



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 February 2022—Year C

Parish Information

Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by
Fr Michael Kelly CSsR
Fr Len Size (retired)

Deacon

Rev 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

- The Lake of Gennesaret is simply another name for the Sea of Galilee. It is also sometimes known as the Sea of Tiberias.
- This episode probably took place on the north-west corner of the lake near the village of Capernaum, where Simon Peter lived.
- The huge haul of fish is symbolic of the overabundance of good that is promised to those who believe in and follow Jesus. It is also a symbol of the abundance of the messianic banquet that Jesus brings.

Making connections

Opportunities for personal prayer

- ◇ Are there ways in which you are already sharing in the task of being a 'fisher' of others?
- ◇ In what ways are you being asked to 'put out into deep water'? What does this mean?
- ◇ Is this prospect a fear-filled one?
- ◇ Spend time each day reflecting on being 'caught up' in the net of Christ and what that means for you.
- ◇ Have there been occasions in your life when, like Peter and his companions, you were 'completely overcome'? What was the source of this feeling? What happened? Share your stories with others.
- ◇ Repeat these words of the prophet Isaiah from this Sunday's first reading: *'Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?'* *'Here I am, Lord. Send me!'*

<https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/exploring-the-word/2021/5th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c-2/>

Readings Next Week

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-8

Ps 137: 1-5, 7-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

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 5/6

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Ursula Harris

Sunday 9:30 am Frank O'Connor
Julie Zaar

Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm Gary Crozier
Maureen Glennie

Sunday 9:30 am Peter Cleary
Breda Cleary

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Matt Giuliano

Sunday 9:30 am Rohan Smith
Laptop: Bob Munro

Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

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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 returns to Sunday 930am Mass this year during school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. **Please give generously.** You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. Envelopes are available in the Narthex if you wish to take one this weekend and return it next weekend.

Fr Dispin's Holiday

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

Fr Tony's Farewell—February 13

Save the date! It looks like we finally get to officially farewell Fr Tony. 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.

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 14/15 February

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

On the Journey this week: Fr David Catterall says that on Word of God Sunday, we are called to step out into the deep and take God's Word and proclaim it in word and action. Mother Hilda has a story of 5 blind men describing an elephant. We introduce new presenter Fr Anthony Crook, plus Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan, and more great music!

Visit 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!



Jonno went to the police station and asked to speak to the burglar who had broken into his house the previous night. 'You'll get your chance in court,' the desk Sergeant told him. 'I have to know how he got into the house without waking my wife,' pleaded Jonno. 'I've been trying for years!'

Stewardship Corner

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

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 Sunday 6 February and thereafter 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

The first of January every year is World Day of Peace. Every year the Pope creates a special message on this day and in 2022, Pope Francis has chosen to focus on three paths to peace: dialogue between the generations, education and teaching, and work as a means to realise human dignity.

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

3. Teaching and education as drivers of peace

In recent years, there has been a significant reduction worldwide in funding for education and training; these have been seen more as expenditures than investments. Yet they are the primary means of promoting integral human development; they make individuals more free and responsible, and they are essential for the defence and promotion of peace. In a word, teaching and education are the foundations of a cohesive civil society capable of generating hope, prosperity and progress.

Military expenditures, on the other hand, have increased beyond the levels at the end of the Cold War and they seem certain to grow exorbitantly. [12]

It is high time, then, that governments develop economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and on weaponry. The pursuit of a genuine process of international disarmament can only prove beneficial for the development of peoples and nations, freeing up financial resources better used for health care, schools, infrastructure, care of the land and so forth.

It is my hope that investment in education will also be accompanied by greater efforts to promote the culture of care, [13] which, in the face of social divisions and unresponsive institutions, could become a common language working to break down barriers and build bridges. “A country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many rich cultural components: popular culture, university culture, youth culture, artistic culture, technological culture, economic culture, family culture and media culture”. [14] It is essential, then, to forge a new cultural paradigm through “a global pact on education for and with future generations, one that commits families, communities, schools, universities, institutions, religions, governments and the entire human family to the training of mature men and women”. [15] A compact that can promote education in integral ecology, according to a cultural model of peace, development and sustainability centred on fraternity and the covenant between human beings and the environment. [16]

By investing in the education and training of younger generations, we can help them – through a focused programme of formation – to take their rightful place in the labour market. [17]

[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.