



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 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

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Reflecting on this Week's Readings

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

This gospel contains the most challenging of all the Christian commandments and probably the most difficult to keep: love your enemies and do good to those who hurt you.

Making connections

Opportunities for personal prayer

- What is the most challenging thing for you in this text?
- In what ways have you experienced the compassion of God?
- Respond in a practical way to one of the commands of Jesus in this gospel—for example, you could pray for those who treat you badly, show compassion to someone or forgive someone who has wronged you.
- Describe an experience of being hurt, criticised, misjudged or wronged in some way. How did you feel and how did your feelings affect your response to the situation?
- Repeat this line from the Lord's Prayer often this week and act on it: *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

Symbols and images

This text follows immediately on from the Beatitudes of last week's gospel. It continues the theme of the radical reversal called for by the Gospel. What the world might consider simply human nature or a natural response is not the way of Jesus' disciples, who follow a different world order. They must act and respond in a certain way because that is the way of God!

Readings Next Week

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7
Ps 91:2-3, 13-16
1 Cor 15:54-58
Lk 6:39-45

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 19/20

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm	Vincent Cassidy Frances Cassidy
Sunday 9:30 am	John Noronha Kerry Peterson

Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm	Margaret Roper Adrian Scutt
Sunday 9:30 am	Kath McCrae

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm	Laptop: Maureen Platt
Sunday 9:30 am	Laptop: Bob Munro

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

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.

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— Oops! We forgot- so 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.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

This year it is being hosted by St Paul's Anglican Church and the service starts at 10.30am on Friday 4th March at St Paul's Church, 40 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood. For those staying at home who want to attend the service, it will be live-streamed <https://youtu.be/LMt-yhcuvDc>

Visits to the Sick

With the end in sight of pandemic restrictions, we are beginning to plan to resume visits to the sick, including Holy Communion services in the aged care homes. If you would like to join the team of visitors please see Deacon Phil or Mairin King

Time Out Luncheon.

At Wantirna Hill club 2nd March @12MD . For bookings please ring Maureen 98702816

Church flowers

Thank you for your response. We do need a couple more to fill out a roster to enable a once a month routine. Please ring the office or Lyn 0478787480

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

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

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 Password. 692882

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.

Stewardship Corner

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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

This week on the Journey

On the Journey this week: Fr Paul Maunder OCD says this Gospel defines Christian love and behaviour in which Jesus insists on the lengths we must go to demonstrate our Christian love and behaviour towards others. Mother Hilda on being the miracle God wants us to be. Fr Anthony Crook with positive psychology, plus Huw Warmenhoven from Alpha Australia, Fr Dave Callaghan, and more great music!

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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

Something to make you smile



A man went to the doctor and said his wife was losing her hearing.

"How bad is it?" the doctor asked.

"I've no idea," replied the husband.

The doctor suggested this little test. "Say something to her from a few paces away, and if she doesn't hear you, then move closer and say the same thing until she does. That way we'll have some idea of her range of hearing loss."

The man went home and found his wife in the kitchen cutting up vegetables.

From a few paces away he asked: "What's for dinner?" No answer.

He moved closer and asked the same thing. Finally, he stood right behind her and asked: "What's for dinner?"

She turned and looked at him and said: "For the third time, beef stew!"

Parish Safeguarding Committee.

The purpose of the Parish Safeguarding Committee is to assist the parish priest with the implementation of the parish safeguarding policy. This week the Committee held its regular monthly meeting and reviewed two of the ten child safety standards.

Standard 3: "Partnering with Families, Carers and Communities."

We assessed to what extent the parish of OLPH informs and involves families, carers and communities in promoting child safeguarding and what more we have to do as a parish to do this better.

Standard 7: "Ongoing Education and Training."

We assessed how well parish staff and volunteers are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training. One result of the review is to put in place a module of induction training for new volunteers.

If anyone would like more information about child safety please see Fr Dispin, Deacon Phil or one of the committee.

Lord,

We pray for those affected by hopelessness as well as people dealing with suicidal thoughts. We ask that you provide them with comfort and guidance, and the placement of a support system in their life to let them know that they are important and that they matter and that they're not alone.

We also pray that you use us to be a support, a listening ear, and a comfort to those in pain, hopeless, and alone. Move our feet, Lord, and help us not only to pray but to take action.

We thank you for the support and guidance you have put in our lives, and we ask that if or when the time comes and a wave of hopelessness comes over one of us, that we'll find the capacity and the bravery to speak up, speak out, and ask for help from a friend, a loved one, *or a counsellor.*