



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Ringwood



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Second Sunday of Lent

13 March 2022—Year C

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

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

2 Wilana Street, Ringwood
98707227

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- This event is traditionally known as 'the transfiguration'. Although the place is not mentioned in the gospels, this event has, since the fourth century, been associated with Mount Tabor in Galilee.
- The white robes and changed appearance of Jesus represent his glory and divinity, revealed here to the disciples.
- Moses and Elijah are two of the greatest heroes of Israel. They represent the law and the prophets—two of the most important sections of the Hebrew Bible. Like Jesus, both of them suffered rejection during their lives.

Making connections- Opportunities for personal prayer

- 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here.' Reflect on what these words mean for you as you approach the sacraments.
- 'Listen to him.' What might Jesus be saying to you at this time?
- This gospel relates the experience of a personal encounter with the divine. Recall an experience you have had of encountering God or an intuition of God touching your life. Share your reflections.
- Spend extra time this week listening to the 'beloved Son'. What is Jesus saying to you?
- Use today's collect as your prayer this week: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly with your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

Symbols and images

The cloud symbolises the presence of God. It reveals the divine presence but also conceals it, thus protecting the witnesses from the full power of God's glory. Moses encountered the same phenomenon (Exodus 24:15). Another favourite symbol for the presence of God in the Hebrew Scriptures is flame or smoke—for example, in the burning bush (Exodus 3) or on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19).

Please pray...

For those who are sick or suffering serious illness, their families and loved ones who care for them: Breeda Cleary & Ron Snell

For those who have died recently:

Mario Angerami

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Readings Next Week

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

Should you need immediate/emergency assistance from a Priest please call Dispin on 0413 683 153 otherwise Janine on 0468 589 039

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

March 12/13

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 pm Diane Wood

Sunday 9:30 am Vincent Cassidy
Frances Cassidy

Special Ministers

Saturday 5:00 pm Gary Crozier

Sunday 9:30 am Peter Cleary
Breeda Cleary

Music Ministry

Saturday 5:00 pm Laptop: Maureen Platt

Sunday 9:30 am Pol & Singers
Laptop: Bob Munro

St Vincent de Paul

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

Piety Stall

Opened after 5pm Mass Saturday night
and after 9.30 am Mass Sunday.

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

Parish Catechist- Kaye Clancy

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

Fr Kamil will be saying a Polish Mass at
8:00am on the 1st Sunday of each
month.

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

N.B. office closed Monday for Labour Day Holiday

Church Alarm

In the coming weeks the alarm system in the church will be
live. If you have a key and have not done so already
please contact Janine to organize a code.

Sacramental Preparation 2022

Enrolments for first Reconciliation are now open for children
who are in Year 3 or higher. Classes will be on Tuesdays 4:00 –
5:15 p.m. starting on 24 May.

Enrolments for Confirmation also are now open for children in
Year 6 or higher and who have already celebrated Reconcilia-
tion and first Holy Communion. Classes will be on Wednesdays
4:00 –5:15 p.m. starting on 10 May. Please email Kaye for en-
rolment forms.

Easter Liturgies

We are starting to plan for Easter Liturgies: The Mass of the
Lord's Supper, Adoration of the Cross and Easter Vigil. Please
see Deacon Phil if you are interested in helping.

Time Out

Come and catch up in the hall at 10.30 next Wednesday 16th
March.

Stations of the Cross

Following an old Catholic tradition, there will be Stations of the
Cross at 7.30pm on Fridays during Lent at Our Lady of Perpetu-
al Help Church, Ringwood.

SVDP: Request for donated food.

With food items rising in price, families are struggling. Please
donate the following: Cereal, tins of soup, pasta sauce, rice,
tins of fruit, tea or coffee, tuna, beans, any non-perishable food
is gratefully accepted. With your donations of food, you are
helping SVDP to distribute food to the needy and we thank you
for that.

Vinnies Bin

After conducting a review on the amount and type of donations
placed in the giving containers Vinnies has decided that they
are not viable and so have removed them from Parish grounds.
**Now that the SVDP bin has been removed, please do NOT
leave clothing in the Narthex, but drop off at Vinnies store.**

Children's Liturgy

Children's Parish Liturgy Sunday 9:30am Mass during the
school term. All school age children are welcome to attend.

Pastoral visits to the Sick

New to the team? Old hand? Want to join? There will be a for-
mation session after mass on **Sunday 13 March**. If you want to
come but can't make it, see Phil King or Mairin King.

Laptop Operators—Volunteers Required

Here is another opportunity to have greater involvement in the Liturgy. We need people who would be happy to run the PowerPoint on the laptop during Mass. Training will be provided if necessary. Call Bob Munro on 0424 212 420

Readers Needed

Be an active part of the Liturgy, join the roster of readers. Please see Merle Smith, Phil King or contact the office.

Lenten Reflection Group—Thursday 10:00am

We are meeting in the Narthex during Lent. We will reflect on the gospel, share our faith with each other and pray together. Come if you can. Come when you can. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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. 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/q2RhNDbtTSO>

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

Something to make you smile

With St. Patrick's day coming up, here is a wee story for all Irish Parishioners and/or descendants ... shared by a fellow parishioner.



Jesus to God: "Where have you been these past two years?"

God: "In Ireland"

Jesus with a shocked look said, "With a pandemic raging these past two years and you have been in Ireland. What were you doing there?"

God, leaned over and whispered - "Working from home son Working from home..."



Project Compassion



Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

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.

Parish Meetings

Parish Pastoral Council: First Wednesday of Month

Parish Finance Council:

Safeguarding Committee: 3rd Wednesday of Month

Stewardship Corner

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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

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! The next Parish meditation gathering in the church will be at 7.30pm on Mon 21 March.

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.