



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood

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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 January 2023—Year A

### Parish Information

#### Parish Priest

Fr Dispin John

Assisted by

Fr Michael Kelly CSsR

Fr Len Size (retired)

#### Deacon

Rev. Phil King

[Philip.King@cam.org.au](mailto:Philip.King@cam.org.au)

#### Parish Catechist

Kaye Clancy

#### Pastoral Care Worker

Loredana Iacobucci

#### Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Office hours

Mon, Tues, Fri 9:30-2:30

#### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday 9:30am

#### Week Day Masses

Tuesday 6:00pm Mass and Novena

Thursday 9:15 am

First Thursday of the Month 11:00

Anointing & Healing Mass

#### 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

Principal:

[admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au)

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### Exploring the Word

#### Points of interest and Catholic lore

- When the people of Israel returned to the Promised Land after their liberation from Egypt, the land was divided among the twelve tribes descended from the twelve sons of Jacob. Zebulun and Naphtali were two of those sons.
- The town of Capernaum stood on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, on the border of the areas given to these two sons of Jacob.
- Matthew uses the term kingdom of heaven rather than kingdom of God. This may have been because his audience is largely Jewish, and Jews avoided using the sacred name of God.
- This is another example of Matthew stating that, in Jesus, the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah's coming are fulfilled.

#### Making connections - Opportunities for personal prayer

- What have you left behind to follow Jesus? How do you feel about that?
- Have you ever felt 'called' to do something: a challenge you just could not pass by? a strange urge to move beyond your normal behaviour, or to pursue something outside your experience? What was the outcome? Share your reflections.
- Try to be a light for other people this week. Be aware of opportunities through which you could draw other people to Christ.
- Use a part of today's psalm as your prayer this week: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### Symbols and images

St Cyril of Jerusalem offered the following reflection to catechumens around the year 380:

You now find yourself in the fishing nets of Christ.

Let yourselves be caught. Christ wants to capture you, not to kill you but to give you life out of death.

How does this speak to you as a catechumen today?

#### Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families, and loved ones who care for them: Peter Harris, Marianne Shanaghan

For those who have died recently: Jeffrey Lee, Fernanda Periera

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ron Brooks, Jake Breugelmans

#### Readings Next Week

##### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Sunday

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

Ps 145:1-10

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12

**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 January 21/22

#### Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Jennifer Tolcher  
Matt Giuliano  
Sunday 9:30 am Lyn Crane  
Jim Fuller

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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

#### Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Maureen Platt  
Sunday 9:30 am Our Lady's Singers  
Laptop: Bob Munro

### Outreach Pastoral Care Ministry

Dear Parishioners,  
Pastoral care is available @ Our Lady's, if you or someone you know would like to have a chat, please don't hesitate to call me on 0423 313 336 or e-mail [loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au](mailto:loredana.iacobucci@cam.org.au).  
God bless Loredana

### Parish Catechist- Kaye Clancy

For sacramental preparations for those not attending the Parish School, please contract Kaye via email [ringwood.catechist@gmail.com](mailto:ringwood.catechist@gmail.com)

### Children's Liturgy—Sunday 9:30am Mass

Each Sunday during the school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

Polish Mass 8:00am Monday 26 December

Filipino Mass: 4:00pm 22 January

Zomi Community Mass 2:00pm. 22 January

### Morning Tea

Why not stay awhile and find someone you haven't met yet? A good way to grow our community after 9:30 mass.

Morning tea will resume in 2023



### 2023 Sacramental Program

Applications for 2023 sacramental programs are open for those children not attending Our Lady's Parish School. Lessons for First Holy Communion begin on 21 February, Confirmation on 3rd May and first Reconciliation on 11 July. Contact Kaye Clancy via email [ringwood.catechist@gmail.com](mailto:ringwood.catechist@gmail.com)

### TRIUMPH Lenten Program 2023 Book

We have ordered copies of the Wollongong Lenten Program which will be available from the Piety Stall in the days leading up to Ash Wednesday (22 February).

### Fundraising Committee

We are preparing a fundraising campaign to raise money for new carpets in the church. Looking for volunteers who would like to be on this committee please see Fr Dispin or Deacon Phil.

### New to the Parish?

Please fill out a parish census card available in the Narthex and return to the office. Also you might like to consider participating in the Stewardship Program—forms available.

### Our Lady's Table Tennis

Feel like a game of table tennis? Come along by yourself or bring a friend or two and join in the fun on Monday 10-12 in the Parish Hall. Wear appropriate footwear and bring your vaccine certificate. We provide equipment and a cuppa. You give us \$3 and energy. New players welcome.

### 'Month's Mind' Mass - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

A memorial Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 January, 6.30pm - approximately one month after his death.

### Archbishop's words on George Pell

Cardinal Pell was a very significant and influential Church leader, both in Australia and internationally, deeply committed to Christian discipleship. The seventh Archbishop of Melbourne, he led the local Church of Melbourne from 1996 to 2001 with strong leadership in the Catholic faith and with good governance, before being transferred to Sydney and then to Rome.

At this time, let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell wholeheartedly believed in and followed, that he may be welcomed into eternal life.

Our prayers of comfort and condolence are also with his family, and we unite with all the people of God in

Melbourne in praying for the repose of his soul. May eternal light shine upon him, and may he now rest in peace and rise to glory in the Lord.

### COVID Safety

We all hear in the news about how the new wave of infections is impacting our hospitals and ambulance service. It is also impacting close to home with parishioners being affected and even our parish priest testing positive this week. There is an ever-present need for us to keep each other safe.

- \* Here is a timely reminder about the Parish COVID Safety Plan:
- \* Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance and around the church.
- \* Wearing face masks indoors is recommended but not compulsory.
- \* We maintain safe distances where possible and appropriate.
- \* Ministers of Holy Communion must sanitise hands and wear a face mask.

Receiving Holy Communion in the hand helps to maintain a safe distance and avoid direct transfer of pathogens.

### Blood Donors Needed

Locally we are in need of blood donors, especially on 26th and 27th January, and I was hoping that you may be able to encourage eligible parishioners to make some time to donate on either of these days. Of course blood donations are needed every day, so if these dates are not suitable for individuals they are most welcome to book in for any other day that is convenient.

Bookings to donate are a must and can be made by calling 13 14 95 or [via https://www.lifeblood.com.au/](https://www.lifeblood.com.au/).

Blood donation is free to do and only takes an hour of your time, with every donor having their blood pressure, pulse and haemoglobin levels checked prior to donating – so it is a good screening for one's own health status.

The Ringwood donor centre is located at 38 Charter Street, Ringwood (between Bunnings and Costco), and is open 7 days a week to collect blood, plasma

and platelet donations from the local community.

### Aid to the Church in Need

*Aid to the Church in Need* is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent.

To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject> or scan the Qr code.



### PRAYER LINE MINISTRY @ OUR LADY'S

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

For prayer requests, please call Loredana 0423 313 336 or contact the Parish Office.

Father in heaven, I stand before You today in Your omnipotent presence to ask that You grant me strength. It is by Your will that I live oh Lord. Thank You for Your everlasting presence Lord. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

- 1 Our Father
- 3 Hail Mary
- 1 Glory

### Stewardship Corner

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

### 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.

### Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Safeguarding Committee: Third Wednesday of Month

### St Vincent de Paul

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

#### Piety Stall Opened:

After 5:00pm Mass Saturday night and after 9:30 am Mass Sunday.

Before and after the Zomi and Filipino Masses held on 4th Sunday of the Month.

If we do not have what you are looking for, please advise, we are more than happy to order requests.

## Sharing from St. John's Parish Mitcham

Phone: 03 9401 6366 or 0402 330 128

Email: [Mitcham@cam.org.au](mailto:Mitcham@cam.org.au)

Website: [www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au](http://www.stjohnsmitcham.com.au)

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00a.m.

### Weekend Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:15am, 5pm

### Venue hire– St Johns

Call Manuela at St John's Parish Office for more information.

<https://stjohnsmitcham.com.au/venue-hire>

### Christian Meditation

We meditate fortnightly. You are most welcome to join us. No experience needed. Free of charge. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality, or want to strengthen your connection to God, you must try this. To indicate your interest or for any enquiries: Chris Ryan at the Parish Office, 9401 6366. Or simply turn up on the night. Looking forward to seeing you!

### 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.

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.

The Bookshop is open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays.

