.

For welfare enquiries please call Vinnies on 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10am –3pm

Parish Meetings
Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month
Parish Finance Council:
Parish Safeguarding Committee :Third Wednesday of Month

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE **55th WORLD DAY OF PEACE** 1 JANUARY 2022
Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace

4. Creating and ensuring labour builds peace

Labour is an indispensable factor in building and keeping peace. It is an expression of ourselves and our gifts, but also of our commitment, self-investment and cooperation with others, since we always work with or for someone. Seen in this clearly social perspective, the workplace enables us to learn to make our contribution towards a more habitable and beautiful world.

The Covid-19 pandemic has negatively affected the labour market, which was already facing multiple challenges. Millions of economic and productive activities have failed; short-term workers are increasingly vulnerable; many of those who provide essential services have an even lower public and political profile; and in many cases, distance teaching has led to a deficit in learning and delays in completing programmes of study. Furthermore, young people entering the job market and recently unemployed adults presently face bleak prospects.

In a particular way, the impact of the crisis on the informal economy, which often involves migrant workers, has been devastating. Many of the latter are not even recognized by national legislation; it is as though they did not exist. They and their families live in highly precarious conditions, prey to various forms of slavery and with no system of welfare to protect them. Currently only one third of the world's population of working age enjoys a system of social protection, or benefit from it only in limited ways. Violence and organized crime are on the increase in many countries, impinging on people's freedom and dignity, poisoning the economy and hampering the development of the common good. The only answer to this is an expansion of dignified employment opportunities.

Labour, in fact, is the foundation on which to build justice and solidarity in every community. For this reason, our aim should not be "that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment". [18] We need to combine our ideas and efforts in order to create the solutions and conditions that can provide everyone of working age with the opportunity, through their work, to contribute to the lives of their families and of society as a whole. It is more urgent than ever to promote, throughout our world, decent and dignified working conditions, oriented to the common good and to the safeguarding of creation. The freedom of entrepreneurial initiatives needs to be ensured and supported; at the same time, efforts must be made to encourage a renewed sense of social responsibility, so that profit will not be the sole guiding criterion.

[1] Cf. Encyclical Letter *Populorum Progressio* (26 March 1967), 76ff.

[2] Cf. Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015), 49.

[3] Cf. Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti* (3 October 2020), 231.

[4] *Ibid.*, 218.

[5] *Ibid.*, 199.

[6] *Ibid.*, 179.

[7] Cf. *ibid.*, 180.

[8] Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit* (25 March 2019), 199.

[9] Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, 159.

[10] Cf. *ibid.*, 163; 202.

[11] Cf. *ibid.*, 139.

[12] Cf. *Message to the Participants in the 4th Paris Peace Forum, 11-13 November 2021*.

[13] Cf. Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015), 231; *Message for the 2021 World Day of Peace: A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace* (8 December 2020).

[14] Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti* (3 October 2020), 199.

[15] Cf. *Video Message for the Global Compact on Education: Together to Look Beyond* (15 October 2020).

[16] Cf. *Video Message for the High Level Virtual Climate Ambition Summit* (13 December 2020).

[17] Cf. JOHN PAUL II, Encyclical Letter *Laborem Exercens* (14 September 1981), 18.

[18] Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015), 128.