



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 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
2 Wilana Street, Ringwood
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Reflecting on this Week's Readings

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Capernaum is a town on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus performed miracles. It was the hometown of Peter.
- Elijah was one of the greatest prophets of Israel. He lived around 850 years before Jesus and was famed for resisting the idolatry of the time and for his preaching and wonder working. Elisha was his successor.
- Both Syria and Sidon were close neighbours of Israel, but they worshipped pagan gods and were not part of the chosen people. Despite this, both Elijah and Elisha worked wonders in God's name among them. They reached out to the Gentiles when they found people of faith there

Making connections

Opportunities for personal prayer

- 'Physician, heal yourself.' Are there things within you that need healing?
- 'He won the approval of all.' When have you won approval from others? How did you respond?
- Have you ever had the experience of being ridiculed or rejected because of your faith? How do you respond to this?
- This week, reach out to someone who has experienced rejection. Offer solace to someone in need of healing.
- Have you ever had your opinions or comments treated with derision or disdain? Perhaps you were saying something you knew others may not want to hear. How did you feel? Were you able to hold your ground or was your opinion simply 'hustled' out?
- Who are the prophets of our own time who speak words we may not like to hear? How are they sometimes treated?

Readings Next Week

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 29/30

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm John Noronha

Sunday 9:30 am Allan Jones
Kathy Munro

Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

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

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.

PARISH NOTICES

Funeral Notice

The Requiem Mass for **DAVID DENIS MURRAY** will take place on Monday 31st January at 10:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word and Communion

Deacon Phil will resume services this week; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

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 with all parishioners welcome. More details next week

Safe Return to Mass—updated

Wearing face masks is required and register every time with the QR code.

Our Lady's Time Out – Cancelled for Monday 31 Jan

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—Returns this week

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

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87454569315?pwd=NWZxTHo1Y2lGdldPSk55MHJsSWgzQT09)

[pwd=NWZxTHo1Y2lGdldPSk55MHJsSWgzQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87454569315?pwd=NWZxTHo1Y2lGdldPSk55MHJsSWgzQT09)

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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: The gospel reflection with Fr Chima Ofor. Mother Hilda tells the story of an 8 YO Polish girl in WW2. A faith testimony from Lisa Bright on questioning God while dealing with COVID and personal crises, new presenter Cathy Jenkins on choosing to be joyful in 2022, and the bush deacon Josh Clayton observing our fences. Plus, 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

Heart of Life

Visit our website to view 2022 Program

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

Sorry for the dodgy link last week! Copy and paste in browser if the link doesn't work.

Something to make you smile!

Macca and his wife were sitting in the living room when he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live like a vegetable, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.



Stewardship Corner

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

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

2. Dialogue between generations to build peace

In a world still gripped by the pandemic that has created untold problems, “some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations”. [5]

All honest dialogue, in addition to a correct and positive exchange of views, demands basic trust between the participants. We need to learn how to regain this mutual trust. The current health crisis has increased our sense of isolation and a tendency to self-absorption. The loneliness of the elderly is matched in the young by a sense of helplessness and a lack of a shared vision about the future. The crisis has indeed been painful, but it has also helped to bring out the best in people. Indeed, during the pandemic we encountered generous examples of compassion, sharing and solidarity in every part of the world.

Dialogue entails listening to one another, sharing different views, coming to agreement and walking together. Promoting such dialogue between generations involves breaking up the hard and barren soil of conflict and indifference in order to sow the seeds of a lasting and shared peace.

Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership. Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young.

Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future. The global crisis we are experiencing makes it clear that encounter and dialogue between generations should be the driving force behind a healthy politics, that is not content to manage the present “with piecemeal solutions or quick fixes”, [6] but views itself as an outstanding form of love for others, [7] in the search for shared and sustainable projects for the future.

If, amid difficulties, we can practise this kind of intergenerational dialogue, “we can be firmly rooted in the present, and from here, revisit the past and look to the future. To revisit the past in order to learn from history and heal old wounds that at times still trouble us. To look to the future in order to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophecies and enable hope to blossom. Together, we can learn from one another”. [8] For without roots, how can trees grow and bear fruit?

We need only think of care for our common home. The environment, in fact, “is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next”. [9] We ought to esteem and encourage all those young people who work for a more just world, one that is careful to safeguard the creation entrusted to our stewardship. They go about this with restlessness, enthusiasm and most of all a sense of responsibility before the urgent change of direction [10] required by the challenges emerging from the present ethical and socio-environmental crisis. [11]

On the other hand, the opportunity to build paths of peace together cannot ignore education and labour, which are privileged settings and contexts for intergenerational dialogue. Education provides the grammar for dialogue between generations, and in the experience of labour men and women of different generations find themselves able to cooperate and to share expertise, experiences and skills in view of the common good.

[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.