



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 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

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
admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au
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Dear parishioners,

It is with a sense of deep gratitude I write this to each one of you who held my mum in your prayers in this difficult time. Mum was very pleased to see me after two and half years. She is doing 'okay but more importantly, she is at peace and accepting of 'her journey towards her God'. She thanks you all for your generous love and support of me.

I had a good break too as I was able to relax and spend some quality time with mum and family in India. Thanks to Covid, I was stuck at home most of my time there. I missed you as I thought of you quite often (maybe the lack of entertainment and the inability to travel around were also a reason!!!)

It is good to be back home. Thanks to a happy 'welcome home'; makes me understand why I missed you all so much.

Our thanks to the priests and Fr Len who helped us with our Masses during my absence. Thanks also to our staff who helped to maintain a good pastoral presence (as they always do!).

With next Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, we begin the beautiful journey of Lent where we encounter the Lord in a deeply personal way. Can I invite you to spend this time to 'know and love the Lord' and journey with Him to the Cross and eventually experience the joys of His Resurrection.

While it may not be mandatory to wear a mask in the church, can I encourage to continue to wear them as it may help keep everyone safe. Thanks for your kind understanding.

We welcome our young parishioners who will be attending their First Eucharist Commitment Masses this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

I am looking forward to seeing you all.

You are in my prayers as I know I am in yours.

Take care and stay safe.

God bless, Dispin and parish team.



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 **especially Dorothy Canet** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Readings Next Week

First Sunday of Lent

Deut 26: 4-10
Ps 90: 1-2, 10-15
Rom 10: 8-13
Lk 4; 1-13

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

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 26/27

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Jennifer Tolcher

Sunday 9:30 am Lyn Crane
Jim Fuller

Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm Diane Wood
Margaret Roper
Sunday 9:30 am Jim Corcoran
Paula Corcoran
Tess Repalust

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Royal Castellino
Sunday 9:30 am Pol & Singers
Laptop: Maureen Platt

St Vincent de Paul

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

Parish Catechist

Kaye Clancy

For sacramental preparations for those not
attending the Parish School, please con-
tract Kaye via email
kaye.clancy@cam.org.au

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

Zomi Community Mass is held on the
4th Sunday of each month at 2:00pm.

Ash Wednesday

Lent starts on 2nd March. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at
9.15am and an evening Mass at St John's Mitcham at 6pm.

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—Thank you!

Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in
our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial wit-
ness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and
a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you
to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to
donate or if you would like to have more information about the
Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or
call (03) 9287 5513.

World Day of Prayer - March 4

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 demon-
strate 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 begin-
ning to plan to resume visits to the sick, including Holy Com-
munion 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

The group will meet in the Narthex at 10am every Thurs-
day during Lent. We will reflect on the gospel, share
our faith with each other and pray together. We will be
using the booklet "Remember" by the Diocese of Wollon-
gong. Come if you can. Come when you can. Everyone is
welcome.

“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.

Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Our Lady’s Table Tennis

Feel like a game of table tennis? Then the Time Out group is just what you need. Come along to the Church Hall each Monday from 10-12. Wear appropriate footwear and bring your vaccine certificate. We provide equipment and a cuppa. You give us \$3 and energy. New players welcome.

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.

This week on the Journey

Do you Feel Like Being Called to Serve?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE!

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **2 April 2022, Saturday**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information

Watch: Melbourne’s Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis’ 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

A Prayer for Ukraine

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Parish Safeguarding Committee Third Wednesday of Month

Stewardship Corner

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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.

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

The 5pm Mass on Sunday at St John's will resume from the 6th March.

World Day of Prayer

Next Friday 4th March St John's will host the World Day of Prayer for the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland starting from 10am with the morning tea and 10.30am the service. So there will be no 10am Mass on that Friday.

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.

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.