



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 January 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

Principal: Adrian Scutt  
[admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@olringwood.catholic.edu.au)  
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In his New Year's wishes to the world, Pope Francis encouraged us to focus on the good which unites us while acknowledging that the coronavirus pandemic has left many scared and struggling.

"We are still living in uncertain and difficult times due to the pandemic," Pope Francis said.

"Many are frightened about the future and burdened by social problems, personal problems, dangers stemming from the ecological crisis, injustices and by economic imbalances."

As Christians we know that there is hope in God. So let us pray:

**Dear God,**

**You make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good things along with the hard things, which remind us how much we need and rely on You.**

**May Your Spirit lead us in this New Year, guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire You above all else. Help us to pursue You first in our daily lives.**

**We ask for your wisdom and for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. Make us strong and courageous for the road ahead and let Your gifts flow freely through us so we can be beacons for those who seek and need hope and comforting.**

**We pray for your protection over our families and friends. May Your deep love surround us and keep us safe in these troubled times.**

**Amen**

Majellan Media

### Readings Next Week

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5,17-19

Ps 70:1-6, 15,17

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Lk 4:21-30

#### 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 **David Murray** and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ron Brooks

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](mailto: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

January 23

### 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:

Sunday 9:30 am Laptop:

## 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)

### 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.

## Parish Notices

### Funeral Notice

The Requiem Mass for  
**DAVID DENIS MURRAY**

will take place on

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10:30 a.m.

The Directors are **LePine Funerals, Lilydale.**

(Please note: If you google their website closer to the date of the funeral, a livestream link will be available and/or a video recording after the funeral.)

### Safe Return to Mass—updated

Wearing face masks is required and register every time with the QR code. Vaccination status not required. N.B. Save Our Lady's as a favourite to cut out the need to line up to scan.

### Our Lady's Time Out

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 with a repeat on 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](mailto:francescassidy7@hotmail.com)

Join the meeting either:

- By phone (no computer required). Dial (03) 7018 2005 and enter meeting ID 874 5456 9315 when prompted. When you are asked for a passcode take the second option, and wait for the meeting host to let you in.

- By computer, use 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 (Ep 442)

**The Journey** is a weekly program developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio.

On the Journey this week: Fr Paul Maunder OCD (Mt Carmel, Varroville) asks how do we value the Word of God? Mother Hilda on giving love because love's prerogative is to give and give. Plus, Michelle Vass calls us to kiss Sister Earth in a prayer of thanksgiving for all the creation you love, and more great music!

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### Heart of Life

Heart of Life began in 1983 as an initiative of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart whose founder, Jules Chevalier, saw the formation and education of people in spirituality of the heart as the most important task of the Congregation. He saw this education and formation as a means to reform society and 'to address the ills of the day'. Our inspiration to follow the way of the heart stems from our belief in God's inclusive love for all people, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This mysterious love moves in our lives and our world, inviting us to an authentic, grounded and deeply human way of being. The way of the heart rests on a contemplative attitude and an authentic discernment that underpins all that we do at Heart of Life - in our ministry formation programs, our seminars and reflection events, and our professional commitment to spiritual direction and supervision. All of these activities are located in the place where the heart finds space to speak and to be heard. We invite you to join us, as our hearts speak our truth, our longings, and our search for all that is real, true and good.

Visit our website to view 2022 Program

<https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/wp-content/uploads/HoL-2022-Program-2.pdf>

### Stewardship Corner

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

### 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.

Remember to support our parish  
by clicking [HERE](#).

Please nominate where you wish  
your support to go.

### 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. The first part is printed below with the part 2 and 3 over the next two weeks.

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*

1. “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace” (Is 52:7). The words of the prophet Isaiah speak of consolation; they voice the sigh of relief of a people in exile, weary of violence and oppression, exposed to indignity and death. The prophet Baruch had wondered: “Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades?” (3:10-11). For the people of Israel, the coming of the *messenger of peace* meant the promise of a rebirth from the rubble of history, the beginning of a bright future. Today the *path of peace*, which [Saint Paul VI](#) called by the new name of *integral development*, [\[1\]](#) remains sadly distant from the real lives of many men and women and thus from our human family, which is now entirely interconnected. Despite numerous efforts aimed at constructive dialogue between nations, the deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying. While diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing, and an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidary sharing continues to prevail. As in the days of the prophets of old, so in our own day *the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth* [\[2\]](#) constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace.

In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an “architecture” of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an “art” of peace that directly involves each one of us. [\[3\]](#) All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.

Here I wish to propose *three paths* for building a lasting peace. First, *dialogue between generations* as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, *education* as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, *labour* as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for “making possible the creation of a social covenant”, [\[4\]](#) without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial.

[\[1\]](#) 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.